Health Technology Clinical Committee Public Meeting
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Josh Morse: Good morning, Dr. Blackmore. Christine indicates nine people.

Christine Masters: Dr. McCulloch and...

Marie-Annette Brown: I am connected by telephone but can’t seem to log on. So… but I’m here. This is Marie-Annette Brown.

Craig Blackmore: So why don’t we take a quick roll call and see who is actually here.

Marie-Annette Brown: Okay.

Craig Blackmore: Anybody have a list of committee members? Josh, do you have a list or do you want me to just...

Josh Morse: We have a list on the screen. We’ll move to that here. There’s our list. Can you see that Craig?

Craig Blackmore: Yeah. So I’m present. Marie-Annette?

Marie-Annette Brown: Yes.


Carson Odegard: Yes.

Craig Blackmore: Richard?

Richard Phillips: Yes.

Craig Blackmore: Seth? Not yet. Michelle? I think she is not expected, right?

Christine Masters: That is correct.

Craig Blackmore: Michael Souter?

Michael Souter: Yep.
Craig Blackmore: Chris Standaert? Kevin?

Kevin Walsh: Yes, I’m here.

Craig Blackmore: All right. Is that six?

Josh Morse: That is six.

Craig Blackmore: Myself, Brown, Odegard, Phillips, Souter and Walsh.

Josh Morse: Yes.

Joann Elmore: And Elmore.

Craig Blackmore: And Joann is here so that’s seven. So let’s call the meeting to order.

Josh Morse: Great. Thank you. Can you see the number of attendees present?

Woman: I have five on the webinar and there are seven on the call.

Josh Morse: Seven total?

Woman: Right.

Josh Morse: Right. So good morning. Thank you for joining the meeting. If you are on the webinar you will see our agenda. I will just quickly go over what’s on the agenda for today. It is the welcome and roll call to... we have some program updates and then we have previous meeting business from the May meeting; the minutes and finding some decisions from your last two decisions. And then we will adjourn today’s meeting.

So we’ve completed the roll call. We have seven attendees. We expected nine at the moment and we can check in in a moment to see if more have joined. Program updates – I have three updates; one significant and two regarding topics that are in process. We are expecting to publish key questions, draft key questions, for two new topics today. We do not have those in your meeting materials for this meeting, but those are for the re-review of cardiac stents, which will occur in January of 2016 and the draft key questions for a technology known as Novo Cure or Optune or tumor treating eels. So those draft key questions should be coming to you likely today or Monday in an email and we can follow up with you if you have any comments individually back to the program about those drafts.

The third, and I think most significant update for today is that today is Dr. Richard Phillips last committee meeting with the Health Technology Clinical Committee, and as well Christine reminds this is the last meeting for Marie-Annette Brown. Dr. Phillips has reached the end of his term and as a... to go
back to the beginning we have... terms were established in a staggered fashion
so that original committee members would leave at different times so there
would not be a large change over or turnover in committee membership. So Dr.
Phillips last meeting will be today due to that staggering. There will be other
changes in the fall and we are currently in the recruitment process. We have
received applications and are reviewing those and the Director of the Health
Care Authority will be making a decision here in the next couple of weeks about
new community membership. This is also, as I said, Marie-Annette Brown’s last
meeting. I want to thank both Dr. Phillips and Dr. Brown for their service and
participation with the committee and I apologize that we could not be doing this
at an in-person meeting at this time. But that is the way the meeting schedule
and the terms, etc. have fallen. So with that I think I will turn it back over to
you, Craig.

Craig Blackmore: Yeah. And I just want to echo the thanks to both Richard and Marie-Annette for
their service and for the great colleagues they have been to me and to the other
members of the committee over the last several years. So thank you!

Next item on the agenda, if I can find the right hand out here, is going to be
review of the minutes from the previous meeting. I don’t have the agenda in
front of me. That’s the next item, right Josh?

Josh Morse: Yes, review of the minutes from the previous meeting, from May 15th.

Craig Blackmore: Okay. So the minutes from the May 15 meeting have been distributed to the
committee members. They have been posted for public comment and now I
would ask the committee members to review those and either provide
additional feedback if they believe there is inaccuracy or else I would accept a
motion to approve.

Marie-Annette Brown: I so move.

Craig Blackmore: And I’m sorry, who was that?

Marie-Annette Brown: Oh, I’m sorry. This is Marie-Annette.

Craig Blackmore: Thank you. Second?

Mike Souter: Second, Mike Souter.

Craig Blackmore: Okay. Thank you. And let’s have a vote and because we’re on the phone we
should do this by roll call vote. So...

Christine Masters: I can bring that up for you.

Craig Blackmore: That would be perfect.

Christine Masters: Whoa.
Woman: That’s a pretty picture.

Craig Blackmore: There it is. So voting of the members, the chair, I vote to approve. Marie-Annette?

Marie-Annette Brown: Yes.

Craig Blackmore: Joann?

Joann Elmore: Yes.

Craig Blackmore: David? Has he joined? Not yet. Carson?

Carson Odegard: Abstain.

Craig Blackmore: Richard?

Richard Phillips: Yes.

Craig Blackmore: Seth? Has he joined? Not yet. Michelle is not joining us. Michael?

Michael Souter: Yes.

Seth Schwartz: No, this is Seth. I am here and I agree.

Craig Blackmore: Okay. Thank you. Michael?

Michael Souter: Yes.

Craig Blackmore: Chris [inaudible]? Has he joined us?

Christopher Standaert: Yes. I’m here.

Craig Blackmore: Vote to approve?

Christopher Standaert: Yes.

Craig Blackmore: And Kevin?

Kevin Walsh: Yes.

Craig Blackmore: Okay. So what was that eight approved, and one abstain? Or nine approve and one abstain?

Josh Morse: Eight.
Craig Blackmore: Eight approve and one abstain is what I got. Okay. So minutes are approved. Next item on the agenda is to complete the business we began at the last meeting and that is the first imaging for rhinosinusitis. So at the last meeting we charged staff with producing a draft findings and decision document based on our discussion and based on the decision we made at that time. That document has been available for public comment, as well as for review by the committee members and I would now ask committee members if there is further discussion on this draft findings and decision or else I would accept the motion to provide final approval of the decision.

Josh Morse: And if I could interject Dr. Blackmore, there were no comments received on the rhinosinusitis draft findings and decision document.

Craig Blackmore: Thank you.

Mike Souter: This is Mike Souter. My only comment is it really the America Academy of Otolarnygology or should it be the American Academy? On the red flag at the bottom of the page.

Josh Morse: I see that typo.

Craig Blackmore: Okay. So I would ask then that a motion to approve as a mandate in the amendment as simply spelling American correctly.

Josh Morse: Thank you.

Mike Souter: So moved.

Craig Blackmore: Do I have a second?

Marie-Annette Brown: Yes.

Craig Blackmore: All right. We’ll have a vote. Again, roll call if Christine or somebody could pull up the committee. There it is? As chair I vote in favor of approval. Marie-Annette?

Marie-Annette Brown: Approved.

Craig Blackmore: Joann?

Joann Elmore: Approved.

Craig Blackmore: David? Is he not joining us?

Christine Masters: Dr. McCulloch is not.

Craig Blackmore: Okay. Carson?
Carson Odegard: Abstain.
Craig Blackmore: Richard?
Richard Phillips: Approved.
Craig Blackmore: Seth?
Seth Schwartz: Approve.
Craig Blackmore: Michelle is not joining us. Michael?
Michael Souter: Approve.
Craig Blackmore: Christopher?
Christopher Standaert: Approve.
Craig Blackmore: Kevin?
Kevin Walsh: Approve.
Craig Blackmore: Very good. So that would be eight approve and one abstain.
Josh Morse: Yes, thank you.
Craig Blackmore: So the decision is final and next item on the agenda would be our draft decision, geriatric surgery. Again, staff has been charged with producing this draft findings and decision document based on our discussion and our decision rendered at the last meeting. This has been available for public comment and has been distributed to the committee members who have had a chance to review the document and I believe, correct me Josh if I’m wrong, we received one comment from one of the manufacturers basically supporting the decision and is that the only public comment we’ve received?
Josh Morse: Yes, that is the case. Thank you.
Woman: I thought that was amazing. I’ve dealt with hosting that before, which is the industry wrote us a letter commending us on our decision.
Craig Blackmore: Any other thoughts or discussion on the draft findings and decision?
Joann Elmore: This is Joann. One question, is it okay to be vague when we say cover with at least one obesity-related comorbidity without defining them? I don’t feel strongly about it. I just wanted to find out whether that’s a problem for the state?
Josh Morse: This is Josh. My recollection is that we are... the agencies were okay with that given the understanding of the... is it a fairly defined group of obesity-related conditions?

Joann Elmore: Okay. I’m fine with it then.

Craig Blackmore: Yeah. That was my understanding from our discussion at the last meeting.

Shana Johnson: [inaudible] more details [inaudible].

Josh Morse: Dr. Johnson, I couldn’t hear her. Dr. Johnson from Medicaid had a comment.

Craig Blackmore: What was that?

Dr. Johnson: The comorbidities may become more detailed at the implementation stage for Medicaid. I can’t speak to...

Craig Blackmore: Yes. Thank you. Any other discussion? Okay. Then I would accept a motion to approve.

Man: I’ll move to approve.

Craig Blackmore: Second? All right. Roll call vote again and as chair I will vote to approve. Marie-Annette?

Marie-Annette Brown: Approve.

Craig Blackmore: Joann?

Joann Elmore: Approved.

Craig Blackmore: Carson?

Carson Odegard: Abstain.

Craig Blackmore: Richard?

Richard Phillips: Approve.

Craig Blackmore: Seth?

Seth Schwartz: Approve.

Craig Blackmore: Michelle? Oh, Michelle’s not here. Sorry. Michael?

Michael Souter: Approve.

Craig Blackmore: Christopher?
Christopher Standaert: Approve.

Craig Blackmore: Kevin?

Kevin Walsh: Approve.

Craig Blackmore: Okay. Eight approve, one abstained. So that finalizes the draft findings and decision. Is there anything else on the agenda or does that complete our work today? I don’t have the agenda up in front of me.

Christine Masters: It says HTA reviews and process.

Craig Blackmore: Right.

Josh Morse: We do not have an update for you on reviews and process in a presentation form. I will say that your next meeting is in September. Your next action meeting is in November. The topics for that meeting are moving along as the re-review for lumbar fusion and a new report for tympanostomy tubes. I provided the update on... we have draft key questions coming out for two new topics likely today, and we will be emailing you that information. Otherwise we don’t have any program updates. Are there any questions for me?

Craig Blackmore: Very good.

Josh Morse: Okay.

Craig Blackmore: Okay. Very good. Thanks to all the committee members and particularly to Richard and Marie-Annette for your great service and we are adjourned.

Josh Morse: Thank you.

Marie-Annette Brown: Thank you.

Woman: Thank you.


Man: Richard, thank you. Thank you Marie-Annette.

Woman: Thank you.