

Meeting Minutes: Health Services Advisory Committee

Date: May 10th, 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 8th, 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

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

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

Nae: None

Motion passes

Next Meeting

Date: June 14th, 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.