



Minutes
State Health Services Council Meeting
Department of State Health Services (DSHS)
Robert E. Moreton Building, M-739
1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, Texas

Thursday, April, 10, 2008
9:00 a.m.

Chair's Welcome and Introduction of Guests: Ms. Kane called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Members Present:

Ms. Glenda Kane, Chair – Corpus Christi
Ms. Beverly Barron – Odessa
Dr. Lewis Foxhall – Houston
Dr. Jeffrey Ross – Houston

Dr. Rudy Arredondo – Lubbock
Ms. Graciela Cigarroa – San Antonio
Dr. Jacinto Juarez – Laredo

Members Absent: Mr. James Springfield – Harlingen

Registered Guests: Sue J. Dais, Anthony Haley, Cynthia Humphrey, Marsha Jones, Jay Marsh-Litz, Jessica Olson, Rick Pelters, Tonya Sever, Adrian VanDellen, Julie Wisdom Weld

Agenda Item #1 – Approval of Minutes: Approval of Minutes: Motion by Dr. Juarez to approve the minutes from the January 30-31, 2008 meeting, seconded by Dr. Arredondo. Motion carried. See <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/minutes/0130-3108.pdf> for meeting minutes.

Agenda Item #2 – Commissioner's Report: Deputy Commissioner Luanne Southern provided update on:

- DSHS Critical Operations Planning Exercise
- Dr. Lakey's testimony to the House Public Health and House Defense Affairs Committee regarding preparedness for a public health emergency.
- US-Mexico Border Health Commission meeting in McAllen, Texas, March 2008.
- Development of Health and Human Services (HHS) Strategic Plan. Comments from the Council were incorporated into the DSHS component of the HHS Strategic Plan. A draft was submitted to Health and Human Services Commission on March 5, 2008.
- HHS Strategic Plan Public Hearings are scheduled for April and May and will be held in Mesquite, Plainview, Harlingen, El Paso, Baytown and Corpus Christi.
- Proposed collaborative efforts between DSHS and U.T. Health Science Center at Houston regarding health informatics.
- Funding for Federally Qualified Health Center Grants incubator grant awards (Expansion, Look-Alike, and New Access points).
- Mental Health Crisis Services funding to: Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation (MHMR), Center for Health Care Services in San Antonio, North Texas Behavioral Health Authority/Value Options, MHMR of Harris County, Tarrant County MHMR.

Ms. Southern introduces and recognizes several staff. She acknowledged the appointment of Evelyn Delgado to the National Advisory Council on Maternal Infant and Fetal Nutrition; David Zane's recognition by the Centers

for Disease Control for his co-authorship of the article “Unauthorized Border Crossings and Migrant Deaths; Arizona, New Mexico, and El Paso, Texas, 2002-2003.” Ms. Southern also acknowledged Leslie Mansolo and Emily Palmer for the “Ready or Not? Have a Plan” Preparedness Campaign, which received the “Silver Spur” and the “Best of Texas” awards from the Texas Public Relations Association. She introduced Ardhas Khalsa, Medicaid coordinator for DSHS.

Agenda Item #3 – Discussion of Possible Initiative to Recognize School Health Programs: Dr. Ross led a discussion of possible initiatives to recognize school health programs and how to recognize local communities for their efforts to combat obesity and increase fitness activity.

Agenda Item #4 – Recommend to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) 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 the Oral Health Improvement Services Program. Evelyn Delgado introduced the rule and Jan Melton-Kissell provided rule overview with Linda Altenhoff as the subject matter expert. Motion by Dr. Foxhall to recommend HHSC approval for publication of rules contained in agenda item 4(a), second by Dr. Ross. Motion carried. No public comment was provided.
- b. Amendments to rules concerning sexually transmitted diseases, including Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome and Human Immunodeficiency Virus. Adolfo Valadez introduced the rule and Ann Robbins provided rule overview. Motion by Ms. Barron to recommend HHSC approval for publication of the rules contained in item 4(b), seconded by Dr. Juarez Motion carried. No public comment was provided.
- c. Repeal of rules and new rules concerning the certification of medical radiologic technologists. Kathy Perkins introduced the rule and Pam Kaderka provided rule overview. Motion by Dr. Foxhall to recommend HHSC approval for publication of the rules contained in item 4(c), seconded by Dr. Ross. Motion carried. No public comment was provided.
- d. Amendments to rules concerning charitable drug donations and the licensing of wholesale distributors of prescription drugs, including good manufacturing practices. Kathy Perkins introduced the rule and Karen Tannert provided rule overview. Motion by Dr. Juarez to recommend HHSC approval for publication of the rules contained in item 3(d), seconded by Dr. Arredondo. Motion carried. Public comment was provided by Clifford Gay in support of the rules and to encourage additions to rules involving prescription drugs.
- e. New rule concerning the disbursement of funds for uncompensated trauma care and emergency medical services (EMS), generated by photographic traffic signal enforcement regional trauma account. Kathy Perkins introduced the rule and Steve Janda provided rule overview. Motion by Dr. Juarez to recommend HHSC approval for publication of the rules contained in item 3(e), seconded by Ms. Barron. Motion carried. No public comment was provided.

Agenda Item #5 – Exceptional Items Discussion: Mabelle Pharr provided summary of Department activities related to exceptional items.

Agenda Item #6 – Substance Abuse Briefing: Ms. Barron introduced presentation and discussed impact of alcohol and illegal drug use on the state. Joe Vesowate outlined the impact of substance abuse and the consequences on society, as well as the systems which are in place to reduce substance abuse. The full presentation can be found at: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/agendas/041008/6_SubstanceAbuse.ppt

Ms. Glenda Kane left at 12:05 p.m., in her absence Dr. Foxhall took over as Council Chair.

Agenda Item #7 – Medicaid Reform Update: Maureen Milligan presented on Medicaid Reform outlining goals, legislation and highlights of Senate Bill 10. The full presentation is available at: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/agendas/041008/7_MedicaidReform.ppt

Agenda Item #8 – Workforce Presentation: Tony Gilman with the Office of the Governor provided a presentation on the Texas Health Care Policy Council which was established to research and make recommendations on ways to improve the healthcare system in Texas, and to ensure greater coordination and collaboration among states agencies and institutions of higher education on healthcare. One of the primary roles of the Council is to monitor and implement health workforce planning activities. In coordination with the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, the Council adopted a health workforce strategic plan entitled “Commitment to Health Workforce Planning: A Strategy for Addressing Texas’ Health Workforce Needs” in 2006 to focus and synchronize all health workforce planning activities across the state over the next five years. The strategic plan assesses the health workforce activities in Texas, examines the challenges facing various health professions, and identifies specific goals, objectives and priority actions. In 2008, the Council will be conducting a physician workforce study. To inform the work of the Council, the Council in collaboration with the Texas Medical Association, held a stakeholder forum in April 2008 to solicit input into the study. A draft of study will be available when the Council’s Workforce Partnership Subcommittee meets on July 18, 2008.

Agenda Item #9 – Health and Human Services Strategic Plan, Timelines, and Public Hearings: Item was discussed during Commissioner’s Report.

Agenda Item #10 – DSHS Presentations and Council Discussions: Implications for HHSC Strategic Planning: Not Discussed

Agenda Item #11 – Discussion of Proposed DSHS Council Communications Process: Luanne Southern presented proposal for DSHS engagement and communications process. Proposed communication activities to strengthen engagement and communications included: 1) involve council members earlier in the rule development process; 2) provide a summary of rules that will be presented over the next 6-12 months; 3) work closer with Council Liaisons to identify the rules in which they have a particular interest including attending stakeholder meetings related to the rule, and other earlier rule development activities; 4) provide list and schedule of advisory committee meetings and rule stakeholder meetings to Council members and coordinate members’ attendance to these meetings as appropriate. Proposal can be found at:
http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/agendas/041008/11_%20Proposed_Comm_Process.pdf

Agenda Item #12 – General Public Comment: Public comment was provided by Adrian Vandellen, Cynthia Humphrey, and Julie Winston Moyles.

Adjournment: Dr. Foxhall adjourned the Council meeting at 1:34 p.m.

Next Council meeting is scheduled for: June 18-19, 2008.

Glenda Kane, Chair

Date Approved by Council