



## Arizona Medical Board

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### FINAL MINUTES FOR THE PHYSICIAN HEALTH PROGRAM COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE Held on Monday, August 27, 2018 1740 W. Adams St, Board Room 4100, Phoenix, AZ 85007

#### ***Committee Members***

Lois E. Krahn, Chair  
Jodi A. Bain, Esq.  
R. Screven Farmer, M.D.  
Myles A. Whitfield, P.A.-C

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Krahn called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

#### **B. ROLL CALL**

The following Committee members participated telephonically: Dr. Krahn, Ms. Bain, Dr. Farmer and PA Whitfield.

#### **ALSO PRESENT**

Present among Board staff include: Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director; Raquel Rivera, Investigations Manager; Kathleen Muller, Compliance Officer (Participated Telephonically); Erinn Downey, Physician Health Program (Participated Telephonically), Mary Bober, Board Operations Manager; Michelle Robles, Board Coordinator and Carrie Smith, Assistant Attorney General ("AAG").

#### **C. GENERAL CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Chelsea Triggs, Gateway Recovery Institute, MAP Program Manager addressed the Committee during the Call to the Public regarding PETH versus urine testing to detect alcohol.

#### **D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Ms. Bain moved to approve the May 3, 2018 Physician Health Program Committee Meeting.

**SECOND:** Dr. Farmer.

The following Committee members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Krahn, Ms. Bain and Dr. Farmer.

**VOTE:** 3-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.

**MOTION PASSED.**

#### **E. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF PHYSICIAN HEALTH PROGRAM (PHP) STATISTICS**

Ms. Rivera reported that there are currently 57 monitoring participants with 40 receiving monitoring through Greenburg and Sucher and 17 participants with Gateway.

#### **F. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING BOARD APPROVED ASSESSOR TRAINING FOR PHP ASSESSMENTS**

Ms. Rivera informed the committee of California Public Protection & Physician Health (CPPPH), a non-profit program in California to provide training on guidelines for evaluations of healthcare professionals. The goal is to provide training to assessors to ensure patient safety by developing programs that assist with the wellbeing of the healthcare professional. Ms. Rivera reported that a majority of assessors were in favor of participating in training. In response to a Committee member's inquiry, Ms. Smith noted that a potential barrier to mandating assessors to participate in training is that they are not contracted directly with the Board.

Dr. Krahn strongly recommended assessors participate in the training to increase the quality of the assessments. Dr. Krahn suggested having multiple training sessions available and to include Board members.

Ms. Rivera reported that the Board will be responsible for the cost associated with the training program.

Committee members are in agreement with the proposed training for Board approved assessors.

## **G. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING SURVEY QUESTIONS FOR ACTIVE PHP PARTICIPANTS**

Ms. Rivera provided the Committee with a PHP Draft survey to include questions provided by both Greenburg and Sucher and Gateway.

Dr. Krahn opined that the anchored approach to the questions is appropriate and that the data would be easy to analyze. Dr. Krahn suggested that question 8 be clarified with regards to the service that is being inquired about. Dr. Krahn suggested the survey be sent out as soon as possible so that the information could be provided in time for PHP contract renewals.

## **H. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF RELAPSE PREVENTION GROUP GUIDELINES**

Ms. McSorley suggested that the PHP staff having a facilitated discussion with Greenburg and Sucher and Gateway to discuss potential guidelines and present the proposal at the next Committee meeting.

Dr. Krahn requested that the proposal discuss the current state of relapse prevention groups and guidelines for the future.

## **I. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION RELATED TO INITIATING THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS TO ENGAGE ADDITIONAL MONITORS FOR THE PHP AND RENEWAL OF CURRENT PHP CONTRACTORS**

Ms. McSorley informed the Committee of the contract agreement and opined that the Board was able to achieve the goal of obtaining more PHP program choices for participants. The question now is whether the committee would like to open the bid to more providers.

Dr. Krahn noted that there should be communication to interested parties that the Board will be entering into a procurement process. Dr. Krahn opined that there should be a balance of providing participants with more options while maintaining the quality and integrity of current providers.

Ms. Smith clarified that the contract allows the Board to renew the contract without engaging in the procurement process for more bids.

Dr. Krahn proposed that Ms. McSorley discuss with a SPO representative all available options to the Board in the contract.

## **J. DISCUSSION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETING**

- Number of Individuals Needing Assessments
- Renewal Policies and Options
- Board Approved Assessor Training
- PHP Survey Update
- Early Termination Request Timelines
- Board PHP Outreach
- Best Practices Used Around the Nation

## **K. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Dr. Farmer moved to adjourn the meeting.

**SECOND:** Ms. Bain.

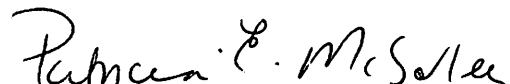
The following Committee members voted in favor of the motion:

**VOTE:** 3-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.

**MOTION PASSED.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:54p.m.



  
Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director