

## STATE HEALTH COUNCIL

March 20, 2014

A teleconference meeting of the State Health Council was called to order by Chairman Gordon Myerchin at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, 2014 in Room 201 of the Judicial Wing, State Capitol, Bismarck, ND.

### Members present:

Gordon Myerchin, Grand Forks, Chairman  
Mike Jones, Bismarck, Secretary  
Greg Allen, Jamestown  
Genny Dienstmann, Bismarck  
Duane Pool, Bismarck  
Dennis Wolf, MD, Dickinson

### Members absent:

Wade Peterson, Mandan, Vice Chairman  
Howard Anderson, Turtle Lake  
Jerry Jurena, Bismarck  
Leona Koch, Raleigh  
Marlene Kouba, Regent

### Staff members present:

Terry Dwelle, MD, State Health Officer  
Londa Rodahl, Recording Secretary  
Brenda Weisz, Division of Accounting

### Others present:

Mary Amundson, ND Primary Care Office, UND  
Dr. Beth Carlson, Board of Animal Health

## Minutes

Dr. Beth Carlson, deputy state veterinarian, presented the loan repayment application for Dr. Brett Webb, DVM. Dr. Webb is currently employed at the North Dakota State University veterinary diagnostic laboratory. His application was also among those submitted for the February 11, 2014 Health Council meeting. However, one of the applicants approved in February declined the award and Dr. Webb's was the next highest ranking application. Dr. Carlson urged the Council to approve Dr. Webb's application.

**DENNIS WOLF MOVED THE APPROVAL OF THE VETERINARIAN LOAN REPAYMENT APPLICATION FOR BRETT WEBB, DVM. SECOND BY GREG ALLEN.**

The Chair requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Allen, Dienstmann, Jones, Myerchin, Pool, and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. Anderson, Jurena, Koch, Kouba, Peterson—absent.

Mary Amundson presented Dr. David Geier's physician loan repayment application. Dr. Geier is practicing in Ashley, ND, and requested \$90,000 (\$45,000 from the state, \$45,000 from the city of Ashley).

GREG ALLEN MOVED THE APPROVAL OF THE PHYSICIAN LOAN REPAYMENT APPLICATION FOR DAVID GEIER, MD. SECOND BY DUANE POOL.

The Chair requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Allen, Dienstmann, Jones, Myerchin, Pool, and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. Anderson, Jurena, Koch, Kouba, Peterson—absent.

Mary presented the medical personnel loan repayment application for Tara Brandner, registered nurse, and practicing in Ashley, ND while completing graduate work for a family nurse practitioner degree. She is requesting \$30,000 (\$15,000 from the state, \$15,000 from the city of Ashley). She plans to receive her nurse practitioner license on August 1, 2014.

DUANE POOL MOVED THE APPROVAL OF THE LOAN REPAYMENT APPLICATION FOR TARA FEY BRADNER, FNP, CONTINGENT UPON RECEIVING HER NURSE PRACTITIONER LICENSE ON AUGUST 1, 2014. SECOND BY MIKE JONES.

The Chair requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Allen, Dienstmann, Jones, Myerchin, Pool, and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. Anderson, Jurena, Koch, Kouba, Peterson—absent.

Mary presented the dental loan repayment application for Thomas Ehrhardt, DDS, who is practicing in Minot, ND, but also providing contract dental services at the ND State Penitentiary in Bismarck. The ND Department of Corrections has offered Dr. Ehrhardt at full-time position, which he plans to accept. He is requesting \$120,000 (\$60,000 from the federal/state program, \$60,000 from the Department of Corrections).

DUANE POOL MOVED THE APPROVAL OF THE DENTAL LOAN REPAYMENT APPLICATION FOR THOMAS EHRHARDT, DDS. SECOND BY DENNIS WOLF.

The Chair requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Allen, Dienstmann, Jones, Myerchin, Pool, and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. Anderson, Jurena, Koch, Kouba, Peterson—absent.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Submitted,



Mike Jones, Secretary