

Closed Session Minutes
of the
Maryland Commission on Kidney Disease
July 25, 2019

Upon motion made in public session, Vice Chairman Adam Berliner called for adjournment of the Public Session into closed session to discuss the following item:

1. **Discussion of compliance matters and deficiency findings specific to a large dialysis organization. General Provisions Article, § 3-104.**

The Closed Session was called to order at 3:38p.m .and held under the authority of § 3-103 of the General Provisions Article.

In attendance, in addition to Dr. Berliner, Commissioners' Costa, Guthrie, Harris, Hires, Leon, Korgaonkar, Thavarajah, and Yospin were present.

In attendance representing Staff was Eva Schwartz, Executive Director and Donna Adcock, RN, Surveyor.

Also attending was Leslie Cohen Schulman, Commission Counsel.

Item One

The Commission held an informal meeting with the Regional Directors and Director of Operations of a large dialysis organization who responded to questions posed by Donna Adcock, Eva Schwartz, and the Commissioners concerning deficiency findings and compliance issues related to inadequate Clinical Oversight, Personnel Staffing, Infection Control, and Water and Dialysate Quality. The executives from the facilities reported on their Plans of Correction and improvements they intend to implement at each of their facilities to assure full compliance with all State and federal regulations governing standard of care. After discussion, the Commissioners expressed concerns about the lack of clinical oversight and staffing, and provided guidance for how to assure appropriate standard of care.

Upon Motion made, the Closed Session was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.