

STATE HEALTH COUNCIL

July 15, 2014

A meeting of the State Health Council was called to order by Chairman Gordon Myerchin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 in AV Room 212 of the Judicial Wing, State Capitol, Bismarck, ND.

Members present:

Gordon Myerchin, Grand Forks, Chairman
Mike Jones, Bismarck, Secretary
Greg Allen, Jamestown (*phone*)
Howard Anderson, Turtle Lake
Genny Dienstmann, Bismarck
Jerry Jurena, Bismarck
Leona Koch, Raleigh
Marlene Kouba, Regent
Duane Pool, Bismarck
Dennis Wolf, MD, Dickinson

Members absent:

Wade Peterson, Mandan, Vice Chairman

Staff members present:

Terry Dwelle, MD, State Health Officer
Arvy Smith, Deputy State Health Officer
Darleen Bartz, Health Resources Section
Kirby Kruger, Medical Services Section
Karol Riedman, Internal Auditor
Londa Rodahl, Recording Secretary

Others present:

See ATTACHMENT A

Minutes

DENNIS WOLF MOVED APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 22, 2014 MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED. SECOND AND CARRIED.

Dental Loan Repayment Applications

Mary Amundson, UND Primary Care Office, noted that Dr. Beth Carlson (Deputy State Veterinarian) had received a letter within the past month from Dr. Leslie Henderson, a veterinarian that is receiving loan repayment, indicating that she's started her own mobile practice out of Glen Ullin. The Council approved Dr. Henderson's job site move at the April meeting from Glen Ullin to the Elgin veterinary clinic. Dr. Carlson had no

concerns about this move and asked Dr. Henderson to write a letter to the Health Council explaining this working situation. That letter hasn't been received.

Ms. Amundson presented the loan repayment applications of two dentists and noted there is funding for one. Although the funds were used as a result of the applications approved at the April meeting, one of those approved decided not to accept the loan allowing for another dentist to receive funding.

DUANE POOL MOVED THE APPROVAL OF THE DENTAL LOAN REPAYMENT APPLICATION FOR BETH HOGE, DDS, A PEDIATRIC DENTIST WHO IS PRACTICING HALF-TIME IN GRAND FORKS AND HALF-TIME IN FARGO. SECOND BY DENNIS WOLF.

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

Internal Audit Report

Karol Riedman reported the State Health Council Audit Committee met on June 10, 2014 to review and discuss the internal audit report (dated 2-20-14) of the Division of Waste Management financial assurance accounts. The Division issues permits to publicly- and privately-owned solid waste landfills. All landfill owners are required to provide financial assurance to ensure that funds are available to cover costs of closure and post-closure of the landfill in the event the owner or operator is unwilling or unable to do so. Of the 44 permit holders, six had various noncompliance issues.

Since the February report, the Division of Waste Management has given more attention to these noncompliance issues. They have been working with the landfill owners on plans of correction to bring them into compliance.

HOWARD ANDERSON MOVED THAT THE STATE HEALTH OFFICER AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION UPDATE THE AUDIT REPORT ON THE SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT, ON THE TIMELINE FOR BRINGING EVERYONE INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE CURRENT LAWS AND RULES, AND PRESENT IT AT THE NEXT HEALTH COUNCIL MEETING. SECOND BY JERRY JURENA AND CARRIED.

MIKE JONES MOVED TO TABLE ACCEPTANCE OF THE AUDIT REPORT UNTIL THE OTHER INFORMATION IS PROVIDED. SECOND BY HOWARD ANDERSON AND CARRIED.

Section Updates

Darleen Bartz and Kirby Kruger gave the updates for the Health Resources Section and the Medical Services Section, respectively.

Health Care Quality Data Subcommittee

Kelly Nagel presented ATTACHMENT B.

Overview of Health Care Quality Programs in North Dakota

Barbara Groutt, Chief Executive Officer of North Dakota Health Care Review, Inc., presented ATTACHMENT C.

Other Business

Election of Officers was held with the officers being re-elected: Gordon Myerchin, chairman; Wade Peterson, vice chairman; and Mike Jones, secretary.

Marlene Kouba questioned if the Council would approve of her attending the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) annual meeting in Kentucky in September. JERRY JURENA MOVED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE MARLENE KOUBA'S ATTENDANCE AT THE NALBOH MEETING. SECOND BY DENNIS WOLF AND CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45p.m.

Mike Jones, Secretary

If you wish to see Attachments B and C, please contact the Department at 701-328-2372 and they will be mailed to you. Attachment B is 7 pages and Attachment C is 21 pages.