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**PRACTICE AND EDUCATION MEETING
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Friday, September 24, 2021

This public meeting was held via WebEx Events.

Members Present	Staff Present
Jeffrey Garcia, OD, Chair	Shara Murphy, Executive Officer
Madhu Chawla, OD (Appointed)	Cheree Kimball, Assistant Executive Officer
Joseph Pruitt, OD	Marc Johnson, Policy Analyst
Members Absent	Guests
Debra McIntyre (Appointed)	On File

Link for the audio of discussions:

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order / Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum

Audio of Discussion: 00:14

Committee Chair, Member Jeffrey Garcia called the meeting to order at 9:46 a.m. and took roll call. All Members were present; Members Garcia, Chawla, and Pruitt and a quorum was established.

2. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Note: The committee may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during

this public comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting (Government Code § 11125, and § 11125.7(a).)

Audio of Discussion: 01:02

There were no requests for public comment.

3. Discussion and Possible Action on July 23, 2021 Practice and Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Audio of Discussion: 02:05

Member Garcia asked if this agenda item will be skipped for this meeting? Executive Officer, Ms. Shara Murphy responded that the July 23, 2021 Practice and Education Committee draft minutes will be tabled to the next meeting.

4. Discussion and Possible Action on Continuing Education Course Approval Requests Pursuant to Title 16, California Code of Regulations Section 1536 (KAISER APPLICATIONS)

Audio of Discussion: 02:23

KP Alejandra Reyes CE Seminar – Dr. Kelly O’Shea, OD

- A. 1. Glaucoma – KP ONLINE
- 2. Low Vision Rehabilitation – KP ONLINE
- 3. New Developments in Hydroxychloroquine – KP ONLINE
- 4. Tips and Tricks for Little Tricksters – KP ONLINE

All Members were okay with each item listed.

There were no requests for public comment.

Madhu Chawla moved to approve agenda items 4.A.1., 4.A.2., 4.A.3., and 4.A.4. as presented. Joseph Pruitt seconded. The Committee voted unanimously (3-0) and the motion passed.

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Garcia	X				
Chawla	X				
Pruitt	X				
McIntyre				X	

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Continuing Education Course Approval Requests Pursuant to Title 16, California Code of Regulations Section 1536 (ONLINE WEBINAR APPLICATIONS)

Audio of Discussion: 04:27

Coastal Vision Medical Group – Ms. Gina Valdemar

- A. Combining MIGS to Lower IOP

Coastal Vision Medical Group – Ms. Gina Valdemar

B. Retina for the Practicing Optometrist

Coastal Vision Medical Group – Ms. Gina Valdemar

C. Wavefront Optimized LASIK vs. Topo-Guided LASIK

Dr. Christopher Blanton, MD

D. Intracorneal Ring Segments in Treatment of Keratoconus

Harvard Eye Associates – Ms. Erica Arrington

E. DROP-LESS Glaucoma Treatment

Harvard Eye Associates – Ms. Erica Arrington

F. Glaucoma Emergencies

Harvard Eye Associates – Ms. Erica Arrington

G. The Color Pallets of Glaucoma

Harvard Eye Associates – Ms. Erica Arrington

H. The MIGS Boat, Can't Miss It!

Harvard Eye Associates – Ms. Erica Arrington

I. Evaluating Refractive Technologies

Luxottica Retail – Dr. Cindy Chiang

J. Optimizing Visual Outcomes for Patients

Maloney – Shamie Vision Institute – Dr. Neda Shamie, MD

K. 1. Anterior Segment

2. Ethics

3. General Optometry

Member Pruitt commented on K.1. Anterior Segment. He noted that the provider is requesting 1.8 hours of ocular disease credit; however, half of the content is not ocular disease; rather it is about IOLs and LASIK. Member Chawla agreed. She suggested informing the provider that credit will be split. Ms. Murphy advised that Members can approve all the items in Agenda Item 5, except for K.1., then make an adjustment to item K.1. to award one credit of general optometry and one hour of ocular disease as Member Chawla recommended.

There were no requests for public comment.

Madhu Chawla moved to approve all items in Agenda Item 5, with the exception of item K.1. to be amended and approved for 1 hour of general optometry and one hour of ocular disease instead of full ocular disease credit. Joseph Pruitt seconded. The Committee voted unanimously (3-0) and the motion passed.

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Garcia	X				
Chawla	X				
Pruitt	X				
McIntyre				X	

6. Discussion and Possible Action on Continuing Education Course Approval Requests Pursuant to Title 16, California Code of Regulations Section 1536 (COMPLETE APPLICATIONS)

Audio of Discussion: 08:15

Macula and Retina Institute – Dr. Kent Small, MD

A. Diabetic Retinopathy

Turner Eye Institute – Mr. Tony Gomes

B. 1. Infectious Keratitis

2. OCT: Retinal Nerve Fiber Layer and GCC Interpretation

Dr. Zackery Oakey, MD

C. Retinal Detachments and Tears

Member Pruitt commented on item B.1. Infectious Keratitis. He noted that the provider is requesting general optometry, but he believes ocular disease is more fitting. Member Chawla agreed.

There were no requests for public comment.

Madhu Chawla moved to accept all items in Agenda Item 6 as is, with exception of Item B.1. which is to be amended and accepted as ocular disease credit. Joseph Pruitt seconded. The Committee voted unanimously (3-0) and the motion passed.

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Garcia	X				
Chawla	X				
Pruitt	X				
McIntyre				X	

7. Future Agenda Items

Audio of Discussion: 10:39

There were no requests for future agenda items.

Ms. Murphy announced that staff continues to research the Board’s files on the precedent set for certificates of continuing education, and staff will bring the information to the Members shortly. She explained that due the end of graduation season, staff resources are needed to process applications. Once this time has passed, Members will be presented with information regarding how the Board has previously handled continuing education credit; particularly for glaucoma certifications.

Member Garcia asked if the Committee is still considering alignment with the Association of Regulatory Boards in Optometry (ARBO)? Ms. Murphy replied “yes” and explained that staff will bring to the Committee a discussion of the Board’s ability to address strategic goals in aligning with ARBO; and in accepting and/or creating more jurisprudence and/or ethics continuing education (CE) courses.

Member Chawla commented that the Committee had decided a while back, while looking at the Board's regulations that live webinars would be accepted as live CE. She noted that there seems to be a lot of confusion. She suggested placing this on the next agenda just for clarification to the optometric community and general public that California state laws, as they are currently stated in regulations, does allow the Board to accept live webinars as live credit; so long as they meet the appropriate criteria.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.