

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
WADSWORTH CENTER
ALBANY, NY

COUNCIL ON HUMAN BLOOD AND TRANSFUSION ON SERVICES

Friday, May 21, 2021
(by Webex Video Call)

MINUTES

Members Present: Joseph Chiofolo, D.O.
Rachel Elder, M.D.
Timothy Hilbert, M.D.
David Huskie, R.N.
Phillip McCarthy, M.D.
Beverly Rauch, Commissioner's Designee

DOH Staff Present: Andrea Garavelli
Matthew Kohn, Ph.D.
Jason Riegert, J.D.
Derek Symula, Ph.D.

Members of the Public: Battle, Michele
Bridges, James
Cherny, Nelli
Clifford, Karen
Dalheim, Amy
Driscoll, Christine
Espinoza, Ruth
Farallo, Marianne
Frei, Cristin
Ganorkar, Chaaya
Jacobson, Jessica
Jett, Betsy
Linden, Jeanne
Locher, Maria
O'Rourke, Mark
Quinley, Eva
Schmidt, Amy
Spier, Bill
Ustin, Mark
Vandervort, Margaret
Vandervort, Todd
White, Karla

Meeting Called to Order

Dr. Chiofolo called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and welcomed the participants. Council members introduced themselves, DOH staff introduced themselves and Dr. Kohn identified the additional registered observers.

Approval of Minutes of March 31, 2021 meeting

Dr. Chiofolo requested discussion of the minutes of the March 31, 2021, Council meeting, and as there was none, requested a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Elder motioned to approve them as presented, Mr. Huskie seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Proposed Changes to Regulations

Dr. Symula provided a recap of the proposed permanent changes to Part 58-2.14 and 58-2.15, the addition of the new 58-2.28, and a history of the preceding emergency regulations. Dr. Symula then summarized the public comments in response to the more recently proposed permanent changes, and the Department's response. No further changes to the permanent regulation were proposed based on the comments. Dr. Chiofolo invited questions and discussion from the members. Dr. Hilbert asked for clarification on informed consent processes and Dr. Kohn confirmed language was marked for deletion.

Dr. Chiofolo asked for a motion to approve the proposed permanent regulation as presented. Dr. Elder motioned for approval and Dr. Hilbert seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Updated to Blood Services Guidelines

Dr. Chiofolo informed the Council that he would be convening workgroups to update the Blood Services Guidelines and that he would be reaching out to members of the Council and the transfusion services community to participate, with resulting guidelines to be discussed at future Council meetings

Public Comment

Ms. Rauch invited public comments or questions. No public comments were offered.

Dr. Elder requested information about ambulance transfusion services, Ms. Rauch indicated there is currently a process in place, although it is currently being updated.

Adjournment

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