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Medical Laboratories Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2025
12:00 P.M.

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Attendance was taken and a quorum of MLAC members were present.

Call to Order and Roll call – Jill Brown, MT, Chair

Members:

Christie L. Elliott, M.D.
David P. Marmaduke, M.D.
Alexander Stojanoff, Ph.D.
Taylor Noyes, BS, MT
Kennedy Ukadike, M.D, M.S., DABIM
Ihsan Azzam, M.D., Ph.D. Chief Medical Officer State of Nevada

Absent: Iain L. O. Buxton, Ph.D.

Staff:

Bradley Waples, Health Facility Inspection Manager-Medical Laboratory Services
Keri King, Administrative Assistant III
Claire Walton, Education and Information Officer

1.) Public Comment • Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for a later meeting. Public testimony under this agenda item may be presented in person, online, by phone or written comment. To provide public comment by phone, dial 775-321-6111. When prompted to provide the meeting ID, enter 214 945 323 963 6. Due to time considerations, each individual offering public comment will be limited to not more than three minutes.

No public comment

2.) Review and possible approval of meeting minutes from September 16, 2024 – Action Item. – Taylor Noyes moved to approve the meeting minutes, Dr. David Marmaduke seconded along with Dr. Kennedy Ukadike who also seconded. All in favor, Aye. Minutes unanimously approved.

3.) Discussion – Changes to NAC Chapter 652 that will be presented to the Board of Health at their meeting on September 6, 2024, for their approval. – Brad Waples, Informational Item.

Brad Waples, Manager, Medical Laboratory Services. Brad stated all the things that were presented to the committee at the last meeting were presented to the Board of Health and were unanimously approved. It is going through the process of being moved towards the approval by the Legislative Council Bureau.

4.) Discussion – Chapter 652 – Medical Laboratory changes, which include the errata, added after the July 12, 2024, public workshop. - Brad Waples, Informational Item.

Brad Waples, Manager, Medical Laboratory Services. Brad stated, all errata were accepted along with the information that was provided the updates to the regulations to NAC 652.

5.) Discussion – Assembly Bill 319 – Medical Laboratory – Added after agenda has been sent out - Brad Waples, Informational Item.

Brad Waples, Manager, Medical Laboratory Services. Brad stated six bills were presented that would have an effect on medical laboratories.

In Assembly Bill 319 the Legislative Counsel Digest on Sections 9 and 18, talks about the existing law authorizing a practitioner of respiratory care to perform certain laboratory tests without obtaining certification as an assistant in a medical laboratory of this bill. This bill was to authorize a practitioner of respiratory care to perform certain moderate complexity tests without obtaining certification from our agency, as we would do as a specialty blood gas technologist. They wouldn't be required to have that to do a moderate complexity test. That's what's described in the digest of the bill that the Legislative Council Bureau put together.

Section 9 of the bill talks about what exactly that part of Section 9 will be changing. And it just says the performance of laboratory testing authorized by NRA 652.210, which already allows blood gas technologists to do waived laboratory tests and do specimen collection, but when they actually wrote the bill and wrote the language in the bill it comes in section 82 #2 and it says in addition to the laboratory test authorized by subsection 1A, practitioner of respiratory care licensed pursuant to Chapter 630 of the NRS may perform any laboratory test which is classified as a waived test pursuant to Subpart 8 of 493, which is what 210 already says. So even though the bill and the Legislative Digest part were explaining that the purpose was to allow them to do moderate complexity tests, the language basically says they could do wave tests without getting an additional certification from us.

This was one of these weird things where they were going after, and got approved, but when they wrote the language, they didn't write the language correctly and it just goes back to the way it was.

But currently, pharmacists are required to have a collaborative agreement with an authorized healthcare provider like an APRN Physician, MD, DO, or a physician assistant before they can order any laboratory tests. The pharmacist can only be a director, currently of a laboratory that only performs glucose testing. That one did not pass.

Bill, SB 31231. This bill was primarily to install and maintain secure drug take back bins by a collected collector, authorized and registered with the state. In the DEA, these bins would have been for the collection of home generated pharmaceuticals which is a problem that they don't want people to have. Drop used medication or expired medication into the water system because some of it cannot be extracted from the water system. An amendment to this bill, is how it would affect the medical laboratories.

An amendment to this bill was attempted, which mirrored the content of AB 186, which was to allow pharmacists to be laboratory directors and to order tests and also order pharmaceuticals for the treatment of a patient based upon the test results. This event was not allowed to be added, but the bill did pass without that provision part in it.

The next one is AB 483. This bill allows for the process of prioritizing the review of an application for initial licensure or certification. If the applicant demonstrates that he or she will be providing emergency medical care primarily in a historically underserved community, those underserved communities would be determined by population, like places that have very low population in the state, in the middle part of the state, or those areas out at the periphery. If we get initial applications for personnel, certification or licensure, those will be prioritized.

What is required if they want to try to do that is they have to have a letter from an employer that is in that area from the underserved Community, which stipulates that the employee has accepted an offer from the employer in the underserved Community and date in which the employee will begin working for that employer. That Bill passed, that process will be put into place for medical laboratory personnel. That will be a high priority for us.

Senate Bill 348. This bill allows for the state public health lab to charge not more than \$150.00 for the reimbursement from Medicaid, whichever is less for all such examinations and tests required for the discovery and influence of preventable or inheritable disorders. That one also passed.

And lastly, the big one is SB-494. That is the new Nevada Health Authority which we are under and is overseen by Medicaid, Division of Healthcare, Purchasing and Compliance and we are still under the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance. This bill is 272 pages in length.

As of July 1, our new division will be operating under Medicaid and will be a separate entity from The Division of Public and Behavioral Health. We're going to be totally separated from DPBH. Our website will change and we're going to be updating a lot of the information as we go along. This transition to being under the Nevada Health Authority.

Brad asked if the members have any questions related to the Bills.

David Marmaduke - just so I'm clear, so of all the bills that you mentioned, the dealing with the pharmacists and laboratory directorship, they're only able to be laboratory directors over labs that do waived testing. Not moderate or high complexity testing, is that correct?

For the record, Brad Waples answered - in fact pharmacists can only be the laboratory director of a laboratory that does waived glucose tests. They can't do anything more than that. They can't do 8-1 tests or any other kind of laboratory tests. Only glucose testing.

5.) Discussion – Member terms of service, terms expiring, procedures for election of new members after December 2025 committee meeting – Jill Brown, Informational Item.

Discussion regarding member terms expiring and procedures for election of 5 members whose terms will be expiring December 2025.

Consisting of Two pathologists, one medical technologist, one Bio Analyst, who is a laboratory director, and one bio chemist from the Nevada System of Higher Education. Members serve 3-year terms and can serve 2 consecutive terms.

The current Board has 5 members who are currently in their second year in consecutive terms.

Communication would be put together and sent to the current members and expiring members, also allowable for the communication to be sent by any of the current members, will be sent in a medlabs list serve email blast, social media as well as word of mouth to promote five open positions on the Medical Laboratories Advisory Committee.

The communication will be more detailed regarding qualifications, specifics on what the MLAC is, why MLAC started and why the committee exists to draw more interest to the committee.

6.) Discussion regarding date of next meeting (dates of future meetings subject to change). Next MLAC meeting proposed and tentative November 3, 2025, 12:00 noon. All in favor, Aye. Proposal for the next meeting unanimously approved.

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No public comment

8.) Adjournment – Jill Brown asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. David Marmaduke motioned to adjourn, Taylor Noyes, MT, seconded the motion. All in favor, Aye. Proposal for the next meeting unanimously approved.

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