

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Agency for Health Care Administration

Pediatric Cardiac Technical Advisory Panel

Date: September 12, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM EST

Location: Online Webinar

Members Present: Frank Scholl, MD, Chair; Mark Bleiweis, MD; Renato Dubois, MD; Eric Eason, DO; Blaine John, MD; Danyal Khan, MD; Peace Madueme, MD; Jorge McCormack, MD; Biagio Pietra, MD; Michael Puchalski, MD; Elise Riddle, MD; Anthony Rossi, MD; Todd Roth, MD; Ruby Monica Sanford, ACNP; and Rajesh Shenoy, MD; Michael Shillingford, MD; Sethuraman Swaminathan, MD; Peter Wearden, MD

Staff Present: Kimberly Smoak, Deputy Secretary for Health Quality Assurance; Julia Smith, Senior Attorney; Jamie Bustos, Bureau Chief of the Florida Center for Health Information and Transparency; Patricia Vidal, Administrator; Sketch Piers, Dylan Dunlap, Adrienne Henderson, Amy Wheeler, Thomas Tran, Cassidy Schenk, and Dana Watson, Florida Center staff.

Welcome, Call to Order, Roll Call and Meeting Minutes: Dr. Frank Scholl, Chair, introduced himself, 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 gave an overview of the meeting agenda and turned the meeting over to Jaime Bustos for agency updates.

Agency Updates: Jaime Bustos began the updates by stating the Agency is currently in the process of advertising and filling the PCTAP position previously filled by Carson Merlo. Mr. Bustos also mentioned that voting to replace the chair and vice chair of the PCTAP will take place at the next panel meeting. AHCA staff will begin the process by soliciting nominations in November. Regarding questions about current members retiring from the panel, he referred to Florida Statute 395.1055, Section 10-B; "A voting member may serve a maximum of two-year terms and may be reappointed to the panel after being retired from the panel for a full two-year term."

STS Contract Update: Mr. Bustos also provided an update on the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) contract. He stated the Agency has completed the routing for the procurement document and has received an invoice from STS. He also mentioned the Agency is currently in the process of drafting and routing a purchase order. Mr. Bustos stated once the purchase order is complete, the Agency would be able to post the data on the Florida Health Finder website.

Agency Update Questions: Mr. Bustos concluded agency updates and left the floor open for comments or questions. Dr. Scholl wanted to reiterate that panel member terms are at the discretion of the CEOs of the hospitals, which could cause current panel members to be reappointed after completing their full terms. Dr. Eason had a question pertaining to panel terms for at-large members. Mr. Bustos clarified that at-large and at-large alternate panel terms are at the discretion of the AHCA Secretary. He promised to send communication out to those members to discuss any questions regarding their terms.

Hospital CEO List: The meeting was given back to Dr. Scholl where he asked panel members to validate their CEO's information on AHCA's contact list. He stated if anything needed to be amended, to reach out to AHCA staff by email.

Informational Tour/Site Presentation: Dr. Scholl addressed the outcomes from a meeting between panel members and AHCA Secretary, James Weida. The meeting addressed questions and concerns regarding the format for the informational tour and site presentation that would adhere to the Sunshine Law. Dr. Scholl wanted to make clear that the tour and presentation are not an AHCA regulatory visit and participation is voluntary for each hospital. He stated this meeting format is a way to share information with institutions to improve programs. He said Secretary Weida will be sending a letter to hospital CEOs with more information pertaining to the tour and site presentation. He stated AHCA staff can accommodate two site presentation per calendar year, with the next projected for early spring or late summer. He asked for a list of volunteers to host the next meeting so that adequate preparations can be made in advance.

Mr. Bustos added that he would ask that hosting hospitals have access to internet and an area for the public to attend for the publicly open portion of the meeting.

A question about the virtual portion of the meeting was brought up by Dr. Blanchard. Dr. Scholl stated the informational tour would be in person only due to HIPPA concerns and the site presentation would be part of the publicly noticed meeting that attendees can access virtually.

Public Comment: Dr. Scholl then opened the meeting for public comment. Dr. Blanchard shared his enthusiasm with the progress the panel has made pertaining to the STS contract and site presentations and encouraged members to attend the on-site meetings.

Meeting Summary & Next Steps:

Dr. Scholl proceeded with a meeting summary and next steps. He reiterated Secretary Weida's plan to send a letter to hospital CEOs with more information pertaining to informational tours and site presentations. Dr. Scholl asked members to think about when their facility would be able to host a site presentation. Ideally, he asked for volunteers for next Spring. Dr. Bleiweis volunteered his program for March or April timeframe. Dr. Scholl also noted that planning for the succession of at-large and at-large alternate panel members needed to be addressed and asked AHCA staff to take the item to Secretary Weida for further discussion. Dr. Scholl also asked Kimberly Smoak, Deputy Secretary for Health Quality Assurance, about the progress in the negotiated rule making for PCTAP. Ms. Smoak stated that the Agency is still proceeding with organ transplant rulemaking ahead of PCTAP, but a solid timeline is still a work in progress. Ms. Smoak stated that they would keep the PCTAP informed with the process and welcomes panel members involvement in the rulemaking process.

Call to Adjourn: Dr. Scholl, Chair, made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:37 pm.

Action Items:

1. Panel members verify CEO contact information and email AHCA staff for any corrections
2. AHCA staff address Secretary Weida about at-large and at-large alternate member panel terms and appointments

3. Create a list of panel members to volunteer for future on-site presentations at next PCTAP meeting

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