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KIDNEY DISEASE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (KDAC)

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 9, 2026

Time: 1:30 PM - Adjournment

Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES:

Members Present:

Dr. Krista Schonrock, Chair
Dr. Larry Lehrner
Rayleen Earney

Members not Present:

Beth Britton
Katrina Russell

Others Present:

Rory Fuller, DPBH CDPHP, Meeting Staff
Amber Hise, CDPHP Section Manager
Anais Infante, CDPHP
Michelle Harden, CDPHP
Darlene Douthitt, CDPHP
Godwin Nwando, CDPHP
Yanyan Qiu, CDPHP
Lori Taylor, CDPHP

Tammera Brower, DPBH
Anakaren Lamas, CDPHP
Dillon Winkelman, CDPHP
Imran William, CDPHP
Troy Lovick, CDPHP
Oscar Fernandez, CDPHP
Vickie Ives, CFCW, DPBH

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Rory Fuller called the roll and confirmed quorum; three (3) members present and two (2) absent.

2. Public Comment: First public comment period

No public comments were made during this period. Dr. Krista Schonrock closed the public comment period.

3. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to approve the meeting minutes from January 8, 2026.

Rayleen Earney moved to approve the January 8, 2026, minutes, seconded by Dr. Larry Lehrner. Motion passed unanimously.

4. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to review and approve applications to the KDAC committee.

Dr. Krista Schonrock asked Michelle Harden to share information about new or existing applicants of the Kidney Disease Advisory Committee (KDAC).

Michelle Harden responded that Dr. George Jarad had applied, and his acceptance letter and orientation packet were routing through the approvals process. She anticipates Dr. Jarad's appointment to the committee will be finalized by the next quarterly meeting.

Michelle Harden encouraged anyone who is interested to inquire with herself, Rory Fuller, or Amber Hise. Agenda Items:

5. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to add grant funding as a standing agenda item.

Dr. Larry Lehrner asked the committee if there was advantage to having a standing item rather than only having applied to the agenda after information is found.

Michelle Harden responded that with a standing agenda item, suggestions for funding may be brought up without formal inclusion within the KDAC meeting packet.

Rayleen Earney noted there were no federal funding opportunities, and each committee member of the KDAC has knowledge and expertise in other areas beside federal grants. There was also a request for information made to Rayleen Earney by a Nevada state affiliate about the funding opportunities that appeared in the April 9 meeting agenda. She noted that the state affiliates with whom she spoke were not on the call.

Rayleen Earney moved to include adding grant funding as a standing agenda item. Dr. Lehrner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. For Discussion and possible action: Grant funding opportunities and updates. The Committee will discuss grant funding opportunities relevant to kidney disease activities, including ongoing and new initiatives, and may take action to identify next steps, assign tasks, or recommend potential partners. Continued discussion on non-traditional or non-federal grant avenues including:

- Novo Nordisk Corporate Giving: Specific Health Awareness Campaigns
 - https://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/ao_survey.form?x_gm_id=8712&x_section_id=1687380&x_quiz_survey_id=76602
- Lions International Foundation Diabetes Grants
 - https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_oNZgWkdyvg88.jpg.pdf?v=1
- Eli Lilly Grants
 - <https://grantoffice.lilly.com/areas-of-focus>
 - [FAQ | Independent Healthcare Grants | Lilly Grant Office](#)
- Abbott's Commitment to People Living with Diabetes
 - <https://www.diabetescare.abbott/purpose/our-promise.html>
- Other grant funding ideas or updates

Rayleen Earney informed the committee primarily of the Novo Nordisk grant. The Novo Nordisk grant would focus on diabetes or related diseases. Kidney disease would be considered a related disease. Related campaigns, activities, and community events may qualify for an estimated grant allotment of \$100,000.

Rayleen Earney relates her experience as a previous member of the Lions Club which included community events such as foot and vision screenings. The Eli Lilly grant and the Abbott's grant appeared to be similarly structured as the Novo Nordisk grant.

Rayleen Earney noted that agencies may not have the capacity to run campaigns or activities themselves, but they could identify key partners to execute initiative and economize any grant awarded.

Dr. Krista Schonrock confirmed through experience the Abbott's grant is like the Novo Nordisk grant. She agreed that the Abbott's grant would focus on diabetes, but kidney disease may qualify because it is a complication of diabetes. She has had difficulties connecting with their community partners but would keep trying through other resources.

Rayleen Earney may have contacts within the Lions International Foundation that she would share with the committee. As an aside, she mentioned that Katrina Seipp-Lewington from CoMagine Health had expressed interest in joining the KDAC.

Michelle Harden recognized that funding specifically for kidney disease is limited. She named Darlene Douthitt, Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion's (CDPHP) diabetes coordinator, and Troy Lovick, CDPHP's cardiovascular coordinator as resources for how CDPHP might be able to fit kidney disease programming into the section's work. She asked the committee what their vision was for applying and receiving private funded grants.

Dr. Krista Schonrock suggests continued collaboration with cardiovascular disease and diabetes with kidney disease as a supporting factor.

Godwin Nwando expressed interest in being introduced to contacts within the Lions Foundation and funding from the Lions Foundation and Novo Nordisk would be useful especially within the diabetes program. Building a program on diabetes screenings such as the ones Rayleen Earney experienced

would be of interest to Godwin Nwando. He indicated that staff or community partners may be able to execute these screenings.

Troy Lovick indicated that within the cardiovascular disease program, awarded grants are asking for focus to be placed on diagnosing and controlling high blood pressure. Although high blood pressure is the leading cause of kidney disease, he indicates that there is a need for funding, but the workforce is available for immediate action if funding were to become available.

Rayleen Earney named creating tailored flyers, social media campaigns, and attendance of community events as possible ways to meet grant deliverables.

Troy Lovick suggested a collaboration between the KDAC and the Cardiovascular Learning Collaborative to explore opportunities with the American Heart Association.

Dr. Krista Schonrock asked to confirm that what was suggested was partnering with the cardiovascular program, the diabetes program, and the community health.

Godwin Nwando responded in the affirmative. Staff will investigate Novo Nordisk and Lions International Foundation and report back with findings at the next scheduled meeting. Staff will also provide opportunities for the KDAC to collaborate with the Cardiovascular Learning Collaborative. He mentioned working with Ms. Seipp-Lewington of CoMagine Health directly, in the case of the cardiovascular program, and indirectly, in the case of the diabetes program, and would be interested to see her become involved with the KDAC.

Rayleen Earney reached out to Ms. Seipp-Lewington but did not know where or how communication was lost. She offered to reach out again and request her curriculum vitae for meeting review.

Dr. Krista Schonrock surmised that a plan had been formed and asked if the plan was enough or if a vote needed to be held.

Michelle Harden advised a vote would be proper procedure.

Rayleen Earney noted not all funding sources provided were talked about equally. She asked if the sources that were not touched on with detail would still be explored.

Michelle Harden asked if the KDAC's intention was for CDPHP to gather information or to gather information and apply to grants. She sought clarification on what would be expected of staff for the new grant funding opportunities standing agenda item.

Godwin Nwando offered to provide investigation updates during the agenda item.

Dr. Krista Schonrock requested the following be noted when providing updates on grants: details on the grant, whether there is a financial match, and how it would connect to ongoing activities. She would like to see four or five grants in detail.

Michelle Harden suggested that staff focus on identifying if a grant is a good fit. Exploration may benefit more than just CDPHP. She asked if the KDAC would prefer CDPHP to take immediate action to apply for grants if it is feasible to do so or if CDPHP would gather the information to present to the KDAC.

Vickie Ives advised that without following the proper channels and guidelines, CDPHP could not apply or bring in funds for the KDAC. She suggested that staff may collect information to present to the committee.

Dr. Krista Schonrock requested that staff take as much action as is allowable under official guidance.

Rayleen Earney moved to allow staff to investigate the grants that would be a good fit for program alignment and to take as much action as is allowable under official guidance. Dr. Krista Schonrock seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Public Comment: Second public comment period

No public comment was made during this period.

8. Adjournment:

Rayleen Earney moved to end the meeting. Dr. Krista Schonrock seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The KDAC meeting ended at 2:22 PM.

Next meeting:

July 9, 2026

1:30 PM – Adjournment

Location: Virtual via Teams

Quarterly meeting

Minutes prepared by Barbara Bessol using the following reference.

Robert, H. (2020). *Robert's rules of order: Newly revised (12th ed.)*. Da Capo Press.

Nevada Revised Statutes. *Open Meeting Law (NRS 241)*.