



State Health Services Council Work Session

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

November 18, 2015

3:00 p.m.

Minutes

Council members attending:

Jacinto Juarez, Ph.D., Laredo – Chair
Rev. William Lovell, Dallas – Vice Chair (arrived at 3:05 p.m.)
Carmen Pagan, McAllen
Nancy Townes, Granbury
Dr. David Woolweaver, Harlingen
Jay Zeidman, Houston

Council members not attending:

Dr. Kirk Calhoun, Tyler
Dr. Lewis Foxhall, Houston
Dr. Jeffrey Ross, Houston

Visitors:

Kyle Mauro – HillCo Partners
Tom Valentine – TxINSIGHT
John Seago – Texas Right to Life

Call to Order - Council Chair, Dr. Jacinto Juarez called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1. Rules Scheduled for Action by Council on November 19, 2015.

Rule (b) was presented before rule (a).

- b. Amendments to rules concerning immunization requirements in Texas elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education immunization requirements – Janna Zumbrun provided the rule overview and Imelda Garcia explained the rule.

The Council members had the following questions and comments:

- Rev. Lovell asked if these rules simplify the process for exemptions.
Response: The rules are expected to help with the processing of exemption requests by providing phone numbers to follow-up for clarification of addresses and other information as needed.

There was no public comment.

- a. Amendments to rules concerning the communicable disease exposure and testing of emergency response employees or volunteers – Janna Zumbrun provided the rule overview and Marilyn Felkner explained the rule.

The Council members did not have any questions and there was no public comment.

- c. Amendments to rules concerning the Hemophilia Assistance Program – Sam Cooper provided the rule overview and explained the rule.

The Council members had the following questions and comments:

- Ms. Townes asked how many are served through the program.
Response: In fiscal year 2015, only one patient received services and used the maximum \$25,000 for blood factor. Seven others were determined eligible but did not use the benefit.
- Ms. Townes asked how long the agency has been involved in this program and what has been the trend in services over the years.
Response: DSHS has had the program approximately 10 years. The number of participants has declined over the years as there is now more coverage for those clients who qualify for the program through the healthcare marketplace coverage and Medicaid.

There was no public comment.

- d. An amendment to a rule concerning the Breast and Cervical Cancer Services Program – Travis Duke provided the rule overview and explained the rule.

The Council members had no questions and comments.

Public comment provided by John Seago, Texas Right to Life. He recommended an amendment to the rule to include providers who are not eligible for the sole reason of providing a different service package than required to participate in the Texas Women’s Health Program.

The Council members had the following questions and comments to Mr. Seago’s comment:

- Dr. Juarez said that the Council will take the recommendations into consideration.
- Rev. Lovell asked for the department’s position on the request.
Response: Program and Legal staff will consult and confer with the Commissioner to see if a change can be made.

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

Adjourn - Dr. Juarez asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Dr. Woolweaver, seconded by Jay Zeidman. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. Meeting will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2015.



February 25, 2016

Jacinto Juarez, Ph.D., Chair

Date