



State Health Services Council Meeting

Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Robert E. Moreton Building, M-739

1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, Texas

November 9, 2010

1:30 p.m.

Minutes

Council Members Present

Dr. Jacinto Juarez - Laredo

Dr. David Woolweaver – Harlingen

Graciela Cigarroa – San Antonio

Glenda Kane – Corpus Christi

Nasruddin Rupani – Sugar Land

Beverly Barron – Odessa – late arrival 1:50 p.m.

Dr. Lewis Foxhall – Houston – 1:50 p.m.

Council Members Not Present

Dr. Jeffrey Ross – Houston

Dr. Kirk Calhoun – Tyler

Visitors

Clifford Gay

Gretchen Ellison – Hillco Partners

Lisa Poynor – ASAP

Sue Milam – NASW- TX

Josette Saxton – Texans Care for Children

Terry Cowan - ASAP

Dianna Sosa – Governor’s office

Natasha Boston – HHSC

Ricardo Garcia – HHSC

Gyl Switzer – Mental Health America of Texas

Call to Order - Council Chair, Glenda Kane called the meeting to order at 1:46 p.m.

1. Approval of August 25 and 26, 2010, 2010 Minutes - Glenda Kane, Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last Council meeting and work session. Motion made by Dr. Juarez, motion seconded by Graciela Cigarroa.

2. Commissioner's Report - Commissioner David L. Lakey provided a report on recent initiatives and activities including:
 - Legislative hearings
 - Texas Center for Infectious Disease grand opening
 - Presentation at Advisory Council for Elimination of TB
 - Grand Rounds
 - HHS Tobacco Cessation Program for employees
 - Healthy Babies Initiative
 - Food safety and recent outbreaks,
 - Health care reform activities and grants received
 - 82nd Legislative Session beginning January 9, 2011; over 360 bills filed on first day of filing

Dr. Lakey also highlighted the following staff and program accomplishments:

- Texas Cancer Registry recognized as one of 15 CDC Specialized Registries for Comparative Effectiveness Research; received full funding on contract for \$1,524,471
- Lab – two awards
 - Excellence in Public Health Response
 - Outstanding Outreach for Laboratory Research Network Chemical Terrorism Preparedness
- Breast and Cervical Cancer Program – Supplemental Grant Funding in the amount of \$250,000
- Carrie Bradford – US EPA 2009 National Notable Achievement Award
- Mabelle Pharr, CFO retired on September 30; Mary Wright acknowledged as acting CFO until the position is filled.

Council members had questions about the correlation between low birth weight and C-sections and between alcohol/drug use and infant mortality, and about increased incidence of TB along the border. Mrs. Kane suggested that we seek grant funding where possible to improve coordination of care with Mexico related to TB prevention and treatment. Dr. Lakey explained some of the activities already underway with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

3. Recommend to the Health and Human Services Commission proposal of the following rule actions for consideration at a Future Council Meeting. (Public comments will be taken with each rule discussion for the following rules.)
 - a. Repeal of rules and new rules concerning the regulation of chemical dependency treatment facilities. Kathy Perkins introduced the rule; Beth Pickens provided the rule overview.

Both Dr. Juarez and Dr. Woolweaver were recognized for their attendance at chemical dependency treatment facility stakeholder meetings. Dr. Juarez commented that he had observed good communication between stakeholders and staff during these meetings.

One unresolved issue involves the use of tobacco in these facilities. Ms. Pickens explained that stakeholders have expressed concerns about requiring tobacco-free facilities; however they will to continue to seek ways to address this issue. Council members encouraged staff to look at additional tobacco-free facility models. Ms. Kane suggested that a workgroup be

convened before the next council meeting to address the tobacco addiction issue and work to achieve tobacco free facilities within three years.

Ms. Pickens explained that they will continue to research the unresolved issues and will have another stakeholder meeting after the first of the year.

- b. Amendments to rules and the repeal of a rule concerning the use and maintenance of the Executive Drug Formulary. Dr. Emilie Becker introduced the rule and provided the rule overview. Clifford Gay provided public comment.
4. Recommend to the Health and Human Services commission proposal of the following rule actions for public comment:*
- a. Repeal of rules concerning Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) prevention, testing, and treatment in state hospitals.
 - b. Amendments to rules concerning immunization requirements in Texas elementary and secondary schools and statewide immunization of children and the repeal of a rule concerning the Department of State Health Services Immunization Schedule.
 - c. Amendments to rules concerning notification of emergency medical personnel and others of possible exposure to methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), and a program for reporting MRSA.
 - d. Repeal of rules concerning minimum acceptable operating standards for water systems serving camps.

Lisa Hernandez read the rule titles. Glenda Kane asked for a motion to approve these rules by consent and recommend to the Health and Human Services Commission that they be posted for public comment. Motion made by Dr. Foxhall. Seconded by Dr. Juarez. Motion passed. No public comment.

5. Glenda Kane asked for general public comment. There was no general public comment.

6. Glenda Kane adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

* Denotes action items.



Glenda Kane, Chair

2/24/11

Date Approved by Council