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DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING Held on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 1740 W. Adams St., Board Room 4100 • Phoenix, Arizona

Committee Members

Bruce A. Bethancourt, M.D., F.A.C.P.

Screven Farmer, M.D.

Lois E. Krahn, M.D.

Eileen M. Oswald

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bethancourt called the Board's meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Committee members participated in the teleconference: Dr. Bethancourt, Dr. Farmer, Dr. Krahn and Ms. Oswald.

ALSO PRESENT

The following Board staff participated in the teleconference: Patricia McSorley, Executive Director; Kristina Jensen, Deputy Director; Michelle Robles, Board Operations Manager. Carrie Smith, Assistant Attorney General ("AAG") also participated in the teleconference.

C. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FUTURE BOARD MEETING FORMATS

Ms. McSorley reported that a poll was taken of the Board members regarding the format of the Board's meetings going forward. There is a divide among Board members about how often the Board should meet in-person versus via Zoom.

Dr. Farmer noted that there is a consensus that there needs to be some in-person interaction and regarding the effectiveness of the committee structure. Dr. Farmer noted that there is a legislative package pending which may broaden the Board's options. The February meeting will be in-person with the full board meeting in the morning and the committees meeting in the afternoon for the formal interviews. This one-day format may allow for regular in-person meetings.

Dr. Bethancourt acknowledged that there are benefits to the Zoom meetings, but he personally likes in-person meetings

Committee members agreed there needs to be a hybrid format of in-person and Zoom meetings.

Ms. Oswald opined that the Zoom Committee format is very efficient and that the small group structure allows for good discussion. Should the proposed legislation pass; it would be beneficial to maintain the committee format.

Dr. Farmer explained that if the legislature passes there may not be a need for two-day meetings and therefore meeting in-person for one day every other month may be a good solution.

Dr. Krahn commented that the more the Board gets used to Zoom the more they can utilize the capability and opined the Board should get more accustomed to Zoom as further down the line this is what attorneys and physicians will be used to.

Ms. Oswald agreed that the new wave is hybrid with Zoom being the preference. Ms. Oswald proposed every other meeting with committees be via zoom, the evening meetings via zoom and 3 to 4 in-person meetings annually.

MOTION: Ms. Oswald moved for 3 in-person meetings a year with breakouts for interviews and educational options available and all other meetings via Zoom.

SECOND: Dr. Krahn.

Dr. Bethancourt agreed with the motion as this is the consensus of the group and should be taken to the full Board.

Dr. Farmer suggested the Board remain flexible regarding the formal interviews being held via Zoom or in-person and that having a one day in-person meeting is easier for those with busy practices.

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

VOTE: 4-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, -absent.

MOTION PASSED.

Dr. Farmer suggested that Dr. Bethancourt should give an interim report to the full board during tomorrow's meeting and bring a final report at the January meeting.

Ms. Oswald agreed that a poll can be taken regarding the efficiency of the meeting formats and for the board to be flexible to adjusting as needed.

Committee members agreed that February is all in-person with the full board meeting in the morning and the committees meeting in the afternoon.

Ms. Oswald requested an updated 2023 calendar with the meeting formats clearly identified.

D. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Farmer moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Dr. Bethancourt.

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

VOTE: 4-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, -absent.

MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.



Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director