



State Health Services Council Meeting

Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Robert E. Moreton Building, M-739

1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, Texas

January 29, 2009

9:00 a.m.

Minutes

Members Present:

Ms. Glenda Kane, Chair - Corpus Christi
Dr. Rudy Arredondo - Lubbock
Ms. Graciela Cigarroa - San Antonio
Dr. Lewis Foxhall - Houston
Dr. Jacinto Juarez - Laredo
Dr. David Woolweaver - Harlingen
Dr. Kirk Calhoun - Tyler
Dr. Jeffrey Ross, - Houston

Not Present:

Ms. Beverly Barron - Odessa

Visitors:

Clifford Gay, Brenda Anderson, Brooks Ballard, Shane Casady, Vicki Perkins, Joe Lovelace, Jennifer Fox, Marisa Finley, Judy Graham, Kathy Golson, Amy Granbury

Call to Order – Chair, Glenda Kane called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of Minutes - Glenda Kane asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 1 and December 2, 2008 meetings. Motion by Dr. Juarez to approve the minutes, seconded by

Dr. Arredondo. Motion carried. See www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/minutes/1201-0208.pdf for meeting minutes.

Agenda Item 2: Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Lakey introduced new staff members:

- Dr. James Morgan, Assistant Commissioner for Regional and Local Health Services.
- Dr. Yvonne Howze, office of the Chief Operating Officer, working with Health Information and Vital Statistics.
- Dr. Kimberly Leighton, the newest Medical Resident in the Preventive Health Residency Program. Dr. Leighton will work from the DSHS office in Lubbock with Dr. Peter Pendergrass serving as her mentor.
- Dr. Sandra Guerra-Cantu, Residency Program Director. Dr. Guerra-Cantu is the Health Service Region 8 Medical Director and a past graduate of the program.

DSHS is one of only two medical residency programs in Texas. Two other applicants will start later this summer in the DSHS residency program. This session DSHS is requesting additional funds to assist residency program. Dr. Lakey announced the initiation of the Office of Academic Leadership, which will be operating within the responsibility of Luanne Southern, Deputy Commissioner. Dr. Rick Danko will serve as the Director of the office.

The legislative session has begun; Dr. Lakey and other members of the leadership team have been making visits to legislative offices to discuss our requests, challenges, needs and exceptional items. There is a new speaker, Representative Joe Straus, from San Antonio. Dr. Lakey will provide more details to the Council in updates as session continues.

Dr. Lakey discussed DSHS participation in a Pandemic Influenza Planning Evaluation. The criterion indicates how well we are prepared for a pandemic. TX scored higher on five objectives, and lower on six objectives; there will be no potential impact on funds based on the evaluation. Dr. Lakey returned yesterday from Institute of Medicine Medical Forum in Irvine, CA on response capabilities. Dr. Lakey indicated he was scheduled to testify at an Institute of Medicine Obesity Forum on February 5 in Austin.

Dr. Lakey described his recent State Hospital visits: Terrell State Hospital, on December 17 and North Texas State Hospital, both the Vernon and Wichita Falls campuses, on January 22, 2009. He has now visited all of the state hospitals and gained much information and insight.

Dr. Lakey reported on the kick off of the sixth annual Texas Round Up with Governor Perry, on January 16, 2009. The challenge is a competition among schools, cities, state agencies, companies, families and social organizations to win the Governor's Cup and be named "Fittest in Texas." There is an on line tool to track progress and the challenge will end on April 25, 2009 with a 5k, 10k and fitness festival.

Dr. Lakey is a member of the Governor's Commission on Recovery and Renewal. The first meeting of the Commission was held in Galveston. There are still significant issues in that part of the state. Dr. Ross suggested that Council members be invited to attend site visits at disaster areas. Dr. Lakey indicated these are open meetings.

Dr. Lakey congratulated Ms. Cigarroa, on her husband's appointment as head of UT system.

Agenda Item 3: DSHS Legislative Appropriations Request for Fiscal Years 2010-2011 and 81st Session Update

Machelle Pharr and Kirk Cole provided an update on the DSHS Legislative Appropriations Request for Fiscal Years 2010-2011 and 81st Session Update. Ms. Pharr provided a handout with a comparison on the initial review of Senate Bill 1 and House Bill 1 between 2008-09 and 2010-11. She reviewed the statistics and changes with the Council. There was discussion on the variance shortfall on preparedness funds and how the funding is appropriated for disaster preparedness. There was additional discussion on how the Federal Economic Stimulus package will affect our budget. Ms. Pharr and Dr. Lakey provided clarification on the preparedness funding, our requests under exceptional items and funding requests that may be made in coordination with DPS and other state agencies in the event of future disasters. Ms. Pharr also discussed the \$10 million that has not been reimbursed from the federal government as a result of the 2008 disasters. The exhibit for this presentation can be found at:

www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/minutes/3_DSHS-LAR.pdf

Kirk Cole updated the Council on general issues related to the session. The House and Senate have both adopted rules which they will operate by and will identify committees. Committee appointments are now in process. A tentative meeting is scheduled for February 4 to discuss preparedness. The House is just getting committee members appointed; the process could take several weeks. There will be much more activity once the House committee members are placed. 500-600 bills have already been filed. Mr. Cole identified several bills which staff are tracking at this time, including an anti-smoking in workplaces bill, which if passed will provide DSHS with some inspection authority. A similar bill last session came very close to passing. Bills have been filed to establish continuous eligibility for Medicaid from six to 12 months, raise CHIP from 200 to 300% of the federal poverty level, and prohibit mandatory overtime for nurses which may affect hospitals. Appropriations bills have been filed by Senator Nelson including \$60 million for DSHS substance abuse programs and SB 494 appropriation funding for Hospital Acquired Infections, which was an unfunded mandate last session. HB 490 filed by Representative Jackson will require committees to design a regional health care system for indigent health care; raises county minimums from 21 to 25% of the federal poverty level; and requires counties to submit expenditure data to DSHS. This bill changes the eligibility standards for the county indigent population from \$30,000 to \$35,000. Senator Nelson has also filed SB 525 which will expand the J-1 Visa program for physicians; and SB 526 reauthorizing Federally Qualified Health Centers.

Agenda Item 4: 2008 Disaster Preparedness Response

Dr. Adolfo Valadez and Dr. Sandra Guerra-Cantu provided a brief overview of preparedness activities that DSHS participated in during 2008. Executive Order RP 57 issued by the Governor tasked DSHS through orders from GDEM to define medical special needs (MSN) and make provisions for handling MSN cases. Dr. Sandra Guerra Cantu was part of the rapid assessment team and described her experience in the disasters of 2008. Dr. Valadez also described the future direction that DSHS is pursuing, including exceptional item funding, policy updates and the formation of a workgroup to study the response and make suggestions to be better prepared. The full presentation can be found at: www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/minutes/4_DisasterPreparednessResponse.ppt

Ms. Kane suggested that the Council schedule round table discussion for next meeting on preparedness issues. Dr. Ross requested that the presentation be mailed out ahead of time. Questions to be considered include: who has authority to declare a disaster, how can people be encouraged/made to evacuate. Glenda Kane requested that another ½ day session to be added to next council meeting of April 23 to discuss preparedness issues. Dr. Foxhall is serving as president of Harris County Medical Society and has been approached by several legislators with requests to meet to respond to ongoing challenges due to degradation of University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, and ongoing overburdening of emergency system due to Hurricane Ike. He requested a member of the department attend to address where emergency response stops and regular day to day business as usual activity resumes.

10:45 a.m. - break

11:09 a.m. Glenda Kane called the meeting back to order

Agenda Item 5: Recommend to the Health and Human Services Commission proposal of the following rule actions for public comment* (Public comments will be taken with each rule discussion.)

- a. Repeal of rules and new rules concerning offender education programs established for alcohol and drug-related offenses. Kathy Perkins introduced the rule and Celeste Lunceford Havis provided the rule overview. Motion by Dr. Foxhall to recommend HHSC approval to repeal this rule and

adopt new rule. Motion seconded by Dr. Arredondo. Motion carried. Public comment was provided by Clifford Gay in support of the rule.

- b. New rule concerning the requirements for stroke facility designation. Motion by Dr. Ross to recommend HHSC approval of this rule. Kathy Perkins introduced the rule and Jane Guerrero provided the rule overview. Motion seconded by Dr. Woolweaver. Motion carried. No public comment was provided.

Agenda Item 6: School Nutrition Programs

Kathy Golson, government relations specialist with the Department of Agriculture, provided a presentation on School Nutrition Programs, some challenges that they face, Department of Agriculture policies and programs, and the Department's legislative priorities for the 81st Legislative Session. The complete presentation can be found at www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/minutes/6_SchoolNutritionPrograms.ppt

Agenda Item 7: Brownsville-Matamoros Sister City Project for Women's Health

Brian Castrucci, Division for Family and Community Health Services, provided an update on the Brownsville-Matamoros Sister City Project for Women's Health. He discussed the data, program and services being provided including HIV testing, screenings and family planning services, the disparities and the need for these services. The full presentation can be found at: www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/minutes/7_Brownsville_Matamoros_Project.ppt

Glenda Kane asked to have a speaker and to invite staff from MD Anderson to discuss minority health and border health issues at the June Council meeting. In addition, Ms. Kane requested that consideration be given to securing a speaker for every Council meeting or every other Council meeting to prepare a presentation that will focus on one of DSHS' programs.

Agenda Item 8: General Public Comment

No general public comment was provided.

Adjourn: Dr Juarez moved for adjournment, Dr. Arredondo seconded the motion. Ms. Kane adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2009.



Glenda Kane, Chair

April 23, 2009

Date Approved by Council