

**Washington State Health Technology Clinical Committee Meeting**  
Previous Business Review

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Sheila Rege	Hi, everybody.
Val Hamann	Josh, you're on mute.
Sheila Rege	I can, everybody hear me?
Josh Morse	We have a quorum.
Sheila Rege	Oh! Perfect!
Josh Morse	Do we wanna do a roll call?
Val Hamann	Yes. John Bramhall.
John Bramhall	I'm here. Hi, guys, thank you.
Val Hamann	Clint Daniels.
Clint Daniels	Present.
Val Hamann	Janna Friedly
Janna Friedly	Present.
Val Hamann	Chris Hearne. Conor Kleweno. Christoph Lee.
Christoph Lee	Present.
Val Hamann	Laurie Mischley.

Laurie Mischley Present.

Val Hamann Sheila Rege.

Sheila Rege Present.

Val Hamann Jonathan Sham.

Jonathan G. Sham Present.

Val Hamann Tony Yen.

Tony Yen Here.

Val Hamann So we have 8 today.

Josh Morse Great. We'll just quickly do our background, abbreviated background. So we will create a transcript from today's meeting. We've disabled the chat and we're not using the hand function today. The purpose of the program, as you know, is to ensure that the medical treatments and services that are paid for with state healthcare dollars, and proven to work. We, as a program, provide resources for the state agencies that purchase healthcare. And through this process we develop scientific evidence based reports on the devices and tests that are reviewed by this committee, the HTCC, and our team supports the HTCC to make determinations for the selected medical devices and procedures. So our agenda today is to clean up the work that's been done in the past 2 months. We'll 1st do the review and approve the minutes from last month's meeting. We'll then go over the bariatric draft findings decisions. There were no comments on the revision that was made to this, and then we'll look at the whole genome sequencing draft findings and decisions. And there are 3 comments to consider for that, and we'll hopefully get to a final vote for both of those and then this meeting will be concluded. And we'll of course publish the approved documents after this, including the final determinations. Our next scheduled meeting is September to review chondral defects, there is a draft report out for that right now. And following that, we have a meeting in November for a review, an update of con, vertebroplasty, kyphoplasty, and sacroplasty. And the draft report, for that is not out yet but the final key questions are published, and we are planning to hold an in person retreat in January. And of course, here's the contact information for me, and if you have any questions for me about this, please let me know. Sheila, should we move to the.

Sheila Rege Yeah. Let's move to the meeting minutes. If you can project that. Thank you everybody for coming in on Friday afternoon. I know it's, it's tough to. You know, allocate time for 1 hour meeting. And I will take a motion to approve the minutes from the June meeting.

Christoph Lee I move to approve the minutes.

Janna Friedly And second.

Laurie Mischley This is Laurie. I second it.

Sheila Rege Thank you. Let us know, do you just want a raise of hands, or do you want a formal vote on this?

Val Hamann We do have this queued up ready to go in Point Solutions. So if you want to just jump into ttpoll, that session ID was provided to you so you have that. Again, please don't share. And then I will.

Sheila Rege A good test anyway.

Val Hamann Yeah. Yep, and then I'll launch that when I see the 8 connections in there. Right now. I have 2.

Laurie Mischley It should just say previous business?

Val Hamann Yes. Okay, we have 8 connections. And that poll is open now.

Sheila Rege Go ahead and vote.

Val Hamann And we have 8 to confirm that those are approved.

Josh Morse Great. Thank you.

Sheila Rege We can move on, Josh, to the bariatric surgery topic.

Josh Morse Sounds good, so we had a second public comment period on the bariatric surgery, draft findings and decision. There was a phrase that was left off of the original draft. That public comment period went for 15 days. We received no additional comments on this decision. The highlight is the piece that was originally missed that limits the coverage of bariatric surgery for adolescents to these procedures to sleeve gastrectomy and Roux-en-Y gastric bypass. So again, no comments were received on the addition, which is we were specific about asking for any comments on that change. So the question now is to you, as far as approving this as the final decision for bariatric surgery. And I think Val has a voting screen for that.

Val Hamann Yes, that question is launched.

Josh Morse Can you project that, Val? And I'll stop my share.

Val Hamann Yep. Okay, so we have 8 that approved that as written.

- Josh Morse                      Great. So the bariatric surgery decision is final. Thank you everyone for your attention and work on that. And think we can move on to the whole genome sequencing. And I will.
- Sheila Rege                      Sounds good.
- Josh Morse                      Go back and share the screen. So whole genome sequencing was reviewed at the public meeting in June. It also had a comment period here in June, crossing into July for 2 weeks. We did receive comments on this. Those, there are 3 comments and they are in your packets. You can see who submitted the comments here. And we do have the comments right here in the packet. And we're happy to provide any, any answers to questions, if you have any questions about this. Or I can go through each comment individually, so just let me know your preference.
- Sheila Rege                      We should have read the comments that was provided. Does anybody feel that further discussion is needed? And if you would project. If. If people are comfortable, then we'll stay with what we had originally put together as our covered with conditions language. I did not see that any evidence was overlooked being brought up. Any other opinions?
- John Bramhall                      The, Sheila, these come out of the formal record of the whole case for the HTCC. Is that right? So that they can be seen later on, historically these comments they become part of the record?
- Josh Morse                      Yes.
- Sheila Rege                      Correct.
- John Bramhall                      Got it.
- Josh Morse                      They're part of the record now. And yeah, and they will be.
- Sheila Rege                      One, for example, said not using a medical geneticist that seems a little would be a little bit of an outlier given how specific this is. And the other 2 would just it sounded we could, we could go back to our notes and look at it. But you know, looking for discussion on whether anybody feels strongly, or should we just keep the language we work so hard to create. Any thoughts or should we move to voting? I'm looking at faces, and I'm not seeing much.
- Tony Yen                      I'm okay with voting.
- Sheila Rege                      Okay.
- Janna Friedly                      Yeah, I'm okay with voting.

John Bramhall Same here.

Sheila Rege Let's go ahead and vote then.

Val Hamann So we have 8 that approve the whole genome sequencing as written.

Josh Morse Great. Thank you.

Sheila Rege Josh, was there any other business?

Josh Morse There is not. So I think we are ready to adjourn unless you have any questions.

Sheila Rege Any questions, otherwise I'll take a motion to adjourn.

Janna Friedly So moved.

Sheila Rege Okay.

Tony Yen Second.

Sheila Rege Great. Thank you very much. We will see you.

John Bramhall Awesome meeting.

Sheila Rege In September.

John Bramhall Thank you.

Sheila Rege Bye.

Tony Yen Okay. Bye.

Josh Morse Thank you all so much for your time today. Bye.