



Blood Clot Pulmonary Embolism Policy (BCPEP)

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 21, 2024
Time: 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Location: GoToWebinar

Members Present: Ali Ataya, M.D., Christopher Pittman, M.D., Leslie Lake, Giovanni Betta

Presenters: Dr. Ataya

Agency Staff Present: Jaime Bustos, Nancy Tamariz, Krischell Weston, Susan Slappey, Marnita Anderson, Kimberly Smoak

Interested Parties Present: Douglas Adkins

Meeting Materials: BCPEP Meeting Packet. Copies of meeting materials are posted on: [Blood Clot and Pulmonary Embolism Policy Workgroup \(myflorida.com\)](https://myflorida.com)

Welcome: Jaime Bustos

Call to Order and Roll Call: Dr. Ataya called roll. It was noted that Senator Shevrin Jones would not be present for this meeting.

Agency Updates: Deputy Secretary of Health Care Policy and Oversight Kimberly Smoak provided the Agency updates. She expressed the Agency's excitement to get the BCPEP Workgroup meetings started. The Agency for Health Care Administration is the main Health Care Policy Agency in the state of Florida. Leadership is currently working through Legislative Session doing bill analysis and looking at any amendments that may impact the Agency.

Florida Sunshine Law Overview: Richard Shoop gave a brief overview of the Sunshine Law. There are three basic requirements under the Sunshine Law. 1.) A collegial body's meetings must be open to the public. 2.) A collegial body must give the public reasonable notice of its meetings. 3.) A collegial body must keep minutes of its meetings.

Work Group Purpose and Discussion: The Chair provided an overview on Venous Thromboembolic (VTE) Disease. The Workgroup discussed risk factors, treatment, areas of need, and surveillance needs. The discussion also focused on bringing awareness to the prevention and treatment of blood clots and pulmonary embolisms.

Public Comments: Doug Adkins, father of Emily Adkins, provided an overview of Emily's life and experience. He would like to see the Blood Clot awareness program have a robust



progressive approach assuring awareness worldwide. Doug gave examples of ways to go about funding from the Senate aspect for Giovanni. Gauging whether or not they would support a specialty license plate to help generate recurring revenue, to support a statewide platform with a penny on the dollar. Property transactions, healthcare fines, state agency involvement with no legislation or appropriation and in the scope of their agency to assist, change to administrative rules, and what curriculum with tracking is needed and how that needs to be delivered concerning blood clots and pulmonary embolisms was addressed.

Mr. Adkins mentioned other parties that can play a role such as health plans and having sub committee's such as Microsoft, AI, and the "Magnificent 7", in Wall Street to lend their expertise to this problem.

Overall, Mr. Adkins would like to see a reduction and improvement in blood clot prevention.

Meeting Summary and Next Steps:

| New Action Items | Owner |
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| Send materials and resources to the BCPEP inbox bcpep@ahca.myflorida.com | All Parties |
| Panelist working with the chair on the future agenda scheduled for April 17, 2024 | AHCA and Chair |
| Compiling public comments and inviting experts from Artificial Intelligence and Major Research institutions to future meetings. | AHCA and Workgroup |

With no further business to discuss, moved to adjourn, with no objections. The committee adjourned.