

STATE HEALTH COUNCIL

April 22, 2014

A meeting of the State Health Council was called to order by Chairman Gordon Myerchin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 in AV Room 212 of the Judicial Wing, State Capitol, Bismarck, ND.

Members present:

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

Members absent:

Wade Peterson, Mandan, Vice Chairman
Greg Allen, Jamestown

Staff members present:

Terry Dwelle, MD, State Health Officer
Arvy Smith, Deputy State Health Officer
Dave Glatt, Environmental Health Section
Kim Mertz, Community Health Section
Londa Rodahl, Recording Secretary

Others present:

See ATTACHMENT A

Minutes

MARLENE KOUBA MOVED APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2014 MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED. SECOND AND CARRIED.

MARLENE KOUBA MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 20, 2014 MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED. SECOND AND CARRIED.

NDAC 33-10, Radiological Health

Dale Patrick presented the proposed amendments to NDAC 33-10-04.2, Standards for Protection Against Radiation. The public hearing was held June 11, 2013. He requested the Council's adoption of these amendments, contingent upon approval of the Attorney General.

DUANE POOL MOVED THE ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NDAC 33-10-04.2, STANDARDS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST RADIATION, CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. SECOND BY MIKE JONES.

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

Loan Repayment Applications

Mary Amundson, UND Primary Care Office, presented the four midlevel health practitioner applications and recommended their approval.

JERRY JURENA MOVED APPROVAL OF THE LOAN REPAYMENT APPLICATIONS FOR HEATHER CZYWCZYNSKI, FNP (Hazen); ROBERT VOLK, FNP-C (Hazen); CARLA PEASE, NP, (Minot, New Town, Garrison, Velva); AND LEAH HOFFMAN, PC (Jamestown). SECOND BY DENNIS WOLF.

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

Ms. Amundson presented the twelve physician loan repayment applications. There was funding for seven applicants.

DUANE POOL MOVED THE APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING SIX PHYSICIANS: RYAN SIEWERT (Williston), JOSH RANUM (Hettinger), ASHLEY KREMER (Rugby), MARC RICKS (Dickinson Sanford), CARRIE RANUM (Hettinger), AND DANIEL SHEPS (Dickinson CHI St. Joseph's Hospital) FOR THE PHYSICIAN LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM. SECOND BY JERRY JURENA.

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

HOWARD ANDERSON MOVED APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR LACEY ARMSTRONG, MD, A BISMARCK PSYCHIATRIST, EVEN THOUGH BISMARCK ISN'T CONSIDERED AN UNDERSERVED AREA, AS SHE WILL PROVIDE PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES TO REFERRALS FROM THE WESTERN PART OF THE STATE THAT WOULD OTHERWISE NOT HAVE THOSE SERVICES. SECOND BY JERRY JURENA.

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

Ms. Amundson presented six dental loan repayment applications. Funding was available for three applicants.

HOWARD ANDERSON MOVED APPROVAL OF JULIA BENNION (Watford City), JERICK HENSEN (Minot) AND SCOTT MORTENSON (New Town) FOR THE DENTAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM. SECOND BY JERRY JURENA.

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

Marketing the Loan Repayment Programs

The Health Council had asked how information about the loan repayment programs is disseminated. Mary Amundson reported that brochures are available on all the programs and they are distributed to as many pertinent people as possible. The following website has loan repayment information along with contacts and application forms (<http://www.med.und.edu/family-medicine/workforce.cfm>). She also gives presentations to the various health-related discipline classes regarding the programs.

Section Updates

Kim Mertz and Dave Glatt gave the updates for the Community Health Section and the Environmental Health Section, respectively.

Other Business

Arvy Smith noted the Department recently had an audit finding that not all employees were having annual performance evaluations. One of those evaluations not completed is for Karol Riedman, the internal auditor, who directly reports to the Health Council. Arvy requested the Health Council Audit Committee meet to complete Karol's evaluation. A template and guidance for the evaluation form will be forwarded to the Audit Committee (Myerchin, Peterson and Jones) for completion by May 14, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.



Mike Jones, Secretary

