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- Melanie Golob: OK, good morning, everyone. I think we're getting a fair amount of people as people are joining and those on the health Technology Clinical Committee, I am promoting them to presenter. If you're calling in, I can turn on your mic if you are one. If you're a member of the HTC.
- Sheila Rege: Hi, thank you. This is Sheila Rege I think you just turned me on. I may have to be non-video.
- Melanie Golob: Okay perfect. OK, great. I will. Make sure you're on there. Thank you. And Dr. Rege, I think we have a quorum with you that makes 7. I believe if I've counted correctly.
- Sheila Rege: Do you want to just read out the names in case there's somebody like me who called in and is not being recognized?
- Melanie Golob: Yeah, definitely. Let me pull up the list so I can keep track. OK, alright. So on the list I see. Chris Hearne, Christoph Lee, Clint Daniels, John Bramhall, Laurie Mischley, Tony Yen and Sheila Rege, you are calling in. Is that correct? Is that everyone? Did I miss anyone?
- Josh Morse: I think that's correct, Melanie, I agree.
- Melanie Golob: OK, great. You know, just to check, I suppose we should call it out to make sure everyone can unmute themselves. So give me just a moment and I'll track that. OK. So I'll start at the top, John Bramhall if you want to just try unmuting yourself and...
- John Bramhall: Yes. Can you hear me OK?
- Melanie Golob: Yes, I can.
- John Bramhall: Good. OK, that's fine. Thank you. Good morning.
- Melanie Golob: Great. Thank you. Good morning. And next on the list I have Larry Birger. I don't believe he's called in, but I will give it just a moment. [pause] OK.
- Josh Morse: I don't see Dr. Birger on the call.

Melanie Golob: OK. And Clint Daniels?

Clint Daniels: Yes, good morning.

Melanie Golob: Great, yours works.

Josh Morse: Oh, there's Larry.

Melanie Golob: Oh OK, I'll admit him, and promote him as well. OK, great. And Dr. Birger, thanks for joining. We're just going through roll call. If you want to try unmuting yourself and just saying you are present, that'd be great.

Larry Birger: I am present. Thanks. I had to do some stuff with the app on the phone and finally got it to work.

Melanie Golob: Great. No worries. Thanks for joining. OK. And next on the list, we have Janna Friedly. [pause] OK, not here. And Chris Hearne?

Chris Hearne: Hi, good morning.

Melanie Golob: Great. Your mic works. Thank you so much.

Melanie Golob: And Connor Kleweno, I think he said he was going to be on call this morning. So he might potentially be joining intermittently I believe. Christoph Lee.

Christoph Lee: Yep, here. Good morning.

Melanie Golob: Perfect. We can hear you well. Thank you. And Laurie Mischley

Laurie Mischley: Present.

Melanie Golob: Great. Thank you. Sheila Rege.

Sheila Rege: Here.

Melanie Golob: Great. Thank you. And Mika Sinanan I believe, is not here. And last we have Tony Yen.

Tony Yen: Good morning.

Melanie Golob: Great. Thank you so much. [pause] Alright, I think that's everyone. And we do have a quorum with eight, eight members present.

Josh Morse: We do and you should be seeing the agenda on screen today.

Melanie Golob: Perfect. Yes, thank you.

Sheila Rege: Uh, I was muted myself. Sorry, this is Sheila. I really, I'm going to try and keep this short because we are just going to have a very limited time.

Melanie Golob: Great.

Sheila Rege: And. Uh, I'm actually going to turn it over to Josh. If we see anybody coming on. If you want to just admit them in and let us know as we go on, because I think Dr. Sinanan and Dr. Friedly may join, admit them as time permits. Go ahead, Josh.

- Josh Morse: OK, so we have a brief meeting today scheduled to go over the previous meeting business from March 18th. That will include looking at the minutes and voting if those minutes are correct, to accept those minutes and then we will look at the previous determination that is the draft decision on acupuncture for headache. Then we don't have a currently scheduled next meeting. I'll just do the updates and any follow-ups here, we will have a retreat scheduled in the fall. We have September 16th currently blocked out, have not set that up yet with an agenda. And you hopefully have a hold on your calendars, but we'll be making sure that, that's there and we have another topic in process right now, Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation, we do not have information on the web yet, because we're only in the earliest phases of that development, that will likely be scheduled for January of 2023 or March, and those are the updates. So we can move into the minutes now.
- Sheila Rege: Thank you and let me know when you pull that up and we would need to approve the minutes.
- Josh Morse: And are you seeing that on the screen now?
- Sheila Rege: And I would take them. I'm on phone only, so I'm going to rely on somebody else.
- Josh Morse: Yes?
- Melanie Golob: Yes, we can see it. Thanks Josh.
- Josh Morse: OK. Thanks Melanie and I'll turn it over to you, Melanie, for the view in the vote here.
- Melanie Golob: OK, great. So I think before what we did was use the raise hand function. So we can see a number of how many people voted. On the phone, Dr. Rege, I think you will use star 6 if I have not forgotten. [pause] OK. Oh good. You know how to use the raise hand function. Perfect. Thank you so much. So if you want to practice lowering your hands and then.
- Sheila Rege: I'm good. I'm sorry.
- Melanie Golob: We'll go ahead and take the votes on meeting minutes or actually we need to have a motion.
- Sheila Rege: We need a motion to approve the minutes and I'm actually looking at it online, so if somebody else could make a motion, if you can visualize it there.
- Christoph I Lee: I moved to approve the minutes.
- Laurie Mischley: This is Laurie a second.
- Melanie Golob: OK.
- Sheila Rege: Everyone in favor, please raise your hand.

- Melanie Golob: OK, I have all eight in favor. Thank you. You can go ahead and lower your hands.
- Sheila Rege: And now if we could project the previous determination from our March 18th meeting.
- Josh Morse: So we received zero comments on the draft findings and decisions, it was published after the meeting in March for two weeks.
- Sheila Rege: So unless there is any discussion by committee members, we would be looking for, Josh, help me out here. A vote for final approval of coverage decision.
- Josh Morse: Correct.
- Sheila Rege: If you want to see, if you want to elaborate on the process, do we just take a motion for that?
- Josh Morse: So yes, it's similar to the minutes. If we have a motion and a second, we can vote on these, that this is the next step following the comment period, we look for public comments about the evidence we did not receive any comments. We looked to see if the proposed findings and decision document conveys the intended coverage determination. Based on your review and your decision at the last meeting. Here is the determination, as in the format. Sure, I get the top there.
- Sheila Rege: Okay, so once we vote, our draft determination will be final. So I will take a motion for approval.
- Josh Morse: Right. And just to note: chronic tension type headache was included in the review. The review looked to see if there was new evidence to impact this. It's documented in the report, so you had voted to not cover chronic tension type headache. Based on that lack of new information. And then you did update the policy here for chronic migraine based on the new information that was available in that report. Sorry to interrupt you, Dr. Rege.
- Sheila Rege: Thank you. No, that's good. So acupuncture is not covered for chronic tension type headache or chronic daily headache. With the non-covered indicators, but everybody in favor of the draft determination for coverage for chronic migraine with conditions and also what Josh said.
- Josh Morse: Right. Did we get a motion?
- Sheila Rege: And on the non-coverage.
- Larry Birger: So moved.
- Tony Yen: Tony Yen, second.
- Josh Morse: Dr. Birger. Thank you.
- John Bramhall: Yeah, second.

- Sheila Rege: Any discussion? If not, then we will take a vote and tell us how we want to do that.
- Melanie Golob: OK, I think people are already doing it. So go ahead and just raise your hand if you're in favor of approving the coverage determination as written. And I will note one abstaining, Chris Hearne. Thank you. And I see 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 in favor, so that accounts for all eight. So we don't need to see if anyone is opposed. So thank you so much. You can go ahead and lower your hands.
- Sheila Rege: I think, uh, that concludes the business items. Josh, would you like to review again? In case somebody from the public joined late, when the next meeting would be for this committee.
- Josh Morse: Sure. So we're scheduled to have a retreat for the committee in September of this year. That would be the third Friday, September 16th is our typical time. Sometimes we move that date depending on schedules, but right now we are targeting that date for a retreat. So more information is to come on that. We have one new topic in process right now, Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation is under review. We'll be updating the website soon with the information about that, part of that is a review and part of that, actually that is a new condition for Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation that were not previously reviewed. It was originally reviewed for Treatment Resistant Depression. There are many other indications for it now that are under consideration for that review. Uh, we likely have another review coming up here, just in the final phases of seeking approval to select another topic for review. More information to come on that soon. There was some legislative change this session related to the Open Public Meetings Act as we kind of find our way outside of the public health emergency, which is still in effect. There were some changes about meetings and forums for meetings, public meetings, things and whether we'll be meeting electronically like this virtually or in person, don't have perfect clarity on that. But our agency is working on that policy. So we'll certainly make you aware of that as soon as we can, whether we'll be meeting in public meeting virtually 100% or doing a hybrid. So we're actively working on that. And those are I think the complete updates for our program right now, unless Melanie, you have anything additional to add.
- Melanie Golob: I think that's everything, you summed it up well. Thanks Josh.
- Josh Morse: Thank you. Any questions about our plans? OK, then.
- Sheila Rege: If not, then I will take a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Tony Yen: So moved.
- Clint Daniels: Second.

Sheila Rege: Uh, anybody who does not want to adjourn? You got 10 seconds to raise your hand. [pause] OK.

Josh Morse: Thank you everyone.

Sheila Rege: Thank you, everybody. Bye, bye now.

Tony Yen: Have a good weekend.

John Bramhall: Thank you. Thank you. Bye, bye.

Christoph Lee: It's very.

Melanie Golob: Thank you.

Clint Daniels: Like.

Larry Birger: Bye everybody.