STATE HEALTH COUNCIL
May 14, 2013

A meeting of the State Health Council was called to order by Chairman Gordon Myerchin at 10:08 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 in AV Room 212 of the Judicial Wing, State Capitol, Bismarck, ND.

Members present:
Gordon Myerchin, Grand Forks, Chairman
Marlene Kouba, Regent, Secretary
Greg Allen, Jamestown (by phone)
Howard Anderson, Turtle Lake (by phone)
Jerry Jurena, Bismarck
Duane Pool, Bismarck
Dennis Wolf, MD, Dickinson (by phone)

Members absent:
Carmen Toman, Bismarck, Vice Chairman
Mike Jones, Bismarck
Wade Peterson, Mandan

Staff members present:
Terry L. Dwelle, MD, State Health Officer
Arvy Smith, Deputy State Health Officer
John Baird, MD, Special Populations Section
Gary Garland, Office of Community Assistance
Kirby Kruger, Medical Services Section
Londa Rodahl, Recording Secretary
Tim Wiedrich, Emergency Preparedness & Response Section

Others present:
See ATTACHMENT A

Minutes

MR. JURENA MOVED APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 12, 2013 MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED. SECONDED AND CARRIED.

MR. JURENA MOVED THE APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 3, 2013 MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED. SECONDED AND CARRIED.

Section Updates

Kirby Kruger presented the update on the Medical Services Section, Tim Wiedrich on the Emergency Preparedness & Response Section, and Dr. John Baird on the Special Populations Section.

Loan Repayment Applications

Gary Garland introduced Mary Amundson from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, who has worked with Gary on this program since it began and
also helped draft the loan repayment legislation. She is likely the person who will be assuming this program when Gary retires on June 30th.

Mr. Garland presented the nurse practitioner loan repayment application for Sarah Gustafson, who is working in Mayville. She is requesting $30,000 ($15,000 each from Mayville and state loan repayment program [SLRP], which is federal money).

MR. JURENA MOVED THE APPROVAL OF THE LOAN REPAYMENT APPLICATION FOR SARAH GUSTAFSON FOR $30,000. SECONDED BY MRS. KOUBA.

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

Mr. Garland presented the loan repayment applications for the dental loan repayment applications that are eligible to accept federal (SLRP) funds to match the state contribution. They are all working in the type of clinics that are trying to support the low income population. Gary mentioned the Department is working with the community health center in Turtle Lake and Bridging the Dental Gap in Bismarck to place dentists.

MR. JURENA MOVED THE APPROVAL OF THE DENTAL LOAN REPAYMENT APPLICATIONS FOR DR. JACKIE NORD ($54,155 IN GRAND FORKS), DR. COURTNEY RUD ($60,000 IN FARGO) AND DR. CLARISSA SPARKMAN ($60,000 IN FARGO). SECONDED BY MRS. KOUBA.

The Chair requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Anderson (first stated that he was declaring a conflict of interest since he’s from Turtle Lake and his wife was on the board of directors of that health center; and then voted ‘aye’), Jurena, Kouba, Myerchin and Pool voted ‘aye’. There were no ‘nay’ votes. Allen, Jones, Peterson, Toman and Wolf—absent.

Mr. Garland presented the remaining dental loan repayment applications that will be utilizing the state dental loan repayment funds. Three dentists per year are allowed into the program.

MR. POOL MOVED THE APPROVAL OF THE DENTAL LOAN REPAYMENT APPLICATIONS FOR DR. LUCAS ALLEN ($80,000 WATFORD CITY), DR. NAREK OVSEPIAN ($80,000 WATFORD CITY), AND DR. RYAN YAKOWICZ ($80,000 HANKINSON). SECONDED BY MRS. KOUBA.

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

Mr. Garland presented the physician loan repayment applications and noted all four can be approved as there are funds available given that some SLRP funds were used for the applications last fall.

MR. JURENA MOVED THE APPROVAL OF THE PHYSICIAN LOAN REPAYMENT APPLICATIONS FOR $90,000 EACH (HALF STATE, HALF COMMUNITY) FOR DR. CHRISTOPHER DeCOCK (FARGO), DR. DAVID KEENE (WILLISTON), DR. HEATHER MARTIN (DICKINSON) AND DR. BROOK NELSON (DICKINSON). SECONDED BY MR. POOL.
The Chair requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Anderson, Jurena, Kouba, Myerchin and Pool voted ‘aye’. There were no ‘nay’ votes. Allen, Jones, Peterson, Toman and Wolf—absent.

**Loan Repayment Programs Follow-up**

Arvy Smith reported a contract is being drafted between the Department and the University of North Dakota for transferring the loan repayment programs to UND upon Gary Garland’s retirement. The contract will be effective July 1, 2013.

**Legislative and Budget Update**

Ms. Smith reviewed the Department’s budget as passed by the Legislature. She distributed and reviewed ATTACHMENT B.

**Other Business**

The Council agreed to have Marlene Kouba attend the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) on August 14-16, 2013 in Salt Lake City.

Mr. Myerchin thanked Gary Garland for all his work over the years and wished him the best in his retirement.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Marlene Kouba, Secretary
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Department of Health
Legislative Summary
May 14, 2013

Budget Summary
Total Budget $185,569,942
General Fund Budget $46,001,508
FTE 354
Total Increase (Decrease) (5%)
General Fund Increase 36%
Adjustments to Governor’s Budget (see attached)

Bills Tracked by DoH
Total Bills and Resolutions 921
DoH Tracking/Monitoring 259
Passed 162
Failed 97
Testified 21
Bills with unfunded mandates 0

Bills with Appropriation to DoH
HB 1023 Deficiency bill $626,000 – Food n Lodging and legal fees; amended to $426,000 with our approval; PASSED
HB 1038 Autism spectrum disorder registry $235,732, 1 FTE; PASSED
HB 1135 Dental care mobile services $100,000; PASSED
HB 1433 Health care delivery trust fund $21,930,988 (B & C $400,500 to DHS - error)
FAILED
HB 1543 Nurse Triage $1.3 million, ($550,000 general fund) FAILED
SB 2030 Regional public health network $4 million; approved at $700,000; PASSED
SB 2031 Tribal health unit $500,000 ($200,000 general fund) FAILED – but amended on to SB 2030 without funding
SB 2193 Autism spectrum disorder $200,648 1 FTE; FAILED
SB 2226 Trauma system, $709,000 1 FTE; amended to $332,000; PASSED
SB 2354 Dental loan repayment for nonprofits $180,000; PASSED

Other Bills
Administration
HB 1015 OMB budget – salary package and LPHU amendment; PASSED
HB 1034 Study of health care reform; PASSED
HB 1036 Powers and duties of the health care data committee; PASSED
HB 1087 Fees collected by DoH for inspections performed by sheriffs; PASSED
HB 1088 State health officer written orders; PASSED
HB 1099 Reporting and budget section approval to add temporary employees; amend to permanent only; PASSED
HB 1165 Mandated reporting of adult vaccinations in NDIIS; FAILED
HB 1211 Health care workforce needs in rural areas; $600,000 to Dept of Commerce; amended to $400,000; PASSED
HB 1309 Reporting requirements for employee service awards, employer paid tuition, dues and memberships; PASSED
HB 1314 Genetic privacy; DoH proposed an amendment to continue collecting labs, etc. FAILED
HB 1362 Medicaid expansion PASSED
HB 1444 Reporting interests by appointed officials travel when working on model legislation; FAILED
SB 2063 Vital records clean up and registration of home births; FAILED
SB 2269 Study of health care system; FAILED but amended on to DOC
SB 2355 Duties of Health Council; FAILED

**Tobacco**
HB 1253 Tobacco settlement funds to pay for costs to comply with restrictions; PASSED
HB 1292 Clean-up to define entrances; PASSED
HB 1375 Tobacco tax stamp; FAILED
HB 1387 Tobacco tax increase; FAILED
SB 2024 Tobacco Center Appropriation; FAILED then reconsidered, amended to add study; PASSED
SB 2085 Smoking on childhood services premises; PASSED
SB 2106 Roll your own cigarette making machines; PASSED

**Employees**
HB 1368 Employee travel expenses to government services administration rates; amended PASSED
SB 2188 increase state employee suggestion incentive program; PASSED

**EMS and Trauma**
HB 1145 Sustainable funding for EMS; PASSED
HB 1358 Oil impact $7 million to Board of University and School Lands for EMS in oil impacted counties; PASSED
HB 1380 Safety and emergency services improvements district; FAILED

**Safety**
HB 1028 Concussion management program requirements; PASSED
HB 1257 Sale of bottle rockets; FAILED
HB 1259 Fireworks on New Year’s Day; PASSED
HB 1329 Child Restraint to age 9; FAILED
HB 1335 Primary seatbelt law; FAILED
SB 2072 Cow-share ownership for use of raw milk; PASSED
SB 2205 2-1-1 Funding $285,000 to DHS; PASSED
SB 2238 CPR training to students reimbursement of $450,000 to schools; PASSED
SB 2306 Youth suicide prevention with DPI; PASSED
SCR 4002 Study of community paramedics; PASSED

**Environmental**
HB 1190 Use of thorium – testified against; FAILED
HB 1347 Controls on gas and liquid gathering transmission lines; FAILED
HB 1348 Setbacks for oil and gas wells; PASSED
SB 2206 Setbacks for oil and gas wells; FAILED
SB 2307 Septic system installers and systems, penalty; testify; FN $357,645 and 2 FTE; FAILED
SB 2308 Regulation of septic system servicing; testify support; PASSED

**Other Bills of Interest**
HB 1175 Acute cardiovascular emergency medical system; PASSED
HB 1188 Repeal regulation of tanning facilities; FAILED
HB 1421 Snack beverage program $1.2 million; FAILED
HB 1443 Collaboration in diabetes goals and plan; PASSED
SB 2066 Authorization of antineoplastic agents; FAILED
SB 2172 Critical congenital heart defects screening; PASSED
SB 2187 Medical facility infrastructure loan program; PASSED
SB 2301 Grants for governor’s prevention and advisory council $600,000 to Gov Office; FAILED