

**Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
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 Collaborative Optometric/Ophthalmological Task Force Advisory Board Meeting**

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Date: October 10, 2017
 Meeting Convened: 2:36 P.M.
 Meeting Adjourned: 3:55 P.M.
 Location: IDFPR Springfield Office, 320 W. Washington St., Room 285
 IDFPR Chicago Office, 100 W Randolph St., Room 375

Roll Call: Vince Brandys, O.D.
 Sohail Hasan, M.D., Ph.D
 Michael Horstman, Task Force Member
 Erin O'Brien, Task Force Member

Staff Present: Katy Straub, Associate General Counsel, IDFPR
 Lucienne Doler, Assistant General Counsel, IDFPR
 John Webb, Director of Legislative Affairs, IDFPR
 Meghan Kolassa, Legislative Liaison, IDFPR
 Kathleen Alcorn, Office of the Secretary, IDFPR

Guests Present: State Senator Pamela J. Althoff, State Representative Anna Moeller, State Representative Michael J. Zalewski, Mark Jarmer, Chris Albanis, M.D., Jim Morphew, Leigh Ann Vanausdoll, Richard Paul, Matthew Jones, O.D., Balaji Gupta, M.D., Dan Reitz

Topic	Discussion	Action
Roll Call	Task Force Members Present: Vince Brandys, O.D. Sohail Hasan, M.D., Ph.D Michael Horstman Erin O'Brien	Meeting called to order.

<p>Approval of September 12, 2017 Minutes</p>	<p>Dr. Hasan suggested the minutes reflect that Dan Reitz also expressed an understanding of prior negotiations consistent with that of Ms. O'Brien and Dr. Hasan.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Mr. Horstman/seconded by Ms. O'Brien to approve the September 12, 2017 meeting minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>Analysis of Task Force Action</p>	<p>Dr. Hasan provided the Task Force with documents summarizing ophthalmology's proposed advanced optometric procedures and recommended training standards. Dr. Hasan communicated that the Illinois Society of Eye Surgeons' (ISEPS) recommendation to the Task Force would not include any incision/excision/removal of chalazion and other cysts, superficial benign lesions, skin tags, or surgical biopsy as these procedures require significant additional didactic and clinical experience beyond what can be provided in an optometrists' education and training.</p> <p>Mr. Horstman and Dr. Jones observed that the proposed training standards make no mention of injections. Dr. Hasan explained that ISEPS does not agree to optometrists' use of injections as set forth in optometry's proposal.</p> <p>State Senator Althoff and State Representatives Zalewski and Moeller (legislators involved in the enactment of this Task Force) urged Task Force members and ISEPS representatives to engage in good faith discussions regarding the design of a curriculum for optometrists to perform advanced optometric procedures.</p> <p>Ms. O'Brien explained that the Illinois Medical Society understood that optometrists' scope of practice would be expanded with the</p>	

creation of this Task Force, but believed that specific expansion was fluid and left to Task Force discussion in addition to educational requirements.

State Representative Zalewski and State Senator Althoff reminded Task Force members that this Task Force was created to determine the appropriate education and training to allow optometrists to perform advanced optometric procedures – not to debate whether optometrists should or should not be permitted to perform advanced optometric procedures.

The Task Force recessed at 3:10 P.M., to return shortly.

At 3:45 P.M. the Task Force reconvened. Dr. Hasan encouraged ISEPS to continue its consideration of curriculum, with the understanding that any ISEPS recommendation would be motivated by patient safety.

Mr. Horstman cautioned the Task Force that any final recommendation should not require an optometrist to partner with an ophthalmologist in practice, as optometrists in other states have experienced difficulty with availability. Dr. Hasan encouraged the Task Force not to place any stipulations on continuing discussions. Dr. Gupta commented that partnering would allow an optometrist the benefit of working alongside an ophthalmologist that has treated a wider variety of conditions and complications. Mr. Horstman emphasized that these conditions and complications are already being addressed in the

	current optometry curriculum at the Illinois College of Optometry.	
Old Business I. 2017 Meeting Dates II. Deadlines	It was confirmed with the Task Force members that the next meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.	
Adjournment		There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Dr. Hasan / seconded by Ms. O'Brien to adjourn at 3:55 PM. Motion passed unanimously.