



State Health Services Council Work Session

Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

909 West 45th Street, Austin, Texas

Building 2, Public Hearing Room 164

February 26, 2014

Minutes

Council Members Present

Jacinto Juarez, Ph.D., Laredo – Chair

Dr. Kirk Calhoun, Tyler

Dr. Louis Foxhall, Houston (left at 3:00 p.m. to attend another meeting)

Rev. William Lovell, Dallas

Dr. Jeffrey Ross, Houston

Dr. David Woolweaver, Harlingen

Visitors

Morgan Sanders – March of Dimes

Tom Valentine - TXINSIGHT.com

Haley Cornyn – HillCo

Bonnie Bruce – TSA

Stacy Wilson – Texas Hospital Association (THA)

Elizabeth Raggio – Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP)

Randy Cain – Attorney

Kyler Arnold – Senator Duncan's Office

Lisa Kaufman – Attorney

Kim Day – TMHP

Elizabeth Sjoberg – THA

Courtney DeBower – American Heart Association

Joel Romo – American Heart Association

Suzie Chase Brown – American Heart Association

Maggie Brown – American Heart Association

Call to Order - Council Chair, Dr. Jacinto Juarez called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

1. Rules Scheduled for Action by Council on February 27, 2014
 - a. New rules concerning the criteria for approving trainers of mental health first aid services. Mike Maples introduced the rule and Ross Robinson provided the rule overview.

Council members had the following questions and comments:

Rev. Lovell – Who receives this training? How broad is the need for this training?

Dr. Calhoun – Do you have any preliminary data on how receptive the schools are going to be on this?

Dr. Ross – How will trained staff be compensated? How many psychiatrists would be willing to volunteer to train these trainers and volunteers? Training school teachers to recognize sexual abuse, depression, and trauma is important as these may go undiagnosed in young children.

Dr. Woolweaver – How many training hours are involved in the training the educator? Approximately how many hours does it take to train the trainer? How many stakeholders did you have involved in designing this program?

Dr. Foxhall – Is this to be offered to public schools only, or private schools also? When you put the word out to find interested parties, are you approaching all schools across the state?

Dr. Calhoun – Are we talking about elementary and high schools? These kind of skills are needed in community colleges and four year colleges also.

Dr. Ross – There is more stress and suicide that takes place in colleges due to academic stress academically; this is an area where may want to consider expansion. Are school nurses going to be involved?

There was no public comment.

- b. New rules concerning the standards for a Jail-based Competency Restoration Program. Mike Maples introduced the rule and Ross Robinson provided the rule overview.

Council members had the following questions and comments:

Dr. Juarez – Is this program available to illegal residents? Is the training bilingual?

Dr. Calhoun – How will the program be staffed at night when many people enter the jails? Are there any provisions to allow telemedicine in delivery of these services? This may be something to consider.

Rev. Lovell – Can you quantify the number of cases where competency needs to be restored? Are a significant percentage of these people in the urban areas?

There was no public comment.

- c. New rules concerning newborn screening for critical congenital heart disease. Sam Cooper introduced the rule and David Martinez provided the rule overview.

Council members had the following questions and comments:

Dr. Woolweaver – Approximately how many stakeholders participated? Is the primary method of review the pulse oximeter? Is any device other than the pulse oximeter used? What is required by the institution that delivers the child?

Public comment provided by:

Morgan Sanders – March of Dimes – In support of the rules, but need a tracking system

Courteny DeBower – American Heart Association – In support

Susan and Maggie Chase Brown – American Heart Association – In support

- d. Amendments to rules and new rules concerning the collection and release of hospital outpatient emergency room data, hospital discharge data, and outpatient surgical and radiological procedures at hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers. Bruce Burns introduced the rule and provided the rule overview.

Council members had the following questions and comments:

Dr. Woolweaver – Approximately how many stakeholders were involved in the project?

Dr. Ross – In addition to the hospitals, outpatient, and ambulatory surgical centers, are we including the outpatient imaging centers?

Rev. Lovell – What are the security protocols? How is this data protected?

There was no public comment.

- e. Amendments to rules concerning the licensing and regulation of hospitals. Kathy Perkins introduced the rule and Allison Hughes explained the rule and provided the rule overview.

Council members had the following questions and comments:

Dr. Woolweaver – Did you have multiple stakeholder meetings on this issue?

Public comment provided by:

Stacy Wilson – Texas Hospital Association – Suggested that licensed professionals should be excluded from requirement for criminal background checks as this is duplicative. Asked to continue using “RN” and “LVN” on identification badges. Expressed concern about new responsibilities for governing boards.

Dr. Woolweaver – Asked that we consider clarification of the rules regarding spelling out titles and background checks for licensed providers before voting on these amendments.

Lisa Hernandez said that staff can review the rules during the evening and provide additional information at the meeting the following day. The rules will be pulled from consent agenda for further discussion.

- f. Repeal of a rule and a new rule concerning the memorandum of understanding between the Department of State Health Services and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding radiation control functions. Kathy Perkins introduced the rule and Barbara J. Taylor provided the rule overview.

Council members had no questions and comments.

There was no public comment.

- g. Amendment to a rule concerning fees for certificates of registration, radioactive material licenses, emergency planning and implementation, and other regulatory services. Kathy Perkins introduced the rule and Barbara J. Taylor provided the rule overview.

The Council members had the no questions and comments.

There was no public comment.

- h. Amendment to a rule concerning the licensing of device distributors and manufacturers. Kathy Perkins introduced the rule and Tom Brinck provided the rule overview.

Council members had no questions and comments.

There was no public comment.

- i. Amendment to rules concerning the licensure of tanning facilities. Kathy Perkins introduced the rule and Tom Brinck provided the rule overview.

Council members had the following questions and comments:

Dr. Ross – Asked for clarification that persons under 18 are banned from using tanning facilities.

There was no public comment.

- j. Amendment to a rule concerning federal regulations on meat and poultry inspection. Kathy Perkins introduced the rule and Adam Buuck provided the rule overview.

Council members had the following questions and comments:

Dr. Calhoun – Is DSHS required to notify the feds of recalls?

There was no public comment.

- k. Amendments to rules concerning fee schedules for clinical testing, newborn screening, and chemical analysis. Janna Zumbrun introduced the rule and Grace Kubin provided the rule overview.

Council members had the following questions and comments:

Dr. Ross – Is hemoglobin A1C part of the panel? Is fasting glucose one of the things we test?

Dr. Ross suggested that the program seek input from the Diabetes Council regarding adding hemoglobin A1C testing and discuss with the Texas Health Steps Program.

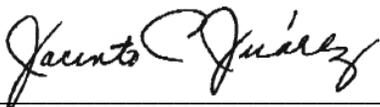
Dr. Lakey said that staff would provide Council members with a manual showing all the tests and discuss at a future time the addition of other tests to the panel.

Dr. Juarez – Was there an overall increase or decrease in percentage?

There was no public comment.

- 2. General Public Comment- Council Chair, Dr. Juarez asked for general public comment. There was no general public comment.

Council Chair, Dr. Juarez adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.. Meeting will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2014.



Jacinto Juarez, Ph.D.
Council Chair

May 22, 2014

Date