

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON KIDNEY DISEASE
Thursday April 21, 2016
4201 Patterson Avenue
Room 110

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

The Public Meeting of the Commission on Kidney Disease was held on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 4201 Patterson Avenue. Chairman, Dr. Luis Gimenez called the meeting to order at 2:09 P.M. Commissioners' Denise Collins, LCSW-C, Dr. Bernard Jaar, Dr. Edward Kraus, Susan Leon, RN, Dr. William Rayfield, James Stankovic, Joan Wise, RN, and Dr. Jeremy Yospin were also present.

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

Commission Counsel present: Leslie Schulman, AAG

DHMH staff present: Dr. Rachelle Pierre-Mathieu, Medical Director for the Office of Healthcare Quality

Guests present were:

Kim Phillips-McNair, Davita

Chris Simon, IDF

Michael Przywara, NxStage

Daniel Stevens, Veloxis

Jon Hazman, Home Dialysis

Lori Hartle, Astellas

Caroline Johnson, Towson University

Sharon Bloom, DHMH

Jessica Quintilian, NKF

Marybeth Waldner, FMC

Bill Frederick, Holy Cross

Marc Mocerino, Veloxis

Don Waite, Home Dialysis

Allison Brown, JHH

Andy Crish, Davita

Kristen Neville, DHMH

**I. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SESSION OF
October 15, 2015**

Dr. Jaar motioned to approve the Public Minutes from the October 15, 2015 session. Ms. Wise seconded the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the October 15, 2015 Public Session.

**II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF
OCTOBER 15, 2015**

Donna Adcock summarized the Minutes of the Executive Session of October 15, 2015. Mr. Stankovic motioned to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session. Dr. Kraus seconded the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the October 15, 2015 Executive Session.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dr. Gimenez directed the guests' attention to the handout: *Life-threatening Vascular Access Hemorrhage Prevention Statement* which included a notice for patients noting signs of vascular access failure. He discussed the importance of facility staff educating patients regarding what to do if they experience a bleed at home.

Dr. Gimenez reported on the importance of Medical Director's involvement in the operation of their facilities. He noted that the Medical Director is ultimately responsible for the quality of care delivered in the units. He stated that the Medical Directors should avail themselves and assure compliance including compliance with submitted plans of correction.

Dr. Gimenez also announced that a closed Executive Session would be held following the end of the Public Session to consult with legal counsel concerning adding a new drug to the Formulary.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Schwartz welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed the new Commissioners who were recently appointed. She also specifically thanked Mr. Stankovic, whose term is ending, for his nine (9) years of voluntary service. She noted that the Commission may have new members appointed before the July meeting.

Mrs. Schwartz discussed the approval process for the submitted plans of correction. She noted that many times the person listed as responsible for compliance is the facility administrator. Mrs. Schwartz reported that she would like to see other members in the chain of command listed as responsible for compliance as well. She noted that compliance with the submitted plans of correction is expected on an honor basis and encouraged facility administration to "close the circle".

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Kidney Disease Program

- **Stats and Budget**

In the absence of Carol Manning, Chief of KDP, Dr. Gimenez reviewed the KDP stats and budget.

- **ICD 10 Code Inquiry**

Dr. Jaar directed the guests' attention to the attachment which included ICD10 codes reviewed by the Commission. The highlighted codes were noted to be directly related to nephrology.

Discussion ensued. Dr. Kraus voiced concern that not all codes are listed and that the list should not be considered inclusive especially as they relate to transplant. The group noted that the KDP should consult with the Commission for expert advice as needed.

B. Request to add Envarsus XR to the KDP Formulary

Daniel Stevens, PharmD, for Veloxis, presented a brief overview of Envarsus XR which is a once a day tablet, immunosuppressant drug prescribed for the prophylaxis of organ rejection in renal transplant patients. Mr. Stevens requested that the Commission approve Envarsus XR to the KDP Formulary.

Discussion ensued. Dr. Gimenez noted that the Commissioners would discuss the Envarsus XR cost information in the Closed Session.

C. CKD Intercept: A Primary Care Initiative

Jessica Quintilian, Director of Field Service for the NKF of Maryland, presented information on the CKD Intercept Program. The Program's goal is to increase the recognition of kidney disease and double the number of people who know they have CKD by 2020.

Dr. Jaar discussed the National NKF's involvement in this program. The program will provide primary care physicians and physician extender information to promote recognition of kidney disease.

Mrs. Schwartz offered assistance with the CME approval process.

D. Subcommittee Chairperson Appointments

Dr. Gimenez and Mrs. Schwartz requested that Commissioners volunteer to chair committees so that Commission work is shared. The following volunteered:

- Public Relations Chairperson – Mrs. Schwartz
 - Complaint Chairperson – Ms. Collins
 - Legislative Chairperson – Dr. Gimenez
 - Physical and Medical Standards Chairperson – Ms. Wise
- Drs. Jaar and Yospin volunteered to work with Ms. Wise with emphasis on approving surveys for dissemination.

E. Life Threatening Vascular Access Hemorrhage

Discussed in the Chairman's Director's Report.

F. Standards of Compliance for Reviewing Patient Involuntary Discharges

The Commissioners discussed a standardized form that Commission staff recommended be accompanied with the involuntary discharge package. The Commissioners requested that there be at least two Commissioners assigned to review such discharges and to sign off on the form.

Discussion ensued. Mrs. Schwartz reiterated the importance of timely review and response to facility discharge documents.

G. CDC Advisory Regarding Hepatitis C Virus Transmission

Dr. Jaar reported on the importance of infection control in dialysis facilities. He noted that the CDC has issued an advisory regarding Hepatitis C transmission in dialysis facilities and reviewed the CDCs recommendations which were also included as attachment D1.

H. Proposed Amendments for Commission Statute

Mrs. Schwartz noted that the Commission statute identifies categories of Commission member appointees. She reported that historically it has been difficult to identify an appointee from the Med Chi Association. She suggested that the Commission may want to change the category and, therefore, she solicited suggestions for a composition change.

Discussion ensued. The Commissioners noted that appointees from the OPO, Pharmacist with experience in nephrology and/or renal dietitian would be helpful to the Commission.

Ms. Neville, Legislative Specialist, noted that she would need to submit a concept paper to the Department regarding the potential changes next month.

Mrs. Schwartz noted that the Commission may narrow the current categories and that further discussion would ensue at the July meeting.

I. CNA-DT Practice

Mrs. Adcock directed everyone's attention to attachment E which is a statement from the Maryland Board of Nursing (MBON) regarding when an orientee may practice as a CNA-DT. They may not practice until their 90 day letter is posted to the MBON website.

J. 2015 Governor's Report

Dr. Gimenez directed the guests' attention to the Commission's 2015 Governor's Report, attachment F. He reported that the Governor's Report was approved by the Commission for dissemination to the required State agencies and has been posted on the Commission's website.

K. Commission Newsletter

Dr. Gimenez directed the guests' attention to the Commission's Newsletter, attachment F1. He reported that the Newsletter has been posted on the Commission website and sent to the Commission's email group.

L. Network Update

Mrs. Adcock reported that the Mid Atlantic Renal Coalition has provided the Commission with their 2016 Quality Improvement Activities. The documents, attachment G, have been provided for informational purposes.

M. New Facility

Dr. Gimenez reported that the following facilities have applied for certification with the Commission:

- Good Samaritan Northpoint (10/1/15)
- NxStage Baltimore West (12/10/15)
- NxStage Baltimore North (new application)

N. Citation Free Surveys

Dr. Gimenez commended the following facilities for achieving citation free surveys:

- Davita Pasadena
- Davita Dundalk
- Davita Queen Anne Home Training
- FMC Middle River
- IDF Parkview
- Davita Carroll County
- FMC Odenton
- Johns Hopkins Harriet Lane Kidney Ctr.
- FMC Robinwood
- Davita Washington County (PD)

O. Categories of Complaints

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

Verbal

- Patient complaint regarding admission to a facility in Howard County
- Complaints regarding facility blood lines
- Concern regarding outpatient dialysis placement for a bariatric patient
- Patient complaint regarding facility denial of treatment

Written

- Physician inquiry regarding patient concern
- Patient complaint regarding feelings of being “bullied and tormented” at a facility
- Facility request to discharge a dangerous/violent patient
- Concern regarding MTA Mobility transportation
- Patient complaint regarding treatment at facility

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

Dr. Gimenez noted that since the last meeting, the following hospital has requested and been granted out of state transplant approvals:

Hospital	Granted	Refused
MedStar Georgetown	11	0

Q. Surveys (46)

Citations

Compliance with Federal, State and Local Laws and Regulations	0
Infection Control	21
Water and Dialysate Quality	8
Reuse of Hemodialyzers/Bloodlines	1
Physical Environment	5
Patient Rights	0
Patient Assessment	2
Patient Plans of Care	6
Care at Home	0
Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement	2
Laboratory/Affiliation Guidelines	0
Personnel Qualifications/Staffing	28
Responsibilities of the Medical Director	0
Medical Records	2
Governance	1

For informational purposes, the Commission shared the results of their Survey Findings Deficiency Report for the past quarter. Dr. Gimenez reiterated the need for emphasizing improvement in the areas of infection control and personnel qualifications/staffing.

R. Surveys Completed (46)

The following facilities have been surveyed since the last meeting:

Davita Pasadena	IDF Calvert
FMC Waldorf	Davita Rock Creek
Davita Bertha Sirk	Davita Takoma Park
Davita Dundalk	Davita Aberdeen
Davita Harford Road	Davita Queen Anne
Davita Howard County	FMC Rockville
Davita Northwest	Davita Bel Air
FMC Middle River	Davita Seat Pleasant
Davita Bowie	FMC Washington
IDF Parkview	Davita Middlebrook
Davita Carroll County	FMC Hyattsville
FMC Odenton	Davita Rockville
FMC Greater Baltimore	FMC Dundalk
FMC Ft. Washington	Davita Seton Drive
Good Samaritan Cromwell	Davita Chestertown
Johns Hopkins Harriet Ln.	FMC Anne Arundel
ARA Universal	DSI Greenbelt
USRC Prince Frederick	Davita Downtown
FMC Prince George	Davita Greenspring
FMC Baltimore	FMC Camp Springs
Davita Eastern Blvd.	USRC N. Baltimore
FMC Ft. Foote	FMC Robinwood
FMC Hagerstown	Davita Washington County (PD)

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 3:54 P.M., and move into Executive Session.