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**PRACTICE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, June 26, 2020**

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Lillian Wang, OD, Chair  
Madhu Chawla, OD (Appointed)  
Debra McIntyre, OD  
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**This public meeting was held via WebEx events.**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Staff Present</b>
Madhu Chawla, OD	Shara Murphy, Executive Officer
Debra McIntyre, OD	Cheree Kimball, Assistant Executive Officer
Lillian Wang, OD	Marc Johnson, Policy Analyst
	Natalia Leeper, Licensing Analyst
	Will McGuire, Legal Counsel

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**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

*Audio of discussion: 00:09 / 01:46:57*

Committee Chair, Dr. Lillian Wang called the meeting to order at 3pm. She took roll and a 3-0 quorum was established.

**2. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**

*Audio of discussion: 00:09 / 01:46:57*

There was no public comment.

**3. Discussion and Possible Action on January 31, 2020 Practice and Education Committee Meeting Minutes**

*Audio of discussion: 02:21 / 01:46:57*

There was no public comment

**Madhu Chawla moved to approve the January 31, 2020 Draft PEC meeting minutes. Debra McIntyre seconded. The Committee voted unanimously (3-0) and the motion passed.**

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Wang	X				
Chawla	X				
McIntyre	X				

**4. Presentation by Bonnie Delatorre on Marshall B. Ketchum University’s Glaucoma Rounds Certification Course; Possible Action**

*Audio of discussion: 05:52 / 01:46:57*

Bonnie Delatorre provided an introduction. The Southern California College of Optometry (SCCO) has many out-of-state optometrists who need this education. They have years of treating glaucoma in other states and are unable to provide this service to their patients in California. Although providers have been forced into providing CE in alternative ways due to the pandemic the educational value for this class may be increased. With virtual classes, the rotation is not necessary allowing for more interaction with patients. COVID GLC Rounds discussions include longitudinal management, side effects / contraindications; evidence-based medicine, and practical prescribing.

Dr. Salomora explained that they have been delivering Grand Rounds for quite some time and the goal is to deliver something equivalent while keeping in mind the safety of the doctors and patients. The idea is to use the Zoom platform with highly interactive discussions. Presentations will be composed of 50 live patients with doctors doing rotations of one hour per patient. Dr. Salomora noted that this method will be a huge time saver and be much more efficient. He added that poll questions will be included in the program to ensure active participation in the learning.

Dr. Chawla commented that in this type of situation, active engagement is important. Ms. Murphy asked for numbers regarding the number of students in the small group? Dr. Salomora replied that it would be 25 at the most. Dr. Wang asked how many faculty members will be involved; Dr. Salomora responded that they in this case of virtual presentations he does not think it would work well to have multiple faculty members present and it would not be practical. The Committee determined a future Grand Rounds course would be audited by the members. Dr. McIntyre questioned if the Committee audits the program around August 9-10<sup>th</sup> does that give the assumption that we have already approved the program, and we will be looking at something that is already in place; Ms. Murphy replied that it does make sense to see the demonstration via a Zoom call prior to August 9-10 and it would be a good primer to tentatively approving the course as is. The full Board would then approve the Committee’s recommendation.

Ms. Murphy suggested setting a time within the next two weeks so that the Committee Members may see the demonstration sometime during the week of July 6<sup>th</sup>. This would give the full month to sign up, prepare, and get the attendees ready for the August 9-10 offering if the demonstration is to the liking of the Members. Dr. Chawla agreed and added that she does not think the group needs to be any smaller

than 20 participants. Based on the information that Dr. Salomora has provided, Dr. Chawla anticipates that the Zoom call will go smoothly and be acceptable. The Board meeting is just a few days afterward and the recommendations can be brought to the full Board at that time and then move from there.

Public Comment: Dr. John Nishimoto, Senior Associate Dean of the Marshall B Ketchum University, SCCO. Dr. Nishimoto thanked the Committee for considering this alternative method of providing the glaucoma grand rounds certification course. He has been heavily involved with the glaucoma grand rounds courses and the virtual formats utilized during the COVID pandemic. Dr. Nishimoto believes that with the Board's input, SCCO can arrive at a very effective way at delivering an equivalent and probably an enhanced version of the program.

## **5. Discussion and Possible Action on Recommendation to the National Board of Examiners in Optometry for Additional Test Locations**

*Audio of discussion: 51:16 / 01:46:57*

Drs. Jill Bryant, OD and Brooke Houck, PhD with the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) provided a presentation for the Committee.

Dr. Bryant provided the NBEO's Mission Statement and Statement of Purpose and explained that to achieve their purpose they spend a significant amount of time talking about the Minimally Qualified Candidate (MQC). NBEO exams must be sufficiently demanding and rigorous to meet the "good faith" expectations of public protection. She assured that every staff member takes these expectations very seriously. The Part III clinical skills exam is given in Charlotte, North Carolina. Dr. Bryant stated that the NBEO analysis report was updated in 2018 after listening to concerns from students for an expressed desire for a second testing location on the west coast. Multiple factors were considered, and it was determined that one quarter of optometry students are on the west coast. Standardization is a major component for the Part III exam and having the single testing center has had a positive impact on standardization.

Dr. Bryant discussed the impact COVID-19 has had on the NBEO. As of March of 2020, the NBEO temporarily suspended testing beginning March 17 and the Part I exam was cancelled because Pearson VUE testing centers closed across the country. The April Part II PAM/TMOD was also canceled subsequently. The testing cycle for the graduating class of 2021 is scheduled to begin August 1st and runs through July 31<sup>st</sup> of next year. She noted one of the NBEO's largest concerns is ensuring that there are enough standardized patients to keep the testing operational. Staff has been recruiting more standardized patients and increasing NBEO's numbers which has been successful. Dr. Bryant summarized NBEO's communications plans both external and internal and NBEO's continual steps. She expressed appreciation for the Committee's support.

Dr. Houck provided her presentation on alternative testing consideration in response to COVID-19. They have looked at remote proctoring, paper and pencil testing, and

utilization of the schools and colleges of optometry to administer the examination in a computer-based format. Regarding remote proctoring, Dr. Houck assured they are watching this technology closely as it develops further. However, currently the technology does not offer enough testing security. In terms of pencil and paper testing, the protocols for maintaining test integrity take time to establish. The third option is to continue to offer computer-based testing but to offer it at the schools and colleges of optometry. She noted that the largest obstacle discovered in research literature around this idea is that there are different experiences at different schools and that there is an extensive time delay to switching test files from Pearson VUE format to another format. Dr. Houck assured that the Board of Directors conducted a rigorous study to identify the best location for a national testing center.

Dr. Wang asked if the NBEO is not considering any type of remote testing location at all for those graduates who do not wish to travel across the country during COVID? Dr. Bryant replied that the NBEO is concerned about the safety of all candidates and staff. This is the reason why the NBEO has put into place comprehensive safety measures. Dr. Bryant assured that they understand that some candidates who may not wish to travel to Charlotte at this time. The NBEO has relaxed its rescheduling rules. Candidates may reschedule at absolutely no penalty to them, and they may reschedule at any point during the testing cycle over the course of a year. Dr. Bryant explained that asking the NBEO to come to a different location would mean having to bring staff, standardized patients, and examiners to a site that has a very specific time and location. Also, all the differences in governmental regulations could make this quite challenging.

Dr. Chawla commented that Dr. Houck's presentation was very helpful. She understands that this is not an issue because the NBEO does not sympathize with the candidates; it is a problem because they simply do not have the time to implement such a change.

Public comment was taken from Dr. Tracy Montez. Dr. Montez expressed appreciation for the presentation from the NBEO. She assured that the OPES is supportive of standardization for consumer protection. She requested that the NBEO continue researching the idea of a second location in the long term.

Ms. Murphy suggested, and Dr. Wang agreed to direct staff to continue communications with the NBEO and to possibly discuss, at the Board's October 23, 2020 meeting, long-term solutions for this issue.

Agenda Items 6 through 13 were tabled to a future meeting.

## **6. Discussion and Possible Action on Title 16, California Code of Regulations §1536 Continuing Optometric Education; Purpose and Requirements**

This item was not taken up.

**7. Discussion and Possible Action on Continuing Education Course Approval Requests Pursuant to Title 16, California Code of Regulations § 1536 (RESUBMITTED APPLICATIONS)**

**A. Sacramento Eye Consultants – Ms. Beatrice Sterchak**

1. Glaucoma Update 2019
2. UGH Syndrome
3. Red Eye, Bumps, & Unknown Diagnosing & Treatment
4. Neurotropic Keratitis
5. Glaucoma or Glaucoma Suspect?

**B. NVISION Centers – Mr. Ryan Mannix**

1. All Things Cataract
2. All Things Refractive

This item was not taken up.

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

**A. Luxottica Retail – Ms. Cindy Chiang**

Retinal Care for the Busy Retail Optometrist

**B. Dr. Alice Tien**

1. Scleral Depression: To Infinity and Beyond
2. Combining Innovative Technology in Management of Glaucoma & Cataract for Your Patients
3. Lasik and Cataract Co-Management

**C. SoCalEyes – Ms. Rachel Lopez**

1. Artificial Intelligence in Eye Care
2. Glaucoma & Comprehensive Ophthalmology
3. Global Eye Care, Dry Eye & Corneal Care
4. Wonderful World of Autofluorescence

**D. Mind Meld Studios – Mr. Michael Aberle**

California AB 1825 / SB 1343 Employee

**E. Furlong Vision Correction Medical Center Inc. – Dr. Parul Patel**

1. Co-Management Tips and Pearls
2. Corneal Conditions Affecting Cataract Surgery

**F. Acuity Eye Group – Ms. April Weekley**

Gonioscopy

**G. Shepard Eye Center – Ms. Susan Grahame**

Intraocular Lens Cataract & LASIK Update

**H. Harvard Eye Associates – Ms. Kristine Mays**

Atypical UGH Syndrome

**I. Harvard Eye Associates – Ms. Kristine Mays**

Seeing the Invisible

**J. Harvard Eye Associates – Ms. Kristine Mays**

MIGS Not So Minimal

**K. Harvard Eye Associates – Ms. Kristine Mays**

GDI – Orbital Cellulitis

**L. Shepard Eye Center – Ms. Susan Grahame**

In-Office Procedures

**M. East Bay Eye Center – Ms. Tammy Carson**

Glaucoma & Anterior Segment (Cornea, Cataract & External Diseases  
CME)

**N. Maloney-Shamie Vision Institute – Mr. Ryan Delaney**

**O. East Bay Eye Center – Ms. Tammy Carson**

Glaucoma & Anterior Segment (Cornea, Cataract & External  
Diseases CME) Part Two – Additional Instructors

**P. EAP Optometry – Dr. Stephen Eap**

Optometry Law

**Q. Luxottica Retail – Dr. Cindy Chiang**

Retinal Care for Busy Retail Optometrist

**R. Dr. Sol Lee**

Diagnosis, Referral & Treatment of Retinal Disorders

**S. National Glaucoma Society – Ms. Janet Swartz**

How to Determine Glaucoma Progression

**T. National Glaucoma Society – Ms. Janet Swartz**

Allergies: The Eyes

**U. National Glaucoma Society – Ms. Janet Swartz**

Taking the Mystery Out of Abnormal Pupils

**V. National Glaucoma Society – Ms. Janet Swartz**

OCT Interpretation in the Diagnosis and Management of Glaucoma

**W. Batra Vision Medical Group – Ms. Hedy Rodriguez**

AcrySof IQ PanOptix IOL

**X. Ketchum University – Dr. John Lee, MD**

Challenging Cases in the Anterior Segment (ONLINE)

**Y. Dougherty Laser Vision – Mr. Jorge Calderon**

ADV Case Studies Eye Q Quiz

**Z. Dougherty Laser Vision – Mr. Jorge Calderon**

Cataract / RLE Surgery Co-Management

**AA. Dougherty Laser Vision – Mr. Jorge Calderon**

COVID-19 & Impact on Ocular Health

**BB Dougherty Laser Vision – Mr. Jorge Calderon**

Glaucoma Case Studies & Everyday Treatments

**CC Dougherty Laser Vision – Mr. Jorge Calderon**

Pearls of Cataract Co-Management Case Presentation & Preoperative  
Issues (ONLINE)

**DD Dougherty Laser Vision – Mr. Jorge Calderon**

Pearls of Cataract Co-Management Part 2 (ONLINE)

**EE Ketchum University – Dr. John Lee, MD**

1. Early Results of the Recent FDA Approved Trifocal IOL (ONLINE)

2. Epithelial Mapping and Refractive Surgery (ONLINE)

3. Trauma Drama: Cases of Mechanical Ocular Injury (ONLINE)

**FF Dougherty Laser Vision – Mr. Matt Liff**

Practicing Ophthalmology During the Era of COVID and Rapid-Fire

Cases in Postoperative Cataract Management

**GG Dougherty Laser Vision – Mr. Matt Liff**

LASIK / PRK Peri-Op Care

**HH Dougherty Laser Vision – Mr. Matt Liff**

LASIK / PRK Peri-Op Care in the Era of COVID

**II Dougherty Laser Vision – Mr. Matt Liff**

Ocular Emergencies During COVID-19

**JJ. Dougherty Laser Vision – Mr. Matt Liff**

Adv Case Studies Eye Q Quiz #2

**KK. Dougherty Laser Vision – Mr. Matt Liff**

Laser Vision Correction: Postoperative Management

**LL. Dougherty Laser Vision – Mr. Matt Liff**

How I Became a Telemedicine Believer

**MM. Retinal Diagnostic Center - Ms. Nonie Velez**

Examining and Treating Ocular Diseases in the COVID-19 Era: What You  
- Need to Know (ONLINE)

This item was not taken up.

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

**A. KP – Ms. Aileen Nokes**

A Usual Day in a Retina Office

**B. KP – Dr. Alisha Truong**

1. Use of OCT in Diagnosis and Management of Glaucoma

2. MIGS: Micro-Minimally Invasive Glaucoma Surgery

**C. KP – Dr. Divinder Grewal**

Diagnosing Glaucoma Subtypes and Tests

**D. KP – Dr. Alisha Truong**

Pediatric Eye Care: Strabismus and Nerve Palsies

**E. KP – Dr. Alisha Truong**

Scleral Lenses for Scary Corneas Remix

**F. KP – Dr. Alisha Truong**

Infectious Keratitis – Pearls on Diagnosis and Management (*online  
delivery*)

**G. KP – Dr. Alisha Truong**

Evaluation and Management of the Adult Tearing Patient (*online  
delivery*)

**H. KP – Dr. Alisha Truong**

Corneal Dystrophies: Review and Update (ONLINE)

**I. Kaiser Permanente c/o Dr. Alvin Chua**

1. Eyelid and Facial Lesions

2. Ocular Manifestations of Systemic Medications

3. Zebra with a Red Eye

This item was not taken up.

**10. Discussion and Possible Action on Continuing Education Course Approval Requests Pursuant to Title 16, California Code of Regulations § 1536 (INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS)**

**A. Inland Eye Institute – Ms. Jennifer Hess**

1. Refractive Surgery Update
2. Latest and Greatest on Adjunctive Cataract Surgery

Services

3. An Update on Intacs
4. Visual Field Interpretation and Review of Micro Invasive Glaucoma Surgical Treatment

**B. Acuity Eye Group – Ms. April Weekley**

AMD Management and Treatment

**C. Loma Linda University – Ms. Lavina**

1. Cortical Vision Impairment
2. Customization of IOL Selection with Cataract Surgery
3. OCT Angiography and Retinal Disease
4. Pain – Blurry Vision – Disc Edema

**D. East Bay Eye Center – Dr. Ed Laubach**

East Bay Eye Center Multi-Specialty CME

**E. Fig Garden Optometry – Dr. Jeffrey Krohn**

ATIOLS – Adv Technology Intra-Ocular Lenses

**F. Fig Garden Optometry – Dr. Jeffrey Krohn**

Oculoplastic Reconstruction

This item was not taken up.

**11. Review, Discussion and Possible Action on Optometry Strategic Plan**

- Presentation by SOLID on Strategic Planning
- Existing 2017-2020 Optometry Strategic Plan Items
- Potential 2021 Optometry Strategic Plan Items

This item was not taken up.

**12. Discussion on Telemedicine**

This item was not taken up.

**13. Future Agenda Items**

This item was not taken up.

**14. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:46 pm.