

Closed Session Minutes
of the
Maryland Commission on Kidney Disease
October 15, 2015

Upon motion made in public session, Chairman Gimenez called for adjournment into closed session to discuss the following items:

1. Survey Deficiency Findings and Proposed Corrective Action Plan by Facility at Issue.
2. Legal Consultation on Proposed Departmental Administrative and Structural Changes.

The Closed Session was called to order at 3:04 p.m. and held under the authority of § 3-104 of the General Provisions Article.

In attendance, in addition to Chairman Gimenez, were Commissioners: Dr. William Rayfield, Dr. Jeremy Yospin, Dr. Bernard Jaar, Dr. Edward Kraus, Joan Wise, RN, Susan Leon, RN, Denise Collins, LCSW-C, James Stankovic and Henita Schiff.

In attendance representing Staff was Donna Adcock, RN, Surveyor.

Also attending was Leslie Schulman, Commission Counsel.

Item One

Donna Adcock briefed the Commission on deficiency findings associated with a recent Commission compliance survey. The Commissioners then held an informal meeting with the dialysis facility's Medical Director, the Director of Operations, the new Regional Manager, and the Area Technical Operations Manager who responded to questions posed by the Commissioners concerning their Personnel Qualifications/Staffing, Infection Control, Water and Dialysate Quality, and Clinical Oversight improvements that have been or will be implemented at their facility to assure full compliance with all State and federal regulations governing standards of care. After discussion, the Commission expressed concerns about lack of leadership and clinical oversight, and provided guidance for resolution of the matter. The facility's representatives were then dismissed. Discussion then ensued, and the Commission directed Ms. Adcock to conduct an unannounced resurvey within the next three months. (Authority: General Provisions Article, § 3-104)

Item Two

Counsel advised the Commission on the impact any departmental administrative and structural changes may have on the Commission. (Authority: General Provisions Article, § 3-305 (b)(7))

Upon Motion made, the Closed Session was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.