

**Medical Care Advisory Committee
February 27, 2020
Meeting Location: HCS Conference Room
240 Court Plaza Suite 202
Juneau, Alaska 99801**

**The public is invited to make public comments
On February 27, 2020 from 4:15p.m. To 4:25p.m.
240 Court Plaza Suite 202, Juneau, Alaska 99801
Either in person or by calling 1-800-315-6338 (pass code 55829#)**

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4:00pm – 4:05pm

Introductions:

Dane Lenaker, DMD, MPH, Dentist, SEARHC Medical Clinic;
Matthew Hirschfeld, MD/PhD, Director-Maternal Child Health, Provider Physician Alaska
Native Medical Center/Licensed Physician, Vice Chair;
Jeanie Monk, Senior Vice President, Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association,
Private/Non-Recipient Citizen;
Susan Wheeler, Pharmacist, Provider/Licensed Pharmacist;
Philip Hofstetter, Au. D, CEO – Petersburg Medical Center, Hospital Administrator;
Mary Middleton, Executive Director Stone Soup Group, Non-Governmental/Social Services
Agency;
Susan Ohmer, Executive Director, Provider Behavioral Health, Provider Behavioral Health;
Robert Rang, Provider Registered Nurse/Licensed Nurse;
Katrina Wilson, Alaska Licensed Nursing Home Administrator, and
Renee Gayhart, Division Director, Health & Social Services, HCS Director.

****Members not present - Dorothy (Bunti) Reed, DHSS – OCS Prog. Coordinator,
Consumer/Senior Advocate****

Guests: Tony Newman, Legislative Liaison;
Heidi Lengdorfer Data Processing Manager, Health & Social Services, DSS-Commissioner's
Office.

4:05pm – 4:10pm

Review Agenda, Approve December 12 & 13, 2019 Minutes, and Review Bylaws.

Bylaws were tabled until later in the meeting.

4:10pm – 4:15pm

Philip Hofstetter – Update on genetic testing. Work group met once & took steps at rewriting policy on Medicaid. Ped Specialty is moving along.

4:15pm – 4:25pm

Public Comment Announced, no member of the public requested to make comments.

****guest speaker moved from 4:45pm to 4:15pm****

Heidi Lengdorfer – Discussed Health Information Exchange Systems (HIE) explaining HIE is a secure, electronic process of sharing patients' clinical information between authorized physicians, other health care providers, and patients. The purpose is to improve quality of care and increase practice efficiencies.

4:25pm – 4:35pm

Review/Finalize & Approve Recommendation Letter to Commission

4:35pm – 4:45pm

Toney Newman – Provided updates on SB 133, SB 134, SB 182, HB 229 and HB 290. Discussion on raising minimum age to purchase, sell, exchange, or possess tobacco.

4:45pm – 4:55pm

Introduction of new members: Robert Rang & Katrina Wilson

Round table: Susan Ohmer, Philip Hofstetter, Jeanie Monk, Mary Middleton and Dane Lenaker – updates on events, concerns and work group progress.

4:55pm – 5:00pm

Review of Bylaws - #5 on page 1 re-added, "Alaska's Medicaid program budget."

Review and approval of 2 applications.

5:00pm

Meeting adjourns