

REVISED
MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Name of Organization: Legislative Subcommittee to Study Medical Malpractice

Date and Time of Meeting: Monday, May 13, 2002
9:30 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:

Legislative Building
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Carson City, Nevada

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AGENDA

- I. Opening Remarks
- *II. Approval of Minutes of the March 21, 2002, Meeting
- *III. Update on the Non-Legislative Efforts in Nevada to Address the Medical Malpractice Crisis
 - A. Work of Nevada's Division of Insurance, Including the Creation of the Nevada Essential Insurance Association
Alice A. Molasky-Arman, Commissioner, Nevada's Division of Insurance
 - B. Update on Efforts in Nevada to Create a Company for Medical Malpractice Insurance
Chip Wallace, Nevada Mutual Insurance Company
- *IV. Presentation on the Data Collected on Closed Claims for Medical Malpractice by Nevada's Division of Insurance (*Nevada Revised Statutes 679B.144*)
Alice A. Molasky-Arman, Commissioner, Nevada's Division of Insurance
- *V. Overview of Civil Justice Laws Relating to Medical Malpractice in Other States and in Nevada
Cheye Calvo, Program Manager, Employment and Insurance, National Conference of State Legislatures
Allison Combs, Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau
- *VI. Nevada Medical Liability Screening Panel
 - A. Overview of the Operation of the Panel and Statistical Data Concerning Medical Malpractice Actions in Nevada

Alice A. Molasky-Arman, Commissioner, Nevada's Division of Insurance

B. Recommendations for Changes Concerning the Panel

Alice A. Molasky-Arman, Commissioner, Nevada's Division of Insurance
Lawrence P. Matheis, Executive Director, Nevada State Medical Association
Representatives of Insurance Companies Operating in Nevada (Invited)
Bill Bradley, Nevada Trial Lawyers Association

*VII. Caps on Damage Awards in Medical Malpractice Actions: Discussion of the Status of Medical Malpractice Premiums in States with and without Caps on Damages, and the Impact of Caps on Damages

A. Perspective of the Medical Community

Dr. Donald J. Palmisano, Secretary-Treasurer, American Medical Association
Meg Draper, Senior Legislative Attorney, American Medical Association
Lawrence P. Matheis, Executive Director, Nevada State Medical Association

B. Perspective of the Insurance Community

Representatives of Insurance Companies Operating in Nevada (Invited)

C. Perspective of the Legal Community

Bill Bradley, Nevada Trial Lawyers Association
Ken Sigelman, J.D., M.D., Consumer Attorneys of California, Medical Malpractice Chairman

*VIII. Medical Malpractice Insurance: Discussion of Factors Involved in Determining Rates and Reserve Amounts

Representatives of Insurance Companies Operating in Nevada (Invited)

*IX. Presentation on the Monetary Amounts Involved in Settlements and Jury Verdicts in Past Medical Malpractice Cases in Nevada

Bill Bradley, Nevada Trial Lawyers Association
Lawrence P. Matheis, Executive Director, Nevada State Medical Association
Representatives of Insurance Companies Operating in Nevada (Invited)

*X. Presentation and Discussion of Recommendations for Modifications to Nevada's Civil Justice System

Bill Bradley, Nevada Trial Lawyers Association
Matt Sharpe, Nevada Trial Lawyers Association
Lawrence P. Matheis, Executive Director, Nevada State Medical Association
Representatives of Insurance Companies Operating in Nevada (Invited)

XI. Public Testimony

*XII. Discussion of Future Meetings and Topics for Review

XIII. Adjournment

*Denotes items on which the subcommittee may take action.

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