

STATE HEALTH COUNCIL

August 14, 2012

A meeting of the State Health Council was called to order by Chairman Marlene Kouba at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 in AV Room 212 of the Judicial Wing, State Capitol, Bismarck, ND.

Members present:

Marlene Kouba, Regent, Chairman
Gordon Myerchin, Grand Forks, Vice Chairman, *by teleconference*
Greg Allen, Jamestown
Hjalmer Carlson, Minot, *by teleconference*
Mike Jones, Bismarck
Lee Larson, Leeds, *by teleconference*
Dennis Wolf, MD, Dickinson

Members absent:

Carmen Toman, Bismarck, Secretary
Howard Anderson, Turtle Lake
Jerry Jurena, Bismarck
Wade Peterson, Mandan

Staff members present:

Terry L. Dwelle, State Health Officer
Arvy Smith, Deputy State Health Officer
Tom Bachman, Division of Air Quality
Dave Glatt, Environmental Health Section
Mary Ann Foss, Community Health Section
Monte Engel, Health Resources Section
Londa Rodahl, Recording Secretary

Others present:

See ATTACHMENT A

Minutes

DR. WOLF MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MAY 8, 2012 MINUTES AS MAILED. SECOND BY MR. ALLEN AND CARRIED.

NDAC 33-15, Air Pollution Control

Tom Bachman presented the proposed amendments to the air pollution control rules. The Attorney General's legality opinion was received July 31, 2012. He requested the Council's adoption of the rules.

MR. ALLEN MOVED THE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NDAC 33-15, AIR POLLUTION CONTROL. SECOND BY DR. WOLF.

The Chair requested a ROLL CALL vote and the motion CARRIED. Allen, Carlson, Kouba, Larson, Myerchin, and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. Anderson, Jones, Jurena, Peterson, and Toman—absent.

Community Health Trust Fund & Loan Repayment Programs

Arvy Smith distributed and explained ATTACHMENT B, which summarizes the loan repayment programs for physicians, nurse practitioners/physician assistants/certified nurse midwives, dentists, dentists with a new practice, and veterinarians. She also presented proposed guideline changes and options for these programs.

The proposed loan repayment guidelines are as follows:

- Applications for all loan repayment types have a set due date of March 15.
- Primary Care Office reviews applications by April 15.
- Health Council meets, reviews, and approves or denies applications by April 30.
- Contracts for approved applicants for July 1-June 30 issued to applicants by May 31.
- First payment made:
 - For veterinarians, by January 15 in accordance with NDCC 43-29.1-07.
 - For all other loan repayment types, at the end of the first year of service obligation, by June 30. The Health Council or Department of Health may make the first payment after six months for any hardship request.
- If all budgeted slots aren't filled, allow Health Council to make an exception to allow an award after deadlines as long as budget allows.

DR. WOLF MOVED TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED GUIDELINES, INCLUDING THE OPTIONS, FOR THE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS. SECOND BY MR. ALLEN.

The Chair requested a ROLL CALL vote and the motion CARRIED. Allen, Carlson, Jones, Kouba, Larson, Myerchin, and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. Anderson, Jurena, Peterson, and Toman—absent.

Family Health Performance Audit

Arvy Smith reported that the Family Health performance audit, which was required by the 2011 Legislative Assembly, was conducted over the past several months. The final report was presented to the Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee in June. The Clifton Larson Allen firm from Minneapolis conducted the audit. Since there wasn't much detail on what should be the scope of this audit, they started with staff interviews, which helped determine the audit workplan. Their final report included three recommendations classified as high risk, seven as moderate, and one as low. Their main discussion points were those in the high risk area.

High Risk Recommendations:

1. Establish a whistleblower policy
2. Training for program managers and division directors
3. Better documentation on federal grant transfers

Moderate Risk Recommendations:

1. Management oversight and leadership
2. Management oversight and leadership
3. Management oversight and leadership
4. Management oversight and leadership
5. Staff questioning 'leadership team' concept
6. Staff feeling intimidated by director
7. Better documentation on approval of annual leave and for earning compensation time

Low Risk Recommendation:

1. Better understanding of allowable travel expenses

The Legislative Audit Committee did not react strongly to this report and the Department is moving ahead to address these recommendations.

Department Section Updates

The section updates were presented for the Community Health, Environmental Health, and Health Resources Sections.

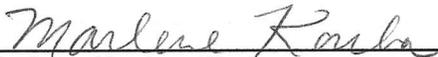
Election of Officers

The following were elected for the next year: Gordon Myerchin, chairman; Carmen Toman, vice chairman; and Marlene Kouba, secretary.

Other Business

Ms. Kouba noted she had attended a community paramedic meeting on July 31st. She also reported on attending the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) annual conference last week.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.



Marlene Kouba, Chairman

Summary of North Dakota Loan Repayment Programs for Health Professionals - August 2012						
	Physician (MD)	Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant/Certified Nurse Midwife (NP/PA/CNM)	Dentist (DDS)	Dentist New Business Grant	Veterinarian (DVM)	
Year program began	1991	1993	2001	2007	2007	
Max Amount of award per individual from State	\$45,000	\$15,000	\$80,000	\$25,000	\$80,000	
Years of service Required	2	2	4	5	4	
State Payment parameters	1st pymt- after at least 6 mo. service; pymt can be no later than the end of the fiscal yr in which the yr of service obligation was met - 22,500 / pymt	1st pymt- after at least 3 mo. service; pymt can be no later than the end of the fiscal yr in which the yr of service obligation was met - 7,500 / pymt	1st pymt- after at least 6 mo. service; pymt can be no later than the end of the fiscal yr in which the yr of service obligation was met - 20,000 / pymt	Distributed in equal amts over 5 yr period	1st pymt (15,000)- upon completion of 6 mo the 1st yr of service; 2nd pymt (15,000) - upon completion of 2nd yr of service; 3rd pymt (25,000) upon completion of 3yrs; 4th pymt (25,000) upon completion of 4 yrs	None
State / Community match	50%/50%	50%/50%	None	50%/50%	None	As many as funding will support - see footnote 1
Number of awards/year	As many as funding will support	As many as funding will support	3	2		
2011 - 2013 Biennial budget	337,500	82,500	440,000	30,000	445,000	
General	262,500	82,500	180,000	20,000	135,000	
CHTF	75,000	0	260,000	10,000	310,000	
Century code	43-17.2	43-12.2	43-28.1	43-28.1	43-29.1	
Penalty if leave early	Twice uncredited amount on prorated monthly basis	Twice uncredited amount on prorated monthly basis	Total amount received	Law is Silent	Prorated for amount of time served for the specific yr. service was not fulfilled	
Continuing Approp. Authority to grant additional awards if gifts, grants or donations are rec'd	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	

1 - 2011 Session Laws change requirement of funding of "no more than 3 veterinarians" to being limited to the number supported by moneys available.