

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON KIDNEY DISEASE
Thursday October 15, 2015
4201 Patterson Avenue
Room 110
PUBLIC SESSION

The Public Meeting of the Commission on Kidney Disease was held on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 4201 Patterson Avenue. Chairman, Dr. Luis Gimenez called the meeting to order at 2:04 P.M. Commissioners' Denise Collins, LCSW-C, Susan Leon, RN, Dr. Bernard Jaar, Dr. Edward Kraus, Dr. William Rayfield, Henita Schiff, James Stankovic, Joan Wise, RN, and Dr. Jeremy Yospin were also present.

Commission staff present: Donna Adcock, RN, Surveyor.

Commission Counsel present: Leslie Schulman, AAG

DHMH staff present: Barbara Fagan, RN, OHCQ Program Manager and John Miller, OHCQ Surveyor.

Guests present were:

Tracey Berger, WMHS	Kim Phillips-McNair, Davita
Michael Przywara, NxStage	Holly League, NxStage
Lori Hartle, Astrellas	Pattie Dash, NKF
Traci Barnett, NKF	Pam Earll, Davita
Juathawala Harris, Charing Cross	A. Brow, JHH
Jody Davis, Charing Cross	Kimberly Morgan, Bon Secours
Angie Markwell, FMC	Funmi Achu, FMC
Dr. Bustos, FMC	Michael Nunziata, FMC

**I. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SESSION OF
July 16, 2015**

Dr. Kraus motioned to approve the Public Minutes from the July 16, 2015 session. Dr. Jaar seconded the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the July 16, 2015 Public Session.

II. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dr. Gimenez reported that the Commission has four new members: Joan Wise, RN, Susan Leon, RN, Dr. Jeremy Yospin and Denise Collins, LCSW-C. Each new member briefly introduced themselves.

Dr. Gimenez noted that the Commission's Vice Chairman, William Frederick's term has expired. He appointed Dr. Bernard Jaar as the Commission's new Vice-Chairman.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT- This item was removed.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- **Requirement for Reporting Involuntary Discharges**
Mrs. Adcock requested the Commission's approval to incorporate the Network's Involuntary Discharge Packet. This will standardize the involuntary patient discharge documentation. Dr. Kraus motioned to approve this request and Dr. Jaar seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the incorporation of the Network's Involuntary Discharge Packet as a template. The information will be placed on the Commission's website.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Kidney Disease Program - Carol Manning

- **Stats and Budget**
Ms. Manning reviewed KDP stats and budget. She reported that KDP is moving to a new upgraded electronic claims processing system. She noted that there

may be a spike in expenditures after the parallel testing of the system is completed.

Dr. Gimenez requested a list of the most commonly prescribed drugs separated by cost and number of prescriptions. Discussion ensued. Ms. Manning stated that she would be able to obtain that information for Dr. Gimenez.

- **ICD-10 Codes/Claims Processing**

Ms. Manning reported that as of October 1, 2015, KDP and Maryland Medicaid are ready to handle the ICD-10 codes.

B. Drug to Extend Fistula Patency

Mrs. Adcock directed the guests' attention to the informational attachment. She noted that Proteon Therapeutics has started the second phase 3 study of Vonapanitase. The drug is designed to improve arteriovenous fistula patency and reduce access failure. Discussion ensued. Dr. Kraus noted that it could be 2-4 years before FDA approval of the drug.

C. Medical Directors and Facility Water Management

Dr. Kraus summarized an informational article entitled, "What Medical Directors Need to Know about Dialysis Facility Water Management (Vol. 10, Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology, pp.1061-1071). Dr. Kraus reiterated the importance for each Medical Director to be familiar with their facility's water treatment system, and noted that the Medical Directors bear ultimate responsibility for the facility's water quality. The article was emailed to each facility in July.

D. Uncertified Dialysis Facilities

Mrs. Adcock reviewed the list of 16 uncertified facilities. Discussion ensued. Dr. Jaar noted that he is concerned that these facilities are not being surveyed as frequently as facilities certified by the Commission. He requested that the Office of Health Care Quality take this into consideration when scheduling their surveys.

E. Network Update

Mrs. Adcock summarized the most recent quarterly Network Update. The Update reviews grievances, involuntary discharges, failure to place, patient engagement activities, healthcare associated infections, and the transplant referral initiative. The Update also reviews Crownweb closure dates and continuing education opportunities. The Network Update was included as an attachment and will also e-mailed to the Commission's email group. Lastly, Ms. Adcock reported that the MARC Fall Council Meeting will be held on 10/22/2015.

F. 2016 Commission Meeting Dates

Dr. Gimenez noted that the Commission will meet in 2016 on the following dates:

- January 28, 2016
- April 21, 2016
- July 28, 2016
- October 27, 2016

G. New Facility

Dr. Gimenez reported that the following facility has been certified by the Commission:

- Davita Forestville

H. Citation Free Surveys

Dr. Gimenez congratulated the following facilities for achieving citation free surveys:

- ARA Ellicott City
- IDF Arundel Center
- Davita Owings Mills
- Davita Landover
- Good Samaritan Manor Care

I. Categories of Complaints

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

Verbal

- Facility complaint regarding outpatient dialysis placement
- Facility self reporting regarding mold issue
- Case worker complaints regarding patient placement issues

Written

- Patient complaint regarding facility staff not following policies/procedures for catheter care/use
- Anonymous complaint regarding facility staffing
- Patient complaint regarding transplant listing
- Facility request to discharge abusive/dangerous patient

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

Dr. Gimenez noted that in the past quarter, the following hospitals have requested and been granted out of state transplant approvals:

Hospital	Granted	Refused
MedStar Georgetown	6	0
Inova Fairfax	1	0
George Washington University Hospital	2	0

K. Surveys (24)

For informational purposes, the Commission shared the results of its Survey Findings Deficiency Report for the past quarter. Dr. Gimenez reiterated the need for reducing citations and improving in the areas of infection control and personnel qualifications/staffing.

Compliance with Federal, State and Local Laws and Regulations	0
Infection Control	15
Water and Dialysate Quality	3
Reuse of Hemodialyzers/Bloodlines	0
Physical Environment	5
Patient Rights	0
Patient Assessment	1
Patient Plans of Care	1
Care at Home	0
Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement	1
Laboratory/Affiliation Guidelines	0
Personnel Qualifications/Staffing	14
Responsibilities of the Medical Director	1
Medical Records	1
Governance	1

L. Surveys Completed (24)

The following facilities have been surveyed since the last meeting:

Davita Wheaton	Holy Cross Woodmore
ARA Ellicott Kidney Care	FMC QCDC
Davita Whitesquare	FMC Beltsville
FMC Rosedale	ARA Ellicott City
DSI Oxon Hill	FMC Elkton
IDF Arundel	Davita Landover
Davita Owings Mills	Davita Rivertowne
Davita Pikesville	FMC Hyattsville
Davita Catonsville North	Davita District Heights
Davita Falls Road	Davita Forest Landing
Davita Catonsville	Good Samaritan Manor Care
FMC Charing Cross	FMC Wheaton

M. Election of Commission Officers- This item was removed.

There being no further public business, upon motion made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Rayfield, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the Public Session at 2:56 pm and move into Executive Session.