

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON KIDNEY DISEASE
Thursday October 25, 2012
4201 Patterson Avenue
Room 108-109

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SESSION

The Public Meeting of the Commission on Kidney Disease was held on Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 4201 Patterson Avenue. Chairman Dr. Luis Gimenez called the meeting to order at 2:08 P.M. Commissioners Dr. Kulwant Modi, Dr. Matthew Weir, Dr. Edward Kraus, Dr. Bernard Jaar, James Stankovic, Belinda Lindsay, LGSW, William Frederick, RN and Kim Sylvester, R.N. were also present.

Commission staff: Donna Adcock, RN, Surveyor and Eva Schwartz, Executive Director.

Commission Counsel present: Leslie Schulman, AAG

DHMH staff present: Maria Krasnansky, RN, Surveyor from DHMH's Office of Health Care Quality(OHCQ), Barbara Fagan, OHCQ Program Manager and Carol Manning, Chief KDP.

Guests present were:

Stuart Lessner, Union Memorial

Ivy Simmons, Good Samaritan

George Kilbourne, Affymax

Mary Keller, USRC

Joan Guest, Davita

Gloria Pittman, ARA

Chris Simon, IDF

Zarita Pearson, Advanced Dialysis

Juathawala Harris, Liberty Dialysis

Naomi Elcock, CDC

Christine Wright, Western Maryland Hospital

Brenda Falcone, NKF

Brandy Vinson, Network 5

Tracey Mooney, IDF

Kristen Neville, DHMH

Lisa Lubomski, JHH

Terri Jenkins, Advanced Dialysis

John Norman, Davita

Elena Balovlenkov, CMS

Sharon Bloom, DHMH

I. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SESSION OF July 26, 2012

Dr. Modi motioned to approve the Public Minutes from the July 26th session; William Frederick seconded the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the July 26, 2012 Public Session.

II. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dr. Gimenez reported that facilities should be preparing for Hurricane Sandy which is approaching the East coast. He requested that facilities address emergency plans with patients and notify facility municipalities.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Schwartz addressed the high frequency of Personnel Qualification/Staffing citations. She reiterated the importance of maintaining appropriately trained and qualified staff. Mrs. Schwartz reminded guests that they must be prepared to adequately staff their facilities and have plans to cover staff absences. She noted the importance of staff following physician prescriptions.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatments www.marylandmolst.org

Ms. Neville reported that the original MOLST regulations were originally posted in the Maryland Register in September 2011. She noted that there were substantive changes after the public comment period and the Department withdrew the original proposal. On August 10, 2012 the revised regulations were published with a comment period. Ms. Neville stated that the regulations may be effective by the end of this year. The Commission will notify facilities of any updates.

B. Draft - Proposed Changes to the OHCQ Regulations

Ms. Fagan reported that the draft OHCQ regulations will be posted in the November Maryland Register. She noted that nocturnal dialysis, emergency preparedness and patient plan of care regulations would be addressed in the proposed regulations. Mrs. Schwartz stated that, to be consistent, when the updated OHCQ regulations are final the Commission would propose changes to their regulations.

C. Pilot Study to Reduce Bloodstream Infections

Dr. Lubomski reported that they have received approval to expand the study from the Maryland Patient Safety Center and Johns Hopkins. The group is awaiting approval of the brochure from the Johns Hopkins Institutional Review Board. Dr. Lubomski noted that they are currently working with Davita facilities to reduce bloodstream infections, to increase patient safety and improve teamwork in the facilities. Once approved, the pilot would expand to other, non-Davita, Maryland facilities who would be involved in the yearlong project. She stated that the first 30 facilities to respond would be accepted. Dr. Gimenez noted that there should be a broad geographic representation. Dr. Lubomski reported that there should be preliminary information from the Davita study to report at the January 2013 Commission meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Kidney Disease Program - Stats and Budget

Ms. Manning presented the KDP statistics and budget.

B. Life Safety Code Update

Ms. Fagan discussed the CMS Mission and Priority Document issued in July. She noted that the ESRD Life Safety Code inspections are now required only for new facilities that do not exit to grade or those new facilities that are located adjacent to industrial high-hazard occupancies.

Discussion ensued. Ms. Fagan reported that facilities are still required to meet local and State requirements for fire safety.

C. Network Statement of Work for 2013-2016

Ms. Vinson introduced the Network's Statement Work which will commence January 2013. She reviewed the three "Aims" which should provide better care and better health along with reduced costs of ESRD care by improving care. She discussed the Network's plans to achieve the goals.

D. Best Practice – Infection Control

Ms. Simmons, RN, Clinical Educator for Good Samaritan Hospital Dialysis presented best practices utilized by the facility to reduce infections. She reported that the facility participates in the CDC Dialysis BSI Prevention Collaborative. Their best practices focus on hand hygiene, catheter care, patient education, staff education and competency and catheter reduction.

E. 2013 Commission Meetings

Dr. Gimenez reported that the following are tentative dates for Commission meetings in 2013. He noted that the dates, once finalized, will be posted on the Commission's website.

- January 24
- April 25
- July 25
- October 24

F. Citation Free Surveys

The following facilities were commended for a job well done:

- IDF Chestnut
- Davita Kidney Home.

G. New Facility

Dr. Gimenez reported the certification of Future Care Coldspring (6/22/12).

H. Closed Facility

Dr. Gimenez stated that the Commission was notified of the closing of Freedom Home Dialysis (9/30/12).

I. Categories of Complaints

Dr. Gimenez reported that the Commission has received the following types of complaints since the last meeting:

- Written
 - Facility complaints regarding a patients who exhibited dangerous behavior
 - Facility report of a patient being discharged by their nephrologist
 - Patient complaint regarding seat assignments and staffing at a facility

- Verbal
 - Facility complaint regarding a patient who exhibited disruptive behavior in the facility
 - Hospital concern regarding inability to discharge a patient to an outpatient center
 - Patient complaint regarding treatment prescription
 - Patient complaint regarding caregiver
 - Facility complaint regarding county transportation system
 - Facility complaint regarding readmitting a patient from the hospital that requires restraints

J. Commission Approval/Disapproval for KDP Out of State Transplant Reimbursement

The following hospitals have requested and been granted out of state transplant approvals:

Hospital	Granted	Refused
Inova Fairfax	1	0
Christiana Hospital	2	0
Washington Hospital Center	2	0
Georgetown University Hospital	1	0

K. Surveys (18)

For informational purposes, the Commission shared the results of their Survey Findings Deficiency Report for the past quarter. Dr. Gimenez noted that infection control and personnel qualifications/staffing categories continue to be the most cited areas of concern. He reported that this quarter, infection control citations improved from 16 citations last quarter.

Citations

Compliance with Federal, State and Local Laws and Regulations	0
Infection Control	11
Water and Dialysate Quality	1
Reuse of Hemodialyzers/Bloodlines	0
Physical Environment	4
Patient Rights	0
Patient Assessment	1
Patient Plans of Care	4
Care at Home	0
Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement	0
Laboratory/Affiliation Guidelines	0
Personnel Qualifications/Staffing	16
Responsibilities of the Medical Director	1
Medical Records	0
Governance	0

L. Surveys Completed (18)

The following facilities have been surveyed since the last meeting:

Davita Lakeside	FMC Pikesville
FMC QCDC	Davita Wheaton
Davita Cedar Lane	FMC Whitemarsh
FMC Baltimore	IDF Chestnut
FMC Beltsville	Davita Whitesquare
FMC Waldorf	Davita Kidney Home
DSI Oxon Hill	Davita Rivertowne
FMC Elkton	Davita Owings Mills
Davita JHH N. Bond Street	Community Dialysis

Late Addition- Dr. Jaar requested more involvement from the guests at the Commission meetings. He suggested that facilities volunteer to present best practices and share experiences so that we may learn from each other. Dr. Jaar noted that guests interested in presenting could email Ms. Adcock with specifics.

There being no further public business, upon motion made by Commissioner Dr. Modi and seconded by Bernard Jaar, MD, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the Public Session at 3:15 p.m. and move into Executive Session.