



State Health Services Council Meeting

Department of State Health Services (DSHS)
Robert E. Moreton Building, Public Hearing Room
1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, Texas

May 19, 2016

9:00 a.m.

Minutes

Council Members Attending

Jacinto Juarez, Ph.D., Laredo – Chair
Rev. William Lovell, Dallas – Vice Chair
Dr. Lewis Foxhall, Houston
Dr. Jeffrey Ross, Houston
Nancy Townes, Granbury
Dr. David Woolweaver, Harlingen
Jay Zeidman, Houston

Council Members Not Attending

Dr. Kirk Calhoun, Tyler
Carmen Pagan, McAllen

Visitors:

Tom Valentine – TXINSIGHT.com

Call to Order - Council Chair, Dr. Jacinto Juarez, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Approval of February 24-25, 2016 Minutes – Dr. Juarez asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 24 and 25, 2016 meetings. Motion made by Dr. Woolweaver, seconded by Dr. Ross, motion approved.

Commissioner's Report – Commissioner John Hellerstedt provided an update on the following topics:

- Executive Team update – Jennifer Sims named Associate Commissioner; Kirk Cole named Senior Advisor.
- Chris Traylor is retiring as Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Executive Commissioner May 31, 2016. Charles Smith will be the new Executive Commissioner and Cecile Young will be the Chief Deputy Commissioner.
- Transition Update – HHSC submitted the transition plan to the Legislative Oversight Committee on March 1, 2016. The Committee met on March 1 and again May 18 to receive updates. DSHS

continues to work with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation to transition regulatory programs. DSHS is also working on the NorthStar transition.

- Hurricane Preparedness
- Infectious Disease Task Force Update
- Zika Update
- Public Health Action Plan and Public Health Inventory – Rider 81
- State Hospital Improvements
 - Rider 86 – Evaluation of benefits of state hospital operation by university health-related institutions.
 - SB 200 – Study regarding the feasibility of relocating Austin State Hospital
- Rusk State Hospital Update – Centers for Medicare & Medicaid findings
- Interim Legislative Committees – Dr. Hellerstedt and other staff have testified before the following committees:
 - Senate Committee on Criminal Justice – March 30, 2016
 - House Public Health – April 5, 2016
 - Senate Health and Human Services – April 21, 2016
 - Senate Health and Human Services – May 17, 2016
 - House Public Health – May 19, 2016
- 2018/2019 Legislative Appropriations Request – Public hearings May 25, 2016 at Brown Heatly Building at 1:00 p.m., and June 10, 2016, in Moreton Public Hearing Room at 10:00 a.m.

Staff and Program Recognitions:

Disease Control and Prevention Services

- The Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch’s “Spit It Out” campaign has won the *Through With Chew Award* for exceptional achievement in policy change specific to smokeless tobacco.
- The Central Texas Flu Immunization Campaign won the Laura Scott 2015-16 Outstanding Influenza Season Activities Award.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recognized DSHS’ Mycobacteriology Mycology Laboratory as a U.S. TB Elimination Champion for its excellent team work and partnership assisting Louisiana with TB testing after Hurricane Katrina.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

- The work of Philander Moore, Substance Abuse Services Manager, leading Texas’ recovery-focused systems transformation effort at DSHS was recently highlighted in an article entitled “African Americans Who Have Made (and are Making) a Difference in Promoting Resistance to and Recovery from Alcohol and Other Drug Problem.”

Family and Community Health Services

- Sam Cooper, Director, Specialized Health Services, was presented with the Title V Lifetime Achievement Award at the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs' national conference.

Office of Academic Affairs

- DSHS has received an accreditation award from the American Nurses Credentialing Center for its role in providing outstanding continuing nursing education.

Regional and Local Health Services

- Carol Davis, of Region 7, recently became the President Elect for Texas Public Health Association.
- Danielle Hesse, with the Community Preparedness Section, has been appointed Co-Chair of the Governor's Texas Disability Task Force on Emergency Management.
- Lisette Osborne, with Health Emergency Preparedness and Response, has been appointed to the Governing Council of the Texas Public Health Association.
- Monica Hughes was selected for the Public Health Nursing Leaders program, which is a highly selective opportunity through the Center for Creative Leadership funded by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Office of General Counsel

- Barbara Klein, Deputy General Counsel, was sworn in as a new member of the U.S. Supreme Court Bar, on March 2, while attending oral arguments at the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of the Department.
- At the end of March, DSHS sponsored a national conference of the Legal Division of the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors. This effort was led by Tim Bray, Deputy General Counsel, who also serves as the National Chairperson for the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors Legal Division, and was supported by his staff in the Government Law Unit.

Dr. Hellerstedt invited everyone to attend the M100 Dedication honoring Glenda and Jerry Kane later that afternoon.

Council members had the following questions and comments:

- Dr. Foxhall: There were statutory changes made by the Legislature last year that created a challenge in addressing exposure of children to UV light by limiting the use of sunscreen. The issue was children being allowed to apply or take sunscreen to school without prohibitions; sunscreens were considered medications. Given what could happen with Zika, is this going to be an issue with insect repellants in schools for children?
Response: Dr. Hellerstedt responded that he was unsure but would research the issue and let Dr. Foxhall know.
- Ms. Townes: Will there be new state hospitals and renovations to others?
Response: Options are to replace or rebuild.
- Ms. Townes: Will they be in the same places, and will they serve the same number of patients?
Response: The issue is how to address the need for inpatient psychiatric care. Stakeholder input being sought on Austin State Hospital and Austin State Supported Living Center. The study is looking at how to best serve the populations.

2. Consent Agenda – Recommend to the Health and Human Services Commission the proposal of the following rule actions for public comment
 - a. Amendment to a rule concerning Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provider licensing
 - b. New rules, amendments to rules, and repeal of rules concerning occupational licensing for military service members, military veterans, and military spouses and new rules concerning the authority of chemical dependency counselors regarding child custody evaluations
 - c. Amendments to rules concerning local authority responsibilities
 - d. Amendment to a rule concerning health authorities
 - e. Amendment to a rule concerning the Texas HIV Medication Advisory Committee

- f. Repeal of rules concerning the care of animals by circuses, carnivals, and zoos
- g. Amendments to rules concerning the caging requirements and registration for dangerous wild animals
- h. Amendment to a rule concerning reptile-associated salmonellosis

Motion to recommend to the Health and Human Services Commission the proposal of rules in Agenda Items 3a – 3h for public comment made by Dr. Woolweaver, seconded by Dr. Ross, motion approved.

- 3. General Public Comment – Dr. Juarez asked for general public comment. There was no general public comment.

Adjourn – Dr. Juarez asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Rev. Lovell, seconded by Jay Zeidman. Meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m. Next meeting of the State Health Services Council Work Session will be August 17, 2016 and the Council Meeting will be August 18, 2016.

Approved:



August 18, 2016

Jacinto Juarez, Ph.D., Council Chair

Date