

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON KIDNEY DISEASE
Thursday January 24, 2013
4201 Patterson Avenue
Room 108-109

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SESION

The Public Meeting of the Commission on Kidney Disease was held on Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 4201 Patterson Avenue. Chairman Dr. Luis Gimenez called the meeting to order at 2:10 P.M. Commissioners' Dr. Kulwant Modi, Dr. Matthew Weir, Dr. Edward Kraus, Dr. Bernard Jaar, Dr. William Rayfield, Dr. Paul Light, James Stankovic, William Frederick, RN and Kim Sylvester, R.N. were also present.

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

Commission Counsel present: Leslie Schulman, AAG

DHMH staff present: Maria Bayer, RN, Surveyor from DHMH's Office of Health Care Quality(OHCQ), Barbara Fagan, OHCQ Program Manager and Carol Manning, Chief KDP.

Guests present were:

Stuart Lessner, Union Memorial	Sara O'Neil, JHU
Kathryn Taylor, Armstrong Institute	Kathy Lijewski, FMC
George Kilbourne, Affymax	Renee Bova-Collis, MARC
Mary Keller, USRC	Tracey Sease, WMHC
Barbara Serra, FMC	Johny Niles, Holy Cross
Gloria Pittman, ARA	Lisa Lubomski, JHH
Jessica Quintilian, NKF	June O'Donnell, FMC
Zarita Pearson, Advanced Dialysis	Heather Weinrich, IDF
Juathawala Harris, Liberty Dialysis	Pam Earll, Davita
Octavia Wynn, MARC	Gloria Pittman, ARA
Naomi Elcock, CDC	Vicki Lewis, MedStar

**I. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SESSION OF
October 25, 2012**

Mr. Frederick motioned to approve the Public Minutes from the October 25th session; Dr. Modi seconded the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the October 25, 2012 Public Session.

**II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF October
25, 2012**

Mrs. Adcock read the minutes from the October 25, 2012 Executive Session. Dr. Weir motioned to approve; Dr. Jaar seconded the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the October 25, 2012 Executive Session.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dr. Gimenez directed the guests' attention to the numerous citations under the infection control category. He encouraged everyone to redouble efforts to improve quality of care and safety for patients.

Dr. Gimenez reported on the expanding role of physician extenders in the dialysis environment. He stated that the supply of nephrologists will decrease in the years to come and noted that he would discuss this topic formally later in the meeting.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Schwartz thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatments www.marylandmolst.org

Mrs. Fagan reported that the MOLST regulations will become effective on 7/1/13. Beginning on this date, dialysis facilities will be required to complete the forms on newly admitted patients. Mr. Frederick noted that the MOLST instructions require annual review of the form. Discussion ensued. Dr. Gimenez suggested that the required review could be accomplished during the patient plan of care conferences.

B. Proposed Changes to the OHCQ Regulations—COMAR 10.05.04

Mrs. Fagan reported that the OHCQ regulations have a projected Maryland Register publication date of 2/8/13, with an effective date of 2/18/13. It was also reported that these regulations will be adopted with non-substantive changes that would clarify that the kidney dialysis center is only expected to include in its emergency plan all possible measures to avoid disruption of kidney dialysis services rather than being expected to act as a guarantor that no disruption of services will occur despite preparing the strongest possible emergency plan.

C. Pilot Study to Reduce Bloodstream Infections

Dr. Lisa Lubomski reported that she is still waiting for final approval from the JHH IRB for the brochure and enrollment documents. She noted that once the documents are approved an expert panel consisting of representative from dialysis facilities including, nurses, PCTs, patients, nephrologists and quality improvement coordinators would be formed. She hopes the first meeting will take place in late February. Ms. Lubomski stated that the results from the Davita pilot study have not been summarized and therefore not available for discussion.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Kidney Disease Program - Stats and Budget

Ms. Manning presented the KDP statistics and budget.

- **Process for KDP enrollment**

Ms. Manning stated that all newly certified dialysis facilities must contact Medical Assistance Enrollment to enroll in KDP. Medical Assistance will then send the facility the enrollment application. She reported that this enrollment process has been in place for the past 4-5 years and that she would assure that the Medical Assistance Enrollment phone number would be placed on the KPD website.

B. Best Practices – Healthcare Acquired Infections

Dr. Vicki Lewis from Medstar's National Center for Human Factors in Healthcare presented "A Systems Approach to Tackling HAIs in an Ambulatory Dialysis Unit". The study produced the development of 10 interventions to decrease risk of HAIs in the dialysis facility.

C. Maryland Board of Nursing Update

Mrs. Adcock reported that A'lise Williams, RN, Director of Nursing Practice at the Maryland Board of Nursing notified the Commission that the board is considering removing specialty certifications from the CNA. This would include the CNA-DT. Mrs. Adcock urged the guests to contact the provided list of interested members of the board with concerns/comments.

D. Network Report

Octavia Wynn and Renee Bova Collis were present to report highlights of the Network's activities. Ms. Wynn noted that there would be two learning and action networks formed with a kickoff date of 2/28/13, 99% of Maryland facilities are enrolled in NHSN, 100% of Maryland facilities are enrolled in Crown Web, a vascular access project will be initiated, and a virtual council meeting webinar would be conducted in February. Ms. Wynn reported that all of the above information is available on the MARC website.

Ms. Bova-Collis noted the Network received 85 contacts (patient concerns) last year. She reported that most complaints arise from staff interactions and perceived quality of care issues. She stated that facilities with a number of complaints may be selected for interaction. Ms. Bova-Collis discussed involuntary patient discharges. She noted that

most involuntarily discharged patients are able to be placed in the community. There is an emphasis in decreasing involuntary discharges; tools are available on the Network's website.

Discussion ensued.

E. Physician vs. Physician Extender Rounding/Charting

Dr. Gimenez reported that nephrology training positions are going unfilled and that the ESRD population is on the rise. He noted that physician extenders will be a reality and discussed the roles of the extenders in the dialysis facilities.

Discussion ensued. The Commissioners agreed that supervision and training of the physician extenders is key to providing quality care to the patients.

F. Proposal to Update Commission Regulations

Mrs. Schwartz noted that, once the OHCQ regulations (COMAR 10.05.04) become final, the Commission will amend its regulations for consistency purposes. She requested to defer the topic until next meeting when the OHCQ regulations are final.

G. Governor's Report

Mr. Frederick motioned to approve the submitted Governor's Report and Dr. Modi seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the report.

H. Citation Free Surveys

The following facility was commended for a job well done:

- IDF Arundel Center

I. New Facilities

Dr. Gimenez reported the Commission certification of the following new facilities:

- Davita Charles County
- Davita Deer Creek Home Training

J. Categories of Complaints

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

- Written
 - Patient complaint regarding facility's only RN taking smoke breaks
 - Facility concern regarding nephrologist potentially discharging patient from care
 - Facility request to discharge an disruptive and threatening patient
- Verbal
 - Patient complaint regarding Granuflo recall
 - Facility concern regarding nephrologist discharge of patient
 - Hospital complaint regarding facility's refusal to re-admit patient
 - Patient complaint regarding facility staff behavior
 - Physician concern regarding patient's desire to be seen only once per month

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

The following hospital has requested and been granted out of state transplant approval:

Hospital	Granted	Refused
Washington Hospital Center	1	0

L. Surveys (20)

For informational purposes, the Commission shared the results of their Survey Findings Deficiency Report for the past quarter. Dr. Gimenez noted that infection control and personnel qualifications/staffing categories continue to be the most cited areas of concern.

Citations

Compliance with Federal, State and Local Laws and Regulations	0
Infection Control	19
Water and Dialysate Quality	3
Reuse of Hemodialyzers/Bloodlines	0
Physical Environment	2
Patient Rights	0
Patient Assessment	0
Patient Plans of Care	3
Care at Home	0
Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement	3
Laboratory/Affiliation Guidelines	0
Personnel Qualifications/Staffing	11
Responsibilities of the Medical Director	0
Medical Records	0
Governance	1

M. Surveys Completed (20)

The following facilities have been surveyed since the last meeting:

Davita Landover	ARA Ellicott City
FMC Rosedale	Davita Pikesville
FMC Salisbury	Deer's Head
Davita District Heights	FMC Wheaton
IDF Arundel	Davita N. Rolling Road
Davita Forest Landing	IDF Calvert
Davita Bertha Sirk	Davita Takoma Park
Davita Falls Road	Davita Pasadena
FMC Rockville	Davita Aberdeen
Davita Harford Road	Davita Harbor Park

There being no further public business, upon motion made by Commissioner Dr. Modi and seconded by Dr. Jaar, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the Public Session 3:40 pm and move into Executive Session.