

# **Physician Practice Workgroup Meeting Minutes**

November 10, 2022

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
November 10, 2022	5:00 p.m 6:30 p.m.	Webinar and Conference Call

**Participant Name and Attendance** 

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Physician Practice Workgroup Members							
Rod Acosta	X	Lou Fiorillo		Atique Mirza			
Jean Ahn	Χ	Khuram Ghumman		Robin Gail Oshman	X		
Rich Almada	Χ	Richard Goldstein	X	Theresa Riordan			
Marjorie Breen	Χ	Chris Hyers	X	Robert Russo			
Ronald Ciesones	X	Dinesh Kapur	X	Michael Steinmetz			
Jeff Cohen		Alan Kaye	X	Lisa Trumble	X		
Alan Coker		Steven Lazarus	X				
Cara Passaro	Χ	Leland McKenna	X				
Others Present							
Members Absent							
Jeff Cohen		Khuram Ghumman		Robert Russo	·		
Alan Coker		Atique Mirza		Michael Steinmetz			
Lou Fiorillo		Theresa Riordan					
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	Agenda	Responsible Person(s)			
1	Call to order and motion to open meeting	Steven Lazarus			
	The November special meeting of the Physician Practice Workgroup was held on Thursday,				
	November 10, 2022, via Zoom. The meeting convened at 5:00 p.m. Steven Lazarus presiding.				
	Attendance taken by roll call by Ron Ciesones. Steven then welcomed everyone and asked for				
	a motion to open the meeting. Rod Acosta made a motion to start the meeting and a second				
	motion was followed by Marjorie Breen. The meeting was officially opened.				
2	Approval of the October 13, 2022, Meeting Minutes	Steven Lazarus			
	Approval of the November 3, 2022, Meeting Minutes				
	Steven Lazarus asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the October 13, 2022				
	regular meeting, and November 3, 2022 special meeting. Marjorie Breen made a motion to				
	approve the minutes and a second motion was followed by Lisa Trumble. The minutes from				
	both meetings were officially approved (with a change to Cara Passaro from Nicole Demers).				
3	Public Comment	Steven Lazarus			
	There was no public comment				
4	Presentations	OHS			



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Ron Ciesones, an analyst within OHS, provided financial data to the workgroup that OHS collects each year.

Below are some of the items presented to the group:

- Medical group statement of operation amounts from health system audited financial statements which show yearly losses from medical groups.
- Stand-alone audited financial statements are not put together for the medical groups.
- The financial data Hospital Reporting System report 6 which shows transfers between affiliated hospitals and medical groups.
- The data in Report 6 can't be traced back to the audited financial statements.

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A discussion related to the data in the presentation took place between members of the workgroup related to medical group finances and restrictive covenants. For more information, see the meeting recording link on the November 10, 2022, Physician Practice Workgroup page noted above.

Steven Lazarus thanked everyone for their comments.

### 5 Next steps for the workgroup

#### **Steven Lazarus**

The group decided that the preliminary list of topics provided to the group are the topics that Steven and Ron will be focusing on when drafting the report. They will provide a document for group members to complete with suggestions in the coming days.

Steven indicated that he and Ron have begun drafting the workgroup's report based on feedback received from the workgroup members and the hope is that a final draft will be provided to everyone prior to the next meeting.

If need be, the group may have a special meeting on December 15, 2022, to accomplish the goal of finishing the report on time. We are still seeking volunteers to speak on the findings at the January Health Care Cabinet meeting.

#### 6 Adjourn

#### **Steven Lazarus**

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marjorie Breen and a second motion was made by Rod Acosta. The motion passed with no one abstaining and the meeting was officially closed. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.