

## Meeting Minutes: Health Services Advisory Committee - *Amended*

*These minutes have been amended to include added votes from Howard Fink, MD, MPH – Licensed Physician Specialist*

Date: May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Minutes prepared by: Cara Schnick  
Location: Webex, Elmer A Andersen Building – 540 Cedar Street St Paul MN 55101 Room 2360

### Attendance

#### Committee members present:

- Dan Stein, MD, MPH – Physician, Committee Chair
- Amy Burt, DO, FAAP, CHIE – Physician Representing a Health Care Plan
- Tenbit Emiru, MD, PhD, MBA – Physician Representing a Health Care Plan
- Howard Fink, MD, MPH – Physician Specialist
- Scott Hegstad, MD – Physician Representing a Health Care Plan
- Rakesh John MD – Licensed Mental Health Provider
- Rick Printon, DC – Non-Physician Health Care Professional
- Samba Fall, – Consumer
- Saudade Sammuels, – Consumer
- Claudia Thomas, MD, FACP – Physician

#### Committee members absent:

- Nathan Chomilo, MD, FAAP, FACP – Medical Director for MHCP – Non-voting member
- Michael Thorn, APRN, CNP, RN, MSN, MHA – Non-Physician Health Care Professional

#### Guest Speakers:

- Phil Duran – Rainbow Health
- Deb Thorp, MD – Park Nicollet

#### Guests Present:

- Isabel Oxenfield
- Val King
- Kacia Lee

#### DHS Staff Present:

- Lovena Kabba
- Carol LaBine
- Sarah Orange
- Cara Schnick
- Diogo Reis
- Megan Warfield-Kimball

## Minutes

**Welcome:** Dan Stein, Chair Call to order

Roll call

Agenda

April Minutes – Motion to confirm minutes by Howard Fink, seconded by Scott Hegstad.

Verbal vote approved April minutes.

**Public Comment:**

Phil Duran – Discussed prior MA appeals, process of WPATH SOC 8 updates, reminded the committee of Governor Walz executive order on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, relating to protection for gender affirming care, alignment of WPATH and Endocrine Society, stated that DHS currently does not have an age requirement for mastectomy.

Kelsey Leonardsmith – Not present

Deb Thorp – Encouraged committee to follow WPATH standards.

**Background:** Diogo Reis

Provided summary of questions the committee is being asked to assess, reviewed the presentations and other information shared with committee over the prior meetings on this topic.

**Discussion and voting:** Dan Stein

Dan stated committee following Roberts rules, for committee members to direct comment to him, each member will have two opportunities to add comment before a vote.

1. Should MHCP have age criteria for breast removal? And if so, what criteria?

The committee discussed this question – considered age, mental health, parental support, expertise of provider, provider responsibility and surgical decision making prior to vote.

Tenbit Emiru –Motion: No required age requirement for mastectomy.

Claudia Thomas seconded the motion.

Vote:

Aye: Claudia Thomas, Sagar Dugani, Samba Fall, Saudade Sammuels, Scott Hegstad, Tenbit Emiru,

Nae: Amy Burt, Rick Printon, *Howard Fink*

*Motion passes.*

2. Should MHCP have hormone criteria for breast removal? And if so, what criteria?

The committee discussed this question and decided to vote separately for adult and adolescent criteria.

Amy Burt – Motion: No requirement for adults to receive hormone treatment prior to breast removal surgery.

Motion Seconded by Saudade Sammuels

Votes:

Aye: Claudia Thomas, Sagar Dugani, Samba Fall, Saudade Sammuels, Scott Hegstad, Tenbit Emiru, Amy Burt, Rick Printon, *Howard Fink*

Nae: None

*Motion passes*

Amy Burt – Motion: No requirement for adolescents to receive hormone treatment prior to breast removal surgery. Motion Seconded by Saudade Sammuels

Votes:

Aye: Claudia Thomas, Sagar Dugani, Samba Fall, Saudade Sammuels, Scott Printon, Tenbit Emiru, Amy Burt, Rick Printon, *Howard Fink*

Nae: None

*Motion passes*

## **Next Meeting**

Date: June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Time: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: Webex, Elmer A Andersen Building – 540 Cedar Street St Paul MN 55101 Room 2360

Agenda items: Continued discussion and votes on gender affirming care, next topic and topic recommendation requests.