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LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Held in the Conference Room at the Offices of the
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners
9600 Gateway Drive, Reno, Nevada 89521

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The Conference Room at the Offices of the
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners
325 E. Warm Springs Road, Suite 225, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

and via Teams

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026 – 2:30 p.m.

Subcommittee Members Present
Ms. Pamela J. Beal, *Chair*
Jason B. Farnsworth, RRT, MBA
Ms. Maggie Arias-Petrel
Ms. Kathleen A. Conaboy
Chowdhury H. Ahsan, M.D., FACC

Staff Present
Sarah A. Bradley, J.D., MBA, Deputy Executive Director
Mercedes Fuentes, Senior Legal Assistant
Kory Linn, Chief of Licensing
Lynna Pili-Eskeets, Investigations Administrative Assistant
Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy Attorney General

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Agenda Item 1
CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Pamela J. Beal, at 2:32 p.m. Ms. Bradley took roll call and announced there was a quorum, Mr. Olivarez and Dr. Bassewitz were noted as absent.

Agenda Item 2
PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Beal stated this was the time for members of the public to provide general public comments.

There was no public comment from Board's Reno and Las Vegas offices or from the Teams attendees.

Agenda Item 3
NEVADA HEALTH AUTHORITY (NVHA) PRESENTATION REGARDING STATE 2027 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Ms. Beal welcomed Allison Genco Herzik and Melinda Southard from the Nevada Health Authority (NVHA) to give a presentation regarding the Rural Health Transformation Fund.

Ms. Genco Herzik and Ms. Southard explained that the Rural Health Transformation Program is a five-year program that has so far awarded Nevada $180 million in its first year. To continue receiving funds, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) require states to adopt certain state policies, adding requirements related to nutrition to Continuing Medical Education (CME) is one such requirement.

Ms. Southard explained that adequate nutrition is one of the biggest determining factors in health outcome, yet despite this, physicians nationwide lack adequate nutrition education. As such, CMS wants to ensure that healthcare practitioners of all disciplines (medical and osteopathic doctors, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners) are trained in nutrition and are willing to grant substantial federal funding through the Rural Health Transformation Fund to states that adopt requirements for healthcare practitioners to take nutrition CME courses.

Daniel Rodriguez, inquired about how progress for the nutrition CME program will be quantified, specifically asking whether it relies on individual enrollment and/or completion rates or overall patient population health outcomes. Ms. Genco Herzik responded that the program progress is measured by institutional milestones on the continuum toward formal state adoption, rather than clinical patient outcomes. From a CMS perspective, the primary metric of completion is whether the state successfully establishes the requirement legislatively, anticipating implementation during the 2027 legislative session.

Ms. Conaboy asked whether broader public nutrition education could be included. Ms. Southard explained that CMS only requires CME for healthcare practitioners. Ms. Conaboy further asked what other state policy actions is CMS asking for, and Ms. Southard explained that this is the only policy action CMS is asking for regarding nutrition, other policy actions include the PA licensure compact, but that is not currently being pursued yet.

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Ms. Beal asked what support the NVHA needs to implement the requirement. Ms. Genco Herzik explained that the policy action needs to be done legislatively, but they would welcome support from the Board in persuading the Legislature to implement the requirement.

Ms. Bradley initiated a discussion regarding ongoing safety concerns related to MediSpas, expressing appreciation for the collaborative working group addressing the issue. Ms. Genco Herzik provided an update that the NVHA is drafting a regulatory proposal and is evaluating licensure, public safety communication, and complaint structures for these facilities, and has held preliminary discussions with Assembly Member Dr. Rebecca Edgeworth regarding potential legislative sponsorship. Ms. Arias-Petrel emphasized that MediSpa complications, such as patient dumping, will require a lot of attention and support.

Ms. Beal concluded the item by thanking NVHA for their presentation, noting that Board members will maintain ongoing communication with NVHA and invited them to future Subcommittee meetings for any updates.

Agenda Item 4
GENERAL STATUTORY CHANGES: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NRS 630.100 IN THE 2027 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Ms. Bradley presented a proposed amendment to the Board's current public meeting statute (NRS 630.100) to align with updated Nevada OML provisions, which now permit fully remote public meetings.

Mr. Farnsworth expressed support for the amendment, saying that he believes it is in line with current technology and society. Ms. Beal agreed.

Mr. Farnsworth moved to adopt the proposed changes to NRS 630.100. Ms. Conaboy and Ms. Arias-Petrel seconded the motion, and it passed with all Subcommittee members voting in favor.

Agenda Item 5
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) IN MEDICINE AND BILLS RELATED TO AI FROM THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Subcommittee discussed Artificial Intelligence (AI) and medical bills related to AI from the 2025 Legislative Session. Ms. Bradley provided a summary of the two AI bills that passed in the 2025 legislative session, Assembly Bill (AB) 406, and AB325.

Ms. Bradley explained that AB406 primarily focused on the use of AI for school counselors and school psychologists but does also affect behavioral health care providers. The bill created a new section in NRS 629 that dictates acceptable and unacceptable uses of AI in behavioral health, specifically it allows for the use of AI for administrative purposes, such as scheduling appointments and providing reminders, but AI cannot be used for advising on patient care. Ms. Bradly explained that AB325 was not relevant to health care and instead was primarily focused on emergency management.

The Subcommittee discussed the possibility of bringing a proposal to the full Board to establish an AI working group, where other agencies could be invited such as other licensing boards, Nevada State Medical Association, and NVHA.

Agenda Item 6
LOBBYIST UPDATE

Mr. Sullivan reported that so far 126 bill draft requests (BDRs_ have been submitted to the Legislature, with about seventeen (17) of them being related to healthcare. Most of these do not have any language yet, so it is difficult to know if any of them will affect the Board yet. Legislators have until mid-February to submit their bill drafts, and until March to submit the bill itself. He further stated he expects a major focus of the Governor during the legislative session to be on the impacts of the federal One Big Beautiful Bill Act, and that depending on the outcome of the elections, there is a high probity of major changes in leadership of both the Assembly and the Senate.

Agenda Item 7
CURRENT APPROVED STATUTORY CHANGES TO PURSUE IN THE 2027 LEGISLATIVE

Ms. Bradley presented a master document that contained all of the recommended statutory changes that the Subcommittee has approved so far and will be adding the approval of the changes to NRS 630.100. She noted that NRS 630.307 needs further refinement concerning hospital reporting and clinical privileges. To refine the language, she will be reaching out to contacts at Renown Health and Dignity Health in Southern Nevada as well as discussions regarding the inclusion of ABMS certification actions as a reporting requirement.

Mr. Farnsworth noted the need to follow-up with the Department of Public and Behavioral Health regarding the exact wording of the proposal regarding the dual licensure requirement for respiratory care practitioners and perfusionist licenses. Ms. Bradley stated she will be following up.

Agenda Item 8
OTHER STATUTORY CHANGES NEEDED

Ms. Beal asked the Subcommittee if any members wanted to bring forward any additional changes they would like to see to NRS Chapter 630 or related chapters.

Ms. Arias-Petrel noted the need for the regulation of MediSpas and stressed her concerns regarding patient dumping to hospitals for bad outcomes and she believes it is a big issue that this Board needs to address.

Ms. Beal noted that peptide usage was a prevalent topic at the recent Federation of State Medical Boards annual meeting. Ms. Beal directed Ms. Bradley to track relevant BDRs or actions and discussions by other state medical boards.

Ms. Beal further stated that she would like the Subcommittee to look at AI data centers in the future and what the impact could be on the medical community.

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Agenda Item 9
STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Beal moved to item 9 on the agenda and ask for staff comments.

Ms. Bradley stated that members of the Subcommittee may also email her directly if they have topics of discussion, and she can add them to future agendas.

There was no further comment from staff or the Subcommittee members.

Agenda Item 10
PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Beal stated this was the time for members of the public to provide general public comment.

There was no public comment from Teams attendees or at the Board's Reno and Las Vegas offices.

Agenda Item 11
ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Conoboy moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Farnsworth seconded the motion, and it passed with all Subcommittee members voting in favor. Ms. Beal thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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