

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
WADSWORTH CENTER
ALBANY, NY

COUNCIL ON HUMAN BLOOD AND TRANSFUSION ON SERVICES

Friday, January 27, 2023

MINUTES

Members Present: Rachel Elder, M.D.
Timothy Hilbert, M.D.
David Huskie, R.N.
Jessica Jacobson, M.D.
Beverly Rauch, Commissioner's Designee
Amy Schmidt, M.D.

Members Absent: Philip McCarthy, MD (excused)

DOH Staff Present: Maribeth Dooley
Matthew Kohn, Ph.D.
Alexa Nagy, J.D (via Webex)
Jason Riegert, J.D. (via Webex)

Members of the Public:
(via Webex) Barrett, Keosha
Battle, Michele
Brinser, Roger
Cherny, Nelli
Dalheim, Amy
Espinoza, Ruth
Horan, Gina
Jett, Betsy
Joyce, Christina
Locher, Maria
Magalhaes, Marcela
McCaffrey, Alissa
Melendez, Dannielle
O'Rourke, Mark
Pratt, Heather
Richards, KeriAnne
Rothwangl, Katharina
Seywerd, Adele
Speir, Bill
Sullivan, Gracemarie
Ustin, Mark
Bridges, James

Meeting Called to Order

Dr. Hilbert called the meeting to order at 9:30 and welcomed the participants. Council members introduced themselves, DOH staff introduced themselves and Dr. Kohn identified the

additional registered observers. Dr. Hilbert welcomed Drs. Jacobson and Schmidt to their first meeting as Council members. Council members attended from three publicly accessible sites in New York City, Albany and Syracuse. All members of the public attended virtually via Webex.

Approval of Minutes of June 1, 2022 meeting

Dr. Hilbert requested discussion of the minutes of the June 1, 2022, Council meeting, and as there was none, requested a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Elder motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Mr. Huskie seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion and Repeal of 10 NYCRR Subpart 58-2.14

Ms. Rauch described recently approved legislation that established a new registration process for source plasma donation centers, beginning in June of 2022. Under the new law, such facilities are no longer defined as blood banks requiring a permit under section 574 of Public Health Law, thus rendering 10 NYCRR section 58-2.14 obsolete. The Council previously proposed repealing section 58-2.14 in June of 2022. No public comments were received in response.

Dr. Hilbert invited questions from members and a brief discussion followed. Dr. Hilbert then asked for a motion to repeal 10 NYCRR Part 58-2.14. Dr. Jacobson motioned for approval and Dr. Elder seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion of Proposed Bylaws

Ms. Rauch presented the proposed bylaws, which were distributed to Council members in advance of the meeting, and Dr. Hilbert invited discussion. Dr. Elder proposed minor amendments that were discussed amongst the members, including amending the Purpose of the Council in section I.3, specifying a timeline following a meeting for distribution of draft minutes to the membership, and additional word choice edits. Dr. Hilbert asked for a motion to approve the bylaws as modified. Dr. Elder motioned for approval and Dr. Jacobson seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment

Dr. Kohn invited public comments or questions, but with no members of the public in attendance at the three in-person sites, there were none.

Adjournment

At Dr. Hilbert's request, Dr. Jacobson motioned to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Dr. Elder, and following a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.