

**CGH MEDICAL CENTER**  
**Physician Services Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 9, 2022**

**Call to order**

Dr. Matthew Cutter called to order the meeting of the Physician Services Council at 7:00 a.m. The following members were present: Dr. Mir Alikhan, Dr. Ashlea Canady, Dr. Thomas King, Shane Brown, Concha Sitter, Jackie Greve, and Virginia Heal. Others present were: Dr. William Bird, Randy Davis, Dr. Paul Steinke, and Dena Wheeler.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting of January 12 were unanimously approved.

**Unfinished business**

**A. Recruitment update**

A Dermatology PA candidate visited last week, and will not be offered a contract. Kip is hoping to schedule another Dermatology PA candidate visit next month. He is also close to scheduling 1-2 General Surgery physician candidate visits in the next couple months.

**New business**

**A. CEO update**

We are starting to see dramatic drops in Covid numbers. CGH is still following IDPH masking guidelines, and working to clarify further.

The budget for next fiscal year is being projected to show a loss, due to the pandemic. It is hopeful to rebuild financially, but there are still challenges being addressed. Dr. Steinke welcomes any requests for more information.

**B. CMO Update**

A teleneurology contract was signed last week to provide coverage when Dr. Joseph is unavailable as POC at the hospital (20 days per month). A teleneurologist will also see patients in the office 1 half-day every other week to start, with a goal of 1 half-day Monday-Friday to decrease the appointment wait time to two weeks. They will see patients for whom a physical exam is not needed. Dr. Bird has a kickoff meeting today with the company, and will start the implementation process soon, including privilege credentialing and healthplan credentialing. He will provide information as this progresses.

**C. Community works update**

Kevin Harshman and Ashley Roux are starting to build things, likely to start in primary care. They will schedule meetings with providers to discuss everything they need. It is very important for providers to make time to meet with them when requested.

**D. Clinic operations updates**

Dr. King was appointed by the Board to replace Dr. McGlone's position in this group, so an additional member needs to be elected. Shane will send more information to physicians. The following updates regarding Covid restrictions are effective March 14:

- There will no longer be screeners at clinic and hospital patient entrances. Signage will still exist with instructions, including to wear a mask.
- All entrances of the hospital will be reopened.
- Hospital waiting rooms will be reopened.

- Students will be allowed to shadow again, with required Covid vaccination.
- There are no changes for drug reps at this time. They are still only allowed to leave drugs, and not access the break rooms.
- Clinic patients still have the option to wait in their cars until called back for appointments.

The following updates to guidelines for PCPs seeing patients are effective immediately:

- If patient has tested Covid positive in the last 90 days, and has Covid-like symptoms, he/she can schedule with PCP.
- If patient has had booster in last 60 days, and has Covid-like symptoms, he/she can schedule with PCP.
- If 10 days after onset of symptoms, patient can schedule with PCP.
- If patient has negative PCR test, with Covid-like symptoms, he/she can be scheduled with PCP. Negative at-home antigen tests are not accepted.
- If patient has no negative test, with Covid-like symptoms, he/she still needs to contact Ready Care or test negative (PCR) before scheduled with PCP.

Covid tests are still required 72 hours prior to procedures, until instructed differently by IDPH.

Unvaccinated employees are still required to test weekly.

**ACTION:** Dr. Bird and Shane will send updated guidelines to all providers.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Dena Wheeler, Physician Services Assistant

Minutes approved by: Matthew Cutter, O.D.