



State Health Services Council Meeting

Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Robert E. Morton Building, M-739

1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, Texas

September 15, 2011

Minutes

Council Members Present

Dr. Jeffrey Ross – Houston, Vice – Chair

Mrs. Beverly Barron – Odessa

Dr. Kirk Calhoun – Tyler

Dr. Lewis Foxhall – Houston

Dr. Jacinto Juarez – Laredo

Rev. William T. Lovell – Dallas

Mr. Nasruddin Rupani – Sugar Land

Dr. David Wool weaver – Harlingen

Council Members Not Present

Mrs. Glenda Kane, Chair – Corpus Christi

Visitors

Mackenna Head – HillCo Partners

Dorothy Turner – State Auditor's Office

Danetta Caruthers – Texas Council

Jordan Head – Senate Health and Human Services

Morgan Sanders – March of Dimes

Tom Valentine – Eric Wright and Associates

Vice - Chair, Dr. Ross called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

1. Approval of June 22 and 23, 2011 Minutes – Dr. Ross asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 22 and June 23, 2011. Motion made by Dr. Juarez, seconded by Dr. Calhoun.
2. Commissioner's Report – Commissioner Lakey provided his report detailing significant bills passed during the 82nd Legislative Session and currently being implemented. This includes the following bills:
 - SB 7 – Creating the Texas Institute of Healthcare Quality and Efficiency
 - HB 411 – Confidentiality of newborn screening information
 - SB 80 – Adoption of recommendations from the State Auditor's office by DSHS laboratories
 - SB 81 – Closing exemption for distributors of raw fruits and vegetables
 - SB 166 – Creating a separate agency for the Sex Offender Civil Commitment Program

- Rider 59 – The evaluation of Regulatory programs to determine where new fees can be assessed or existing fees increased to equal or exceed appropriations
- Rider 63 – The proposal to privatize a state mental health hospital

Dr. Lakey also provided updates on the following events:

- July 14, 2011 – Insurance company executives meeting brought together the medical directors from the larger insurance companies around the state to discuss issues. This group will continue to meet quarterly.
- August 15, 2011 – DSHS hosted Dr. Thomas Frieden, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Director Frieden was able to tour our lab, participate in a presentation on disaster preparedness, have a discussion about health status in Texas, tour disaster response equipment and the Texas Center for Infectious Disease (TCID), and discuss tuberculosis and border health challenges. The Director also met with Austin Travis County Health and Human Services and the San Antonio Metro Health Department.
- August 18, Region VI, Title Directors Meeting – Dr. Lakey presented on infant mortality and the Texas Healthy Babies Initiative.

Dr. Lakey mentioned September is Recovery Month and detailed some of the events that are taking place. More information is available at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhsa/awareness/recoverymonth/> on events taking place at DSHS and statewide.

Dr. Lakey recognized the following staff and program awards:

- IT Excellence Award with Texas Department of Public Safety
- Partners for Preparedness Award for the Emergency Tracking Network in partnership with the Texas Department of Emergency Management
- Gabe Pina has been selected as the Director of Executive and Staff Operations,
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC) received Breastfeeding Bonus Award for Federal Fiscal Year 2011 of \$3.4 million
- Calvin Holloway, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division, received the Dr. James Sabal Memorial Award for over 25 years of work in the field of opiate addiction
- TCID received the Real Estate Award for Best Medical Facility
- Hill Country Crisis Stabilization Unit was recognized for crisis services in the Health and Human Services Administration Rural Behavioral Health Programs and Promising Practices publication
- Emily Becker has been recommended for advancement to the Distinguished Fellow of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.
- DSHS received HHS funding awards for the Tobacco Quitline and Public Health Immunizations under the Affordable Care Act
- Daphne Dutton, Regulatory Division, received the Superior Partner Award from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- Texas has been recognized by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials in two categories for the 2011 Vision Award – second place for Breastfeeding Every Ounce Counts Award and second place in the Texas HINI Pandemic Influenza Distribution Initiative. Dr. Lakey thanked Rick Bays and Mike Czepiel for their efforts in the HI N 1 antiviral distribution.
- Dr. Lakey also recognized Mike Maples, Dr. Adolfo Valadez, and Rick Bays for their dedicated work in providing mental health and medical support services during the State Medical Operations Center activation for the recent fires.
- Dr. Lakey recognized Ben Delgado, who is leaving at the end of September to work with Baptist Children and Family Services in San Antonio. Dr. Ross thanked Ben on his service of over 30 years to the state of Texas and presented him with a certificate of appreciation from the Council.

Discussion: Dr. Ross commented on the recognition of TCID, DSHS' tuberculosis hospital in San Antonio, the CDC recognition and the Tobacco Prevention Quitline funding. Dr. Ross asked how the insurance executives are looking at prevention, mental health and cost in Texas.

3. Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Update – Commissioner Lakey provided an update on the FY 2012 Budget. Handout can be found at: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/agenda.shtm>

Discussion:

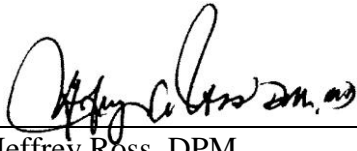
- Dr. Foxhall said that the funding for tobacco before reductions was significantly below CDC recommendations, and now, with reductions, it is even lower. Dr. Foxhall suggested that whatever can be done during this biennium to assist funding is important. Dr. Foxhall asked what contingencies have been made to keep the Tobacco Prevention Quitline up and running if grant funds are not received. Dr. Ross asked if we can we consider developing public/private partnerships for tobacco funding? Dr. Ross requested on behalf of Ms. Kane an agenda at the next work session in November.
 - Dr. Ross provided an update on the Governor's Advisory Council on Physical Fitness, which was not funded this session. Cities have gone to private businesses to make up shortfall and continue to operate programs. Dr. Ross asked if the public private partnerships can be considered with the insurance company executive meetings.
 - Dr. Ross asked how the School Health Advisory Council will be affected by the budget?
 - Dr. Foxhall asked if infrastructure funding secured? Dr. Calhoun asked if repairs to the Moreton building will be limited to building envelope, or will internal repairs be done; will there be new elevators and a new air conditioning system.
 - Dr. Foxhall asked if IT and security system issues will be addressed.
 - Dr. Foxhall asked about savings to the Medicaid program. Since the smoke-free workplace initiative did not succeed, can we look for additional revenue for these programs?
4. Consent Agenda – The following rule actions were recommended by consent agenda to be forwarded to the Health and Human Services Commission for public comment:
 - a. Amendment to a rule concerning radiation fees
 - b. Amendment to rules concerning certification of mammography systems and machines used for interventional breast radiography and mammography accreditations
 - c. Repeal of rules concerning the sanitary standards of barber shops, barber schools, and colleges
 - d. Amendments to rules concerning promotores and community health workers
 - e. Amendments to rules and repeal of rules concerning the Department of State Health Services/ Department of Aging and Disability Services Drug Formulary

There was no further discussion and no public comment. Motion to approve made by Dr. Juarez, seconded by Dr. Wool weaver.

5. General Public Comment – Vice - Chair Dr. Ross called for general public comment. There was no general public comment.

Dr. Ross will provide information electronically to the Council members on the Governor's Physical Fitness Advisory Council and advancements that are being made. Dr. Foxhall provided a handout about a seminar MD Anderson will be hosting on Cancer Survivorship.

Vice – Chair Dr. Ross asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Dr. Woolweaver, seconded by Reverend Lovell. Meeting adjourned at 10: 17 a.m.



Dr. Jeffrey Ross, DPM
Council Vice – Chair

December 1, 2011
Date Approved by Council

Next Council Work Session scheduled for November 30, 2011, next Council Meeting scheduled for December 1, 2011.