

## **DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

Agency for Health Care Administration  
Pediatric Cardiac Technical Advisory Panel  
Date: May 4th, 2023  
Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM EST  
Location: Online Webinar

**Member Present:** Frank Scholl, MD, Chair; Peter Wearden, MD, Vice Chair; T-Y Hsia, MD; Elise Riddle, MD; Melvin Almodovar, MD; Alfred Asante-Korang, MD; Redmond Burke, MD; Blaine John, MD; Rajesh Shenoy, MD; Michael Shillingford, MD; Jorge McCormack, MD; Sabrina Phillips, MD; and Ruby Monica Sanford, APRN.

**Staff Present:** Jason Weida, Agency for Health Care Administration, Secretary; Kimberly Smoak, Deputy Secretary for Health Care Policy, and Oversight; Jamie Bustos, Bureau Chief of the Florida Center for Health Information and Transparency; Patricia Vidal, Administrator, Adrienne Henderson, Amy Wheeler, Cruz Conrad, Dana Watson, Jennifer Fell, and Thomas Tran, Florida Center staff.

**Interested Parties:** William Blanchard, MD; Gerold Schiebler, MD; Kristin Barnette; Amy Haddon; Jeffrey Jacobs; Jarrod Knudson; Cora Merritt; Emily Reeves; and Jason Rodriguez.

**Welcome, Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Overview:** Dr. Frank Scholl, Chair, welcomed guest and panelist and called the Pediatric Cardiac Technical Advisory Panel (PCTAP or Panel) meeting to order. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Dr. Scholl began the meeting by giving an overview of the meeting agenda.

**Agency Updates:** Dr. Scholl turned the meeting over to ACHA Secretary, Jason Weida. Secretary Weida gave a brief introduction and background of himself and stated he looked forward to working with panel members in the future. Secretary Weida then turned the meeting over to Kim Smoak, Deputy Secretary of Health Care Policy and Oversight, who provided the Panel with updates on Agency activities. Ms. Smoak announced the newly appointed positions within AHCA; Stefan Grow, Chief of Staff; Bailey Smith, Director of Communications; Brock Suarez, Assistant Deputy Secretary under the Office of Health Care Policy; and Taylor Haddock, Assistant Deputy Secretary under the Bureau of Central Services and Health Facility Regulations.

**Rule Update:** The meeting was turned over to Jamie Bustos, Bureau Chief of the Florida Center for Health Information and Transparency, who gave an update on the rule status. Mr. Bustos stated the Agency is planning to move forward with the negotiated rulemaking process which requires Secretary Weida to appoint in-house Agency members to a committee. Mr. Bustos also stated that the Agency received additional comments about the rule language and left it to the panel members whether they wanted to open it up for further discussion.

Dr. Scholl suggested that the comments be sent out to panel members to be noted, and instead have those comments be considered during the rulemaking process. Dr. Scholl stated the language changes from the last meeting were further amended by AHCA legal counsel and the panel's additions were removed.

**Non-Voting Meeting Participants Vote:** The meeting continued with Dr. Scholl proposing a motion to consider Dr. William Blanchard and Dr. Gerold Schiebler as ex officio and non-voting meeting participants. He stated they may be called upon by the chair or other panel members to comment, clarify points, or give historical perspective and be given the participant's number. Dr. Jorge McCormack seconded the motion. Ms. Smoak noted that the vote would be brought up with AHCA's general counsel for their legal input. Each present panel member and alternate member cast their vote, a quorum was met, and the vote was passed. For specific votes, see the voting grids below.

**VOTING GRID**

PCTAP - Roll Call and Voting Grid - Thursday, May 4, 2023, 3:00pm - 5:00pm				Vote #1	
Affiliation	(27) Panel Members	Roll Call	Yes	No	
Advent Health for Children	Brian Kogon, MD				
	Zahid Amin, MD - Alternate				
Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children	T-Y Hsia, MD	1	1		
	Elise Riddle, MD - Alternate	1			
Holtz Children's Hospital	Melvin Almodovar, MD	1	1		
	Leonardo Mulinari, MD - Alternate				
Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital	Frank Scholl, MD	1	1		
	Tom Forbes, MD - Alternate				
Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital	Alfred Asante-Korang, MD	1	1		
	Michael Puchalski, MD - Alternate				
Nemours Children's Hospital	Peter Wearden, MD	1			
	Gul H. Dadlani, MD - Alternate				
Nicklaus Children's Hospital	Redmond Burke, MD	1	1		
	Anthony Rossi, MD - Alternate				
St. Joseph's Children's Hospital	Karl Reyes, MD				
	Blaine John, MD - Alternate	1	1		
University of Florida Health Shands Hospital	Mark Bleiweis, MD				
	Biagio Pietra, MD - Alternate				
Wolfson Children's Hospital	Rajesh Shenoy, MD	1	1		
	Michael Shillingford, MD - Alternate	1			
Affiliation	At-Large Members	Roll Call	Yes	No	
Golisano Children's Hospital SWFL	Eric Eason, DO				
Vacant	Vacant				
MedNax Medical Group	Jorge McCormack, MD	1	1		
Affiliation	At-Large Alternate Members	Roll Call	Yes	No	
Jacksonville Pediatric & Adult Congenital Cardiology	James Joyce, MD				
Mayo Clinic	Sabrina Phillips, MD	1	1		
Pediatrix Cardiology - MedNax	Renato Dubois, MD				
Affiliation	Non-Voting Member	Roll Call	Yes	No	
Secretary Appointed Parent of Congenital Heart Disease Patient	Ruby Monica Sanford, APRN	1	N/A	N/A	
<b>Voting Totals</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>*Vote #1 to add Dr. Blanchard and Dr. Scheibler to the panel as non-members.</b>					

**STS Funding:** Dr. Scholl turned the meeting back over to Mr. Bustos for an update on the Society of Thoracic Surgeons data funding. Mr. Bustos stated the proposed budget has set aside \$67,733 with a recurring annual amount for the PCTAP. If approved, the funding would be used to hire a part-time OPS staff position to assist in the efforts of the panel's work and the implementation and execution of the STS contract, which would allow STS's data to be displayed on the FloridaHealthFinder website. Dr. Scholl thanked Dr. Blanchard and Senator Harrell for their efforts to secure funding.

**Public Comment and Adjournment:** Dr. Scholl opened the meeting for public comment. Dr. McCormack asked about an update on site visits for panel members. Dr. Scholl stated he didn't believe AHCA would allow site visits under the PCTAP but shared that he asked AHCA's legal counsel if members of the panel could form a voluntary group, outside the PCTAP, that could participate in site visits to exchange best practices. Dr. Blanchard noted that site visits are in statute and were added to proactively help improve programs. Dr. Scholl stated he would like AHCA's legal counsel to keep this under consideration as they investigate how to conduct site visits while staying within the Sunshine Law.

Jason Rodriguez, St. Joseph's Children Hospital, asked if there was a timeline for the rule making process and committee appointments and if PCTAP members were eligible to sit on the committee. Ms. Smoak stated there is no current timeline, but when the process starts, the information will be shared publicly once those decisions are made. Dr. Scholl recommended panel members and participants to utilize any government relations department with their hospitals, who can notify them with any public notice regarding the committee. Dr. Scholl summarized the meeting and the Panel adjourned at 4:00 pm.

**Action Items:**

1. AHCA legal counsel to inform panel members about the rulemaking process at the next meeting.
2. AHCA to provide a list of potential panel members to the members.