

1 recorded for the benefit of the secretary and would be deleted following final approval. Chairman
2 McLaughlin then asked for comments and edits to the March 3, 2016 meeting minutes. There being no
3 changes, it was put to a vote.

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5 Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

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7 VOTED: To approve the May 3, 2016 Council meeting minutes.

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9 DHSS Updates

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11 Matt Bobo updated the Council on the Plan of Operation (PO), regulations process, audit, and pharmacy
12 participation. After discussing the potential definitions and implications of the term “resident” for the PO,
13 DHSS and KV decided to remove the definition to allow for more simplicity and include the following in
14 Section 119 of the regulations:

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16 “‘State resident’ means an individual who has resided in the state for a minimum of 30 days
17 and who intends to make the state a permanent place of abode; the determination of intent
18 will include consideration of the individual’s mailing address, where the individual owns
19 property, if any, where the individual’s vehicles are registered, and whether the individual
20 works for an Alaska employer.”

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22 The Council agreed to the definition change and its placement. Mr. Bobo continued with the updates. He
23 noted that DHSS and KV met with the auditor in the beginning of June to discuss the contract language and
24 deliverables. The audit is on schedule and progressing smoothly. Mr. Bobo then addressed potential
25 pharmacy participation in the Alaska Vaccine Assessment Program (AVAP). He stated that the main
26 reasons pharmacies do not currently participate is because storage and handling requirements for
27 pharmacies differ from provider offices and there has been little interest from pharmacies since the Program
28 began.

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30 KV Updates

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32 Ms. Walter reviewed the ED report and informed the Council that, in addition to the annual report, FAQs
33 have been added to the provider page of the AVAP website to clarify provider opt in and procedures. The
34 provider invoices have been prepared and both KV and DHSS are confident that the new billing process
35 will simplify the process for providers. Ms. Walter explained that instead of being billed quarterly,
36 providers who have opted in will receive an annual invoice.

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38 **TRICARE**

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40 Ms. Walter then gave a brief update on TRICARE efforts. KV continues to work with D.C. government
41 affairs and law firm, Crowell & Moring (C&M) to legislatively mandate TRICARE’s participation in
42 universal vaccine purchase (UVP) states. To emphasize the importance of this issue, C&M and KV prepared
43 a governors’ letter addressed to the Senate and House leadership and the chairmen and ranking members
44 of both the Senate and House Armed Services Committees explaining the issue, cost savings, and why UVP
45 programs are beneficial to TRICARE. Thanks to C&M’s hard work, four governors, including Governor
46 Bill Walker, signed the letter. CGCN, the public relations firm that has been engaged by New Hampshire,
47 will publish the letter in Hill publications. KV is meeting with TRICARE General Counsel and the

1 Department of Defense’s legislative affairs office on June 24th and hopes to work together to resolve this
2 issue.

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4 Annual Report

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6 Ms. Walter then directed the Council to the 2015-16 draft of the Annual Report in the packet and noted that
7 the report is in near-final format. KV asked that the Council approve the draft and send any edits or
8 comments to Ms. Walter, Mr. Bobo, and Chairman McLaughlin by Monday, June 20th.

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10 Upon motion duly made by Fred Brown and seconded by Sarah Bailey, it was unanimously

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12 VOTED: To approve the 2015/16 Annual Report.

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14 2017 Opt out

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16 Following the Council meeting in May, DHSS and KV had lengthy discussions regarding stakeholder
17 communications and determined that, in light of the maturity of AVAP, concern for payer equitability, and
18 demonstrated cost savings, the 2017 opt out form should be revised to require that opt outs submit a
19 description of that entity’s plan for providing vaccine access independent of state-supplied vaccine. DHSS
20 will then review their strategies and determine the best course of action.

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22 Closing

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24 There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.