



Vision

The North Dakota Hospital Association will take an active leadership role in major Healthcare issues.

Mission

The North Dakota Hospital Association exists to advance the health status of persons served by the membership.

North Dakota Hospital Association Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes September 3, 2020

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Dakota Hospital Association (NDHA) was called to order at 11:01 a.m., Central time, on September 3, 2020 by Dan Kelly, Chair of the Board. A quorum of directors was present.

Directors Present: Tim Blasl, Dan Kelly, Alan O’Neil, Nikki Johnson, Steve Weiser, MD, Michael LeBeau, MD, Al Hurley *, and Andrew Lankowicz.

Attended via phone*

Others Present: Melissa Hauer and Lori Schmautz

Dan Kelly, Chair, called the meeting to order and asked if there were any perceived or know conflicts of interest as per the items listed on the agenda for this meeting. There were none.

Notice and purpose of Special Meeting. Mr. Kelly asked if there were any objections to the notice of the special meeting. There were none. Mr. Kelly stated the purpose of the meeting is to discuss and consider approval of the NDHA state 2021-2022 Legislative platform.

State Legislative Platform 2021-2022 – Tim Blasl, President, described the work of the NDHA Legislative Committee to develop the proposed state legislative platform. Mr. Blasl reviewed the proposed legislative platform:

- a) Medicaid Expansion – support reauthorization and maintain current reimbursement rates. . .
- b) Traditional Medicaid Reimbursement – support a medical inflator.
- c) Workforce – support streamlining professional licensing for health care workers, loan forgiveness programs for health care providers in shortage and increased education enrollment slots for physicians, PA’s, nursing, etc.
- d) Behavioral Health – support Medicaid IMD waiver and additional funding for treatment and continue to monitor inpatient psych bed study.
 - Lengthy discussion was held. Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and adopted the recommendation to support proposed platform priorities Medicaid Expansion, traditional Medicaid reimbursement inflator, workforce, and behavioral health was approved.
- e) Telehealth Payment Parity – support payment parity. Lengthy discussion of the proposed platform telehealth payment parity item was held. A motion was duly made and seconded to

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add support of telehealth payment parity to the platform. Voice vote results were unclear and therefore Mr. Kelly asked for a roll call vote: Andrew Lankowicz – Yea, Al Hurley – Yea, Dr. Steve Weiser – Nay, Alan O’Neil – Nay, Dan Kelly – Nay, Nikki Johnson – Nay, Dr. Michael LeBeau – Nay, and Tim Blasl – Nay. Motion failed.

There was discussion of continuing to study telehealth payment parity. Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and adopted the recommendation to continue to study telehealth payment parity was approved.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Lori Schmutz,

Recording Secretary