

Board of Health Professions
Practitioner Self-Referral Informal Conference -
Telomerix Stem Cell Biobank, LLC

October 17, 2019
1:00 p.m. - Hearing Room 5
9960 Mayland Dr, Henrico, VA 23233

In Attendance John Salay, MSW, LCSW
By Phone T. Braxton McKee, Kaufman & Canoles, PC
Christian Perez, MD, Telomerix Stem Cell Biobank, LLC
DHP Staff Elizabeth A. Carter, PhD, BHP Executive Director
James Banning, Director, APD
Laura L. Jackson, MSHSA, BHP Operations Manager
Observers No observers signed-in

Call to Order

Agency
Subordinate Mr. Salay **Time** 1:00 p.m.

Review of Practitioner Self-Referral

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Subordinate Mr. Salay

Discussion

After introductions, Mr. Salay asked Mr. McKee to provide an overview of the opinion request. Mr. McKee provided an overview and stated that he does not believe that this is a referral, based on Board opinions rendered in the past.

Dr. Perez stated that Telomerix Stem Cell Biobank, LLC would be the first stem cell storage facility in Virginia. The facility will be located in Chesapeake, Virginia. Dr. Perez provided an overview of the extraction process to obtain the stem cells and noted that stem cells have the ability to restore aging cells, allowing patients to use their own cells to heal themselves. He advised that the stem cells are removed from the placenta and umbilical cord at birth and must be received by a facility for processing within 24 hours; any amount of time over this could cause the cells to be nonviable. The approximate size of the sample is 300-400 cc's of blood. The sample kit would be provided by the Biobank and given to the OBGYN delivering the baby. Once the sample is received by the biobank lab technicians will perform a pre-test for cell viability, if the cells are viable, the stem cells will be isolated, separated, frozen by cryopreservation and stored.

Mr. Salay asked the manner in which Dr. Perez informs his patients of the other facilities that store stem cells. Dr. Perez stated that a proposed list of laboratories would be included with the patient disclosure

form. If the patient selects Telomerix Stem Cell Biobank, LLC the physician will honor that choice and send the collected tissues to the Biobank on behalf of the patient. Dr. Perez also stated that the extraction and storage of the stem cells is not patient care.

Mr. Salay asked Dr. Perez if the stem cells being stored would be used for any type of research. Dr. Perez stated that the stem cells are only allowed to be removed from the Biobank by the patient whose stem cells are being stored and that the Biobank is only a storage facility and no stem cells will be used for research.

Decision

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Subordinate Mr. Salay

Discussion

With no additional information necessary, Mr. Banning stated that Mr. Salay will make a recommendation of appropriate action, and the draft advisory opinion will be taken up for vote by the Full Board at its next scheduled meeting on December 2, 2019.

Adjourned

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Subordinate Mr. Salay, MSW, LCSW

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Board Executive
Director Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____