

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Name of Organization: Legislative Subcommittee to Study Medical Malpractice

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, March 21, 2002
10 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Grant Sawyer State Office Building
Room 4401
555 East Washington Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada

Note: Some members of the subcommittee may be attending the meeting and other persons may observe the meeting and provide testimony, through a simultaneous videoconference conducted at the following location:

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A G E N D A

I. Opening Remarks and Introductions

Assemblywoman Barbara E. Buckley, Chairwoman

II. National Perspective: Concerns Involving Medical Malpractice Insurance Coverage and Efforts by Other States to Address the Problem

Cheye Calvo, Program Manager, Employment and Insurance, National Conference of State Legislatures

III. Historical Perspective: Chronology of Legislative Actions to Address Past Increases in Medical Malpractice Premiums

Allison Combs, Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau

IV. Discussion of the Current Concerns Involving Medical Malpractice in Nevada

A. Testimony from Members of the Medical Community

Dr. Robert W. Shreck, President-Elect, Nevada State Medical Association
Lawrence W. Matheis, Executive Director, Nevada State Medical Association
Dr. Raj Chanderraj, President, Clark County Medical Society
Dr. Florence Jameson, Clark County Obstetrics and Gynecology Society
Dr. John Ellerton, Chief of Staff, University of Nevada Medical Center
Dr. James Tate, West-Crear Medical Society, National Medical Association
Bill Welch, President and Chief Executive Officer, Nevada Hospital Association

IV. Discussion of the Current Concerns Involving Medical Malpractice in Nevada, *Continued*

B. Testimony from Members of the Legal Community

Bill Bradley, Nevada Trial Lawyers Association
Dean A. Hardy, Nevada Trial Lawyers Association
Kim Williams, Nevada Trial Lawyers Association
John Echeverria, Nevada Trial Lawyers Association

C. Testimony from the Medical Malpractice Insurance Community

Representatives of Medical Malpractice Insurance Companies

V. Summary of the *Survey on the Nevada Medical Malpractice Marketplace Conducted by the Nevada Division of Insurance*

Representative of Nevada's Division of Insurance

VI. Review and Update: Options for Increasing the Availability of Affordable Medical Malpractice Coverage Under Nevada's Current Insurance Laws

A. Types of Insurance Groups or Associations that May be Created to Provide Medical Malpractice Coverage

Representative of Nevada's Division of Insurance
James L. Wadhams, American Insurance Association, Nevada Independent Insurance Agents

B. Discussion of the Creation of the Nevada Essential Insurance Association

The Honorable Kenny C. Guinn, Governor of Nevada (Invited)

C. Discussion of Efforts Within Nevada's Medical Community to Create an Insurance Company

Dr. Raj Chanderraj, President, Clark County Medical Society
Lawrence W. Matheis, Nevada State Medical Association

VII. Requests for the Subcommittee's Examination of New Laws and Changes to Nevada's Existing Laws and Regulations Governing Civil Justice and Insurance to Address Concerns Regarding Medical Malpractice Coverage

Lawrence W. Matheis, Nevada State Medical Association
Bill Bradley, Nevada Trial Lawyers Association

VIII. Public Testimony

*IX. Discussion of Future Meetings and Topics for Review

X. Adjournment

*Denotes items on which the subcommittee may take action.

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