

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON KIDNEY DISEASE
Thursday October 27, 2016
4201 Patterson Avenue
Room 110

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

The Public Meeting of the Commission on Kidney Disease was held on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 4201 Patterson Avenue. Chairman, Dr. Bernard Jaar called the meeting to order at 2:06 P.M. Commissioners' Dr. Jeremy Yospin, Dr. Donna Hanes, Dr. Paul Segal, Dr. William Rayfield, Denise Collins, Henita Schiff, Joan Wise, RN, Susan Leon, RN and Barry Hargrove were also present.

Commission staff present: Eva Schwartz, Executive Director and Donna Adcock, RN, Surveyor.

Commission Counsel present: Leslie Schulman, AAG

DHMH staff present: Brenda Petersen, RN from the Office of Health Care Quality, and Carol Manning, Chief, KDP

Guests present were:

Sean Coughlin, FMC	Phaneth Keo, FMC
Kelly Morgan, Patient Advocate	Bob Schenerlein, Keryx
Luke Acree, Keryx	Kristen Neville, DHMH
Kim Phillips-McNair, FMC	Sharon Bloom, DHMH
Brandon Wright, DHMH	James Hall, Davita
Pam Earll, Davita	Ginny Jacob, Davita
Ray Harris, Patient	Rachel Boro-Hernandez, FMC
Tammy Coyle, FMC	Anahita Masoumi, UMMC
Steven Belcher, Advanced	

I. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SESSION OF July 28, 2016

Ms. Wise motioned to approve the Public Minutes from the April 21, 2016 session. Dr. Yospin seconded the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the July 28, 2016 Public Session.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE CLOSED SESSION OF July 28, 2016

Ms. Wise motioned to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session. Dr. Segal seconded the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the July 28, 2016 Executive Session.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dr. Jaar introduced Dr. Paul Segal and Dr. Donna Hanes who are newly appointed Commission members. Dr. Segal noted that he is an academic nephrologist with a background in clinical informatics. Dr. Hanes reported that she has been a nephrologist for 20 years; serves on the faculty at University of Maryland; is the director of the IDF Chestnut Center; and has a significant role in the University of Maryland Medical School.

Dr. Jaar deferred his report regarding Hepatitis C recommendations until later in the meeting.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Schwartz invited the Commission members and staff to introduce themselves to the audience. She then introduced Brandon Wright, the new Associate Director of the Health Occupation Boards and Commissions.

Mrs. Schwartz reported on the Commission's plan to host a Symposium in March of 2107. She noted that Dr. Jaar and Dr. Thavarajah are very involved in the planning process. Discussion ensued regarding the target audiences, topics, partners and CEUs for the CNA-DTs. A suggestion was made to survey the dialysis unit for topics.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- **Ratify Commission Chairman and Vice Chairman Vote**

Ms. Wise motioned to ratify the vote to appoint Dr. Bernard Jaar as the new Commission Chairman and Dr. Edward Kraus as Vice Chairman. Ms. Leon seconded the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to approve the election of the new Commission Chairman and Vice Chairman.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Kidney Disease Program - Carol Manning

- **Stats and Budget**

Ms. Manning summarized the first quarter of KDP statistics. She also mentioned that uncertified facilities are submitting KDP applications. Mrs. Adcock commented that some of those currently uncertified facilities have reported that they are working on submitting the documentation to certify the facilities.

Ms. Manning also commented on the issue of ICD-10 coding. She noted that when she requests the Commission's approval of ICD-10 codes, the codes must be considered the primary diagnosis code.

B. Request to add Auryxia to the KDP Formulary

Bob Schenerlein and Luke Acree, Keryx Pharmaceuticals representatives, presented information on Auryxia which is a phosphate binder agent. Mr. Schenerlein addressed Auryxia's supply issue. He noted that the drug should be available for distribution by Thanksgiving.

C. Request to add Velphoro to the KDP Formulary – Sean Coughlin

Sean Coughlin and Phaneth Keo, FMC Pharmaceutical representatives, presented information on Velphoro which is a phosphate binder agent. Dr. Keo noted that Velphoro may reduce patient pill burden leading to improved compliance.

D. CDC Recommendations Regarding Hepatitis C Transmission–Dr. Jaar

Dr. Jaar reported on the CDC recommendations regarding improving infection control practices to stop Hepatitis C virus transmission in dialysis facilities. He noted his concerns over the large number of infection control citations reported on the Commission surveys and discussed the CDC recommendations.

E. New Facility Certification Criteria

Ms. Adcock requested that the Commissioners consider streamlining the current procedure for certifying new dialysis facilities. The Commissioners were directed to Attachment E, a checklist for new facility documentation. Ms. Manning noted that when the facilities are certified they must also enroll in KDP through Provider Enrollment. Dr. Jaar deferred the discussion until the January 2017 meeting in order to review the requirements according to existing regulations.

F. Uncertified Dialysis Facilities

Mrs. Schwartz reported that several facilities remain uncertified by the Commission. She urged the facilities to certify so that the patients who are eligible may receive KDP benefits.

G. Network Update

Mrs. Adcock reported that Network 5 has submitted its quarterly report, as reflected in Attachment F. She directed the guests' attention to the Network's projects, status, grievances and access to care issues.

H. Discussion on 2017 Commission Meeting Dates

The Commissioners approved the following dates for the 2017 Commission meetings.

- January 26
- April 27
- July 27
- October 26

I. New Facilities

Mrs. Adcock reported that the following facility has submitted documentation for Commission certification. The Commission is awaiting payment from the facility to complete the certification process.

- FMC Brightseat (in process)

J. Citation Free Surveys

Dr. Jaar and Mrs. Schwartz commended the following facilities for achieving citation free survey status.

- Davita Wheaton
- Davita Deer Creek
- IDF Allegany
- IDF Garrett Center
- Davita Cambridge
- UMMS Transplant Center
- JHH Transplant Center

K. Categories of Complaints

Dr. Jaar reported that the Commission has received and resolved the following types of complaints since the last meeting:

Verbal

- Hospital concern (on behalf of patient) regarding patient transfer request being ignored

Written

- Facility complaint regarding abusive patient
- Complaint regarding care at a dialysis facility

L. Commission Approval/Disapproval for KDP Out of State Transplant Reimbursement

Dr. Jaar noted that since the last meeting, the following hospitals have requested and been granted out of state transplant approvals:

Hospital	Granted	Refused
MedStar Georgetown Transplant Center	7	0
George Washington Transplant Center	1	0

M. Surveys (26)

For informational purposes, the Commission shared the results of their Survey Findings Deficiency Report for the past quarter. Dr. Jaar noted the leading cause for citation remains infection control and personnel qualifications/staffing.

Citations

Compliance with Federal, State and Local Laws and Regulations	0
Infection Control	15
Water and Dialysate Quality	2
Reuse of Hemodialyzers/Bloodlines	0
Physical Environment	2
Patient Rights	0
Patient Assessment	1
Patient Plans of Care	4
Care at Home	1
Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement	0
Laboratory/Affiliation Guidelines	0
Personnel Qualifications/Staffing	18
Responsibilities of the Medical Director	0
Medical Records	0
Governance	0

N. Surveys Completed (26)

The following facilities have been surveyed since the last meeting:

USRC W. Baltimore	Davita Forestville
FMC Leonardtown	FMC LaPlata
FMC Beltsville	Davita Deer Creek
Davita Coral Hills	Davita Annapolis
FMC Baltimore	Davita Silver Spring
FMC Pikesville	USRC Silver Hill
Davita PG South	FMC S. Annapolis
IDF Allegany	IDF Garrett
Western Maryland Regional	Davita Charles County
Davita Laurel	Davita Cambridge
Davita Easton	Advanced Easton
UMMS Transplant	JHH Transplant
FMC Charing Cross	USRC Clinton

There being no further public business, upon motion made by Commissioner Yospin and seconded by Commissioner Wise, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the Public Session at 3:25 P.M. and to move into Closed Session.