

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON KIDNEY DISEASE

Thursday January 25, 2018

4201 Patterson Avenue

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

The Public Meeting of the Commission on Kidney Disease was held on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 4201 Patterson Avenue. Chairman, Dr. Jeremy Yospin called the meeting to order at 2:06 P.M. Commissioners' Dr. Donna Hanes, Dr. Paul Segal, Dr. Nadiesda Costa, Dr. Adam Berliner, Dr. Sumeska Thavarajah, Dr. William Rayfield, Joan Wise, RN, Denise Collins, LCSW-C, Susan Leon, RN and Henita Schiff were also present.

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

Commission Counsel present: Leslie Schulman, AAG

MDH staff present: Carol Manning, Chief, KDP

Guests present were:

Greg Hoey	Merry Naude, USRC
Samantha Larkin, JHH	Debbie Iacovino-Bottage, Davita
Twanda Maker, NxStage	Jessica Quintilian, NKF
Ray Harris	Chris Simon, IDF
Heather Weirich, IDF	Janice Wise, FMC
Jamie McNeill, Bon Secours	Sharon Bloom, MDH

I. RATIFY APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SESSION OF OCTOBER 26, 2017

Dr. Yospin reported that in order to post the Commission meeting minutes to the website in a timelier manner, the Commissioners voted via email after the October 26th meeting to approve the meeting minutes. Commissioner Rayfield motioned to ratify the approval of the Public Minutes from the October 26, 2017 session. Commissioner Segal seconded the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to ratify the approval the Minutes of the October 26, 2017 Public Session.

II. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dr. Yospin noted that as we are in the middle of flu season he would discuss opportunities to decrease the spread of Influenza in the dialysis units. He reported that Maryland is experiencing a high level of flu activity. Dr. Yospin encouraged the group to refer to Maryland's FluWatch website -<https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/influenza/fluwatch/Pages/Home.aspx>. He discussed several ways to decrease the spread of the flu in the dialysis facilities, such as: encouraging patients and staff who have not been vaccinated to get the vaccine (unless contraindicated); patients with flu like symptoms should wear a mask from the time they enter the facility until they leave; and masks should be made available at the entrance to the facility. Dr. Yospin reviewed cough hygiene and suggested that, if possible, moving coughing patients away from the general population. He also noted that physicians should consider treating patients with flu symptoms and possibly treating patients, especially those who have not been vaccinated, prophylactically with drugs such as Tamiflu or the generic form Oseltamivir while paying special attention to the dosing considerations for dialysis patients. Dr. Yospin suggested that the guests discuss these recommendations with their medical directors.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Schwartz welcomed everyone to the meeting. She reported that to comply with the Open Meetings Act the Commission would approve and post the meeting minutes to the website soon after meetings take place so that the minutes are available in a timely manner.

Mrs. Schwartz noted that the Commission's website has changed as a result of the Maryland Department of Health's (MDH) requirement to simplify and standardize all MDH agency websites within the Department. She noted that although the structure may not be altered, the content within the links could be enhanced. Mrs. Schwartz encouraged attendees to submit suggestions for the website to the Commission office.

Mrs. Schwartz also reported that as a result of the recent passing of Commissioner Hargrave, the Governor's Office of Appointments is searching for a replacement consumer member for the Commission. Consumer members must be lay to the field of nephrology. Two names must be submitted for consideration. Mr. Ray Harris expressed his interest.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Kidney Disease Program (KDP) - Carol Manning

- Stats and Budget

Ms. Manning reviewed the KDP budget and statistics.

B. Governor's Report

Mrs. Schwartz directed everyone's attention to the Governor's Report. She noted that the document is sent to the Governor, Secretary, and Legislative Library, including several Legislative Committees. She stated that the KDP portion of the report would be added prior to dissemination. Mrs. Schwartz suggested that everyone take time to review the document for approval. Chairman Yospin also solicited comments; there being none, Commissioner Schiff motioned to approve the Governor's Report. Commissioner Wise seconded the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Governor's Report.

C. Involuntary Discharges

Mrs. Schwartz reported that involuntary patient discharges from the dialysis facilities have become an acute issue. She noted that the Commission's regulations allow for such discharges only for abusive and threatening behavior. Patient non-compliance is not a reason to discharge a patient. She requested that facilities notify the Commission early in the discharge process to foster collaboration and resolution of the discharge. Mrs. Schwartz noted that the police should be included when appropriate. Substantiation of the allegation would be requested by the Commission and submission of the documentation in a timely manner would be required.

D. New Facilities

Dr. Yospin reported that, since the last meeting, the following facilities have applied for and received certification from the Commission:

- Davita Mt. Rainier
- Davita Good Samaritan

E. Citation Free Survey

Dr. Yospin gave kudos to the following facilities for achieving citation free surveys:

- FMC Cross Keys
- FMC Franklin Square Home

F. Categories of Complaints

Dr. Yospin reported that the Commission has received the following types of complaints this quarter:

• Written

- Facility complaint regarding patient's significant other leading to nephrologist discharge of patient
- Patient complaints (2) regarding care at facility
- Nephrologist discharge of patient

• Verbal

- Patient complaint regarding late put on time
- Patient complaint regarding change in treatment modality
- Patient complaint regarding change in schedule

Mrs. Schwartz requested that if there is a potential for a discharge, the facility should conduct an investigation and prepare a report that substantiates the allegations of the behavior leading to a discharge.

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

Dr. Yospin 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	4	0
George Washington University Transplant Ctr.	4	0
Christiana Transplant Center	1	0

H. Surveys (22)

Citations

Compliance with Federal, State and Local Laws and Regulations	0
Infection Control	15
Water and Dialysate Quality	10
Physical Environment	6
Patient Rights	0
Patient Assessment	1
Patient Plans of Care	2
Care at Home	1
Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement	0
Laboratory/Affiliation Guidelines	0
Personnel Qualifications/Staffing	12
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. Yospin noted that Infection Control, Water and Dialysate Quality and Personnel Qualifications/Staffing citations continue to be major issues and facilities should focus efforts to improve outcomes in these areas.

H. Surveys Completed (22)

The following facilities have been surveyed since the last meeting:

Davita Downtown	FMC Prince George
Davita Greenspring	FMC Ft. Foote
USRC N. Baltimore	Davita Towson
Davita Calverton	Davita Windsor
Davita Lanham	FMC Princess Anne
FMC N. Salisbury	Davita Germantown
Davita Glen Burnie	Davita Largo
Davita Glen Burnie Home	Davita Ballenger Creek
Davita Baltimore County	FMC Cross Keys
Davita Town Center	FMC Beltsville
Davita Friendly Farms	FMC Franklin Square Home

Late Addition – Network Report

Mrs. Adcock directed everyone’s attention to the Network’s Report. The report highlights their 2018 scope of work, projects, grievances and involuntary discharge data.

There being no further public business, upon motion made by Commissioner Berliner and seconded by Commissioner Hanes, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the Public Session at 2:45 P.M. The guests were excused and the Commissioners moved into closed administrative session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Md. Code Ann., General

Provisions Section 3-103(a)(1)(i) for the purpose of discussing the internal administration of the Commission's responsibilities in evaluating and deciding involuntary discharge complaints.