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**PRACTICE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA  
MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, April 16, 2021**

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Lillian Wang, OD, Chair  
Madhu Chawla, OD (Appointed)  
Debra McIntyre, OD  
Jeffrey Garcia, OD

**This public meeting was held via WebEx Events.**

Members Present	Staff Present
Lillian Wang, OD, Chair	Shara Murphy, Executive Officer
Madhu Chawla, OD	Cheree Kimball, Assistant Executive Officer
Debra McIntyre, OD	Marc Johnson, Policy Analyst
Jeffrey Garcia, OD	Natalia Leeper, Lead Licensing Analyst

**Link to Video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8W3TC311n0>

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

*Audio of Discussion:* [0:00 / 38:10](#)

Dr. Wang called the meeting to order at 10:00am and took roll call. All members were present, and a quorum was established.

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

*Audio of Discussion:* [0:54 / 38:10](#)

There were no requests for public comment.

**3. Discussion and Possible Action on February 26, 2021 Practice and Education Committee Meeting Minutes**

*Audio of Discussion:* [2:00 / 38:10](#)

There were no requests for public comment.

**Jeffrey Garcia moved to accept the February 26, 2021 Practice and Education Committee meeting minutes as written. Debra McIntyre seconded. The Committee voted unanimously (4-0) and the motion passed.**

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Wang	X				
Chawla	X				

McIntyre	X				
Garcia	X				

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

*Audio of Discussion: [4:15 / 38:10](#)*

There were no items for discussion.

**6. 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: [4:15 / 38:10](#)*

There were no items for discussion.

**7. 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: [5:21 / 38:10](#)*

**Coastal Vision Medical Group – Ms. Gina Valdemar**

- A. Cataract Surgery Beyond Basics: Approach to Patients with other Ocular Comorbidities

**Marshall B. Ketchum University – Dr. John Lee, OD**

- B. Trauma with Ocular Drama

**Livermore Optometry Group - Dr. Steven Faith, OD**

- C. Contemporary Cataract Surgery Techniques

**Livermore Optometry Group - Dr. Steven Faith, OD**

- D. Eyelid Malpositions

**Livermore Optometry Group - Dr. Steven Faith, OD**

- E. Keratoconus Updates on Diagnosis and Treatment

**Livermore Optometry Group - Dr. Steven Faith, OD**

- F. Management of Corneal Conditions Prior to Cataract Surgery: A Practical Approach

**Livermore Optometry Group - Dr. Steven Faith, OD**

- G. Surgical Treatment of Surface Pathology: Case Studies

**Livermore Optometry Group - Dr. Steven Faith, OD**

- H. Anterior Segment Update

**Livermore Optometry Group - Dr. Steven Faith, OD**

- I. Refractive Surgery Today: Going Higher and Deeper

**Livermore Optometry Group - Dr. Steven Faith, OD**

- J. Simplex vs Zoster: How to Tell and How to Treat

**DLV – Ms. Carolina Guardado**

- K. Same Day Lasik Surgery

**Loma Linda University – Ms. Angela Saavedra**

- L. Glaucoma Management  
**Loma Linda University – Ms. Angela Saavedra**
- M. Advances in Corneal Surgery  
**Loma Linda University – Ms. Angela Saavedra**
- N. Referring Patients with Retinal Diseases  
**Loma Linda University – Ms. Angela Saavedra**
- O. Simplifying Pediatric Exams and the Blue Light Conversation  
**Loma Linda University – Ms. Angela Saavedra**
- P. LLU Eye Institute: Corneal Dystrophies

Dr. McIntyre noted the items 6.C, 6.K. and 6.I. all have to do with refractive or cataract surgery which does not fall under ocular disease. Dr. Wang agreed that they need to be changed to general optometry. Drs. Garcia and Chawla had the same concerns and agreed. Drs. McIntyre and Chawla expressed concern for item 6.H. is missing the presentation material. Staff proceeded to investigate whether the materials have been received and may be provided to the Members during this meeting.

There were no requests for public comment.

**Madhu Chawla moved to approve Items 6.A., 6.B., 6.D., 6.E., 6.F., 6.G., 6.J., 6.L., 6.M., 6.N., 6.O., and 6.P. Jeffrey Garcia seconded. The Committee voted unanimously (4-0) and the motion passed.**

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Wang	X				
Chawla	X				
McIntyrree	X				
Garcia	X				

**Debra McIntyre moved to approve Items. 6.C., 6.I., and 6.K. with the condition to change the category from ocular disease to general optometry. Jeffrey Garcia seconded. The Committee voted unanimously (4-0) and the motion passed.**

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

Dr. Garcia questioned why most of the applications are approved after the first presentation has already occurred. Dr. Chawla explained that the providers consistently provide their presentation material (slide) at the very last moment; even though staff requests this information weeks in advance.

**Debra McIntyre moved to approve Item 6.H. for 2 hours of general optometry credit. Jeffrey Garcia seconded. The Committee voted unanimously (4-0) and the motion passed.**

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

**8. 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: [21:08:38:10](#)

**VMR Institute - Ms. Nankervis**

- a. Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT)

**Eye Care Institute – Ms. Nina Ni**

- b. Retina Update

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

- c.
  1. All Things Cataract and Implants
  2. All Things Refractive
  3. The Surgical Day: Live Cataract and Implant Surgery
  4. The Surgical Day: Live Refractive Surgery Demonstration and Techniques

Dr. McIntyre noted that Item 7.A. is uncategorized and needs to be categorized as ocular disease; Item 7.B. needs to be categorized as ocular disease, not general optometry; Items 7.C.1. and 7.C.2 need to be categorized as general optometry. Dr. Wang agreed.

Dr. McIntyre expressed concern about the presenters requesting 3 hours of CE credit. She would approve 2 hours and believes 3 is not appropriate. Dr. Wang added that these presenters requesting 3 hours are only providing 2 hours of lecture time. They may not have 3 hours of credit for 2 hours of instruction time. She challenged that the providers for these items will need to provide a breakdown on how much time is spent in observation and how much time is spent in teaching and education. Dr. Wang requested that staff ask the provider of Items 7.C.3. and 7.C.4. for this information breakdown. Regarding Items 7.C.1. and 7.C.2., the providers have been repeatedly informed that they may only have 2 hours; yet they repeatedly request 3 hours. Dr. Wang contended that Items 7.C.1., 7.C.2., 7.C.3., and 7.C.4. need to be re-evaluated. Drs. Wang and McIntyre discussed and agreed that Items 7.C.1. and 7.C.2. may be approved for 2 hours but not 3.

Executive Officer, Shara Murphy asked if (from the descriptions in the materials of Items 7.C.3. and 7.C.4.) there is any time that may be approved for CE credit? Dr. Wang explained that her concern is the majority (if not all) of the slides for Items 7.C.3. and 7.C.4. appear to be focused on surgery observation with comments on the side. Therefore, she does not feel comfortable with assigning any CE credit.

There were no requests for public comment.

**Madhu Chawla moved to accept Items 7.A. and 7.B. with changing the categorization to ocular disease. Debra McIntyre seconded. The Committee voted unanimously (4-0) and the motion passed.**

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

**Debra McIntyre moved to approve Items 7.C.1 and 7.C.2. with changing the requested CE hours from 3 hours to 2 hours for both courses. Jeffrey Garcia seconded. The Committee voted unanimously (4-0) and the motion passed.**

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

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

*Audio of Discussion:* [30:14 / 38:10](#)

**Pacific Eye Associates – Ms. MJ Tsang**

- a. Beating the Budge Without Breaking the Bones – ONLINE

There were no requests for public comment.

**Debra McIntyre moved to approve Item 8.A. upon confirmation of remittance of payment. Jeffrey Garcia seconded. The Committee voted unanimously (4-0) and the motion passed.**

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

**10. Future Agenda Items**

*Audio of Discussion:* [33:49 / 38:10](#)

This item was briefly discussed while Members waited upon staff to upload the materials for Agenda Item 6.H.

Dr. Wang suggested discussing meeting more often; Ms. Murphy replied that the Committee is currently meeting once a month (approximately every 30 days). The next Committee meeting is set for July. Staff has been addressing the Committee whenever approximately 30 applications and been received and finding a date to more quickly review them.

The meeting moved back to Agenda Item 6 for the review of Item 6.H. which was approved on a 4-0 vote.

## **11. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 am.