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Advisory Group on Dialysis September 15, 2020, 1:00 p.m. Meeting Minutes

Members Attending: Barbara Douglas, APRN-CRNA, Chair; Julia Colavincenzo, RN; Lisa Arndt, OCDT; Lora Lewis, RN; Gayle Nemecek, RN; Diane Wish, RN; Jammie Wilson, OCDT (1:23 p.m.)

Members Absent: Timothy Thompson, OCDT; Carol Jarvis, OCDT

Board Staff Attending: Lisa Emrich; Anita DiPasquale; Chantelle Sunderman; Lisa Hashemian; Kristie Oles; Tom Dilling

Call to Order

Barbara Douglas, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held through remote audio-visual conferencing in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, as amended by HB 197.

Approval of May 2020 Meeting Minutes

Diane Wish moved to approve the minutes as written; Lora Lewis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2020 Rule Review, Chapter 4723-23, OAC.

Lisa Emrich stated that the Advisory Group's prior recommended revisions to Chapter 4723-23, OAC, were approved by the Board with the exception of the recommendation to retain language in Rule 4723-23-05 (A), OAC, regarding failure to renew the certificate. The Board noted that retaining the language would cause inconsistency with other rule language applicable to other certificate and license types.

Update, Board implementation of Coronavirus Omnibus Legislation (HB197) and LPN Renewal

L. Emrich stated the Board continues to implement the provisions of HB 197. LPN renewal is in progress and the Board is encouraging LPNs to renew. Due to HB 197, which eliminated certain deadlines, the late fee deadline will not apply this year and LPNs will not be charged late fees. Licenses that are not renewed will be extended in accordance with HB 197.

D. Wish asked if it is predicted that HB 197 will be extended beyond December 1, 2020. Tom Dilling responded that extensions have been implemented in other areas. Most recently, HB 606, which grants businesses civil immunity during the pandemic, extended the immunity until September 30, 2021. He said it is possible that legislators will return in November or December to extend parts of HB 197.

LPN administration of Medication in Dialysis (Section 4723.18(E), ORC)

L. Emrich reviewed an inquiry from Brendan Zahn, director of clinical services at DaVita, regarding the administration by LPNs of specific medications when performing dialysis including sodium citrate solution as an alternative to heparin solutions and gentemycin citrate and activase for catheter patency solutions. Lora Lewis provided an overview of administration of the medications

during dialysis and stated that they are not administered through the blood circuit tubing, as specified in Section 4723.18(E), ORC, and could not be administered by the LPN for purposes of performing dialysis. The Advisory Group members agreed by consensus that these are not commonly administered medications and are for more unusual circumstances, which requires RN administration.

Advisory Group Appointment Process

L. Emrich stated that the application for advisory group appointments will be posted in October on the Board website with information about applying for open positions. The Board will convene its Committee on Advisory Group Appointments during the November Board meeting to appoint members.

Schedule 2021 Meeting Dates

Meetings for 2021 were scheduled for March 16, 2021 and September 21, 2021, at 1:00 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.