

The Home Care, Hospice and Palliative Care Advisory Council
REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 — 10:30 a.m.

Location of Meeting: Oklahoma State Department of Health Building
OSDH • 123 Robert S. Kerr • 28th Floor, Room 5 • Oklahoma City, OK 73102-6406

Minutes

1. Dr. Hendrix, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:34
2. Roll Call was taken. Attendance was recorded as follows:

| Present at Roll Call | Absent at Roll Call |
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| Dr. John Hendrix | Ryan Bell |
| Karen Vahlberg | Dr. Jennifer Clark |
| Rayetta Dominguez | Greg Bridges |
| Michelle Fox | |
| Jan Slater | |

3. Jan Slater moved to approve August 19, 2020, September 23, 2020 and February 24, 2021 meeting minutes and Dr. Hendrix seconded. The motion carried as follows:

| Ayes | Nays |
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| Dr. John Hendrix | |
| Karen Vahlberg | |
| Rayetta Dominguez | |
| Michelle Fox | |
| Jan Slater | |
| Ryan Bell | |

4. Vickie Kirtley was not present for the Nurse Aide Registry Certification and the Home Care Agency Administrator Certification Report. Council members reviewed on their own Dawn

Lovett-Whitney added Vicki wanted them to know the in-person CEU can be done virtually and they can have 6 home study and six in-person or virtual training.

Dawn Lovett-Whitney shared the Home Services Report. Karen Vahlberg asked what type of scenario would lead to a “Base of Operations” deficiency. Dawn stated it could be a situation where agency employees are not supervised by persons at that location or an agency or alternate administrative location being closed and inaccessible to the public

5. Jan Slater moved to nominate Karen Vahlberg for council chair. Dr. Hendrix seconded the motion. The motion carried as follows:

| Ayes | Nays |
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| Dr. John Hendrix | |
| Rayetta Dominguez | |
| Michelle Fox | |
| Jan Slater | |
| Ryan Bell | |
| Karen Vahlberg abstained from the vote | |

6. Jan Slater nominated Dr. Hendrix as Vice Chair and Michelle Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried as follows:

| Ayes | Nays |
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| Dr. John Hendrix abstained from the vote | |
| Rayetta Dominguez | |
| Michelle Fox | |
| Jan Slater | |
| Ryan Bell | |
| Karen Vahlberg | |

7. Dr. Hendrix gave an update on the on the Palliative Care Working Group’s definition of Palliative Care and recommendations. as follows:

(a) “Palliative care is a specialized medical service for people of any age, at any stage of a serious illness or life altering event. It focuses on navigating complex medical decisions while providing patient autonomy and access to information. Utilizing a holistic and interdisciplinary team approach, palliative care addresses physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and spiritual needs. Palliative care can be provided in the inpatient, outpatient or home care setting and strives to improve quality of life for both the patient and the family.”

(b) Dr Hendrix recommended the definition be accepted;

(c) and the council should consider drafting a resolution to the department of health that drafts rules and regulations regarding the administration of palliative care services in the home based on this definition and an Expansion of telehealth palliative care services and education throughout the state through payments for these services or using options such as Project Echo through Oklahoma State University Center for Health Services and fund hospice services for our Medicaid population.

A discussion ensued between council members of the original goal of the working group to define palliative care, include in Medicare, requirements for telehealth, specialized services defined and qualifications. Dr. Hendrix gave clarification on specialized services. Dr. Frazier recommended strategic planning to identify fine points. All council members present agreed. Jan Slater made a motion to approve the definition of palliative care and to table the discussion on rule writing until after strategic planning. Rayetta Dominguez seconded the motion. The motion carried as follows:

| Ayes | Nays |
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| Dr. John Hendrix | |
| Rayetta Dominguez | |
| Michelle Fox | |
| Jan Slater | |
| Ryan Bell | |
| Karen Vahlberg | |

8. Karen Vahlberg discussed questions regarding the passing of SB42 and concerns of the wording in the bill how OSDH interpreted the bill. Discussion ensued about the vagueness of the bill and OSDH attempts to understand the intent as well as conversation with legal and the policy team before determination on the need for rule promulgation.
9. Future meeting dates:
 - Wednesday, August 18, 2021 — 10:30 am
 - Wednesday, November 17, 2021 — 10:30 am
10. No public comments were made.
11. Dr. Hendrix adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:45 am.