



State Health Services Council Meeting

Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Robert E. Moreton Building, M-739

1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, Texas

April 29, 2010

Minutes

Council Members Present:

Glenda Kane, Chair – Corpus Christi

Beverly Barron – Odessa

Dr. Kirk Calhoun – Tyler

Graciela Cigarroa – San Antonio

Dr. Jeffrey Ross, D.P.M. – Houston

Dr. David Woolweaver – Harlingen

Council Members Not Present:

Dr. Lewis Foxhall – Houston

Dr. Jacinto Jaurez – Laredo

Mr. Nasruddin Rupani – Houston

Visitors:

Haley Cornyn, Hillco Partners

Andrew Gorchs, Veterans Administration

Joel Hipp – Hobart Corporation

Nancy Fisher, Texas Association of Local Health Officials

Starr West, Texas Hospital Association

Kathy Eckstein, Children's Hosp Assn. of TX

Brittani Bilse, Senate Finance

Marilyn Hartman, National Alliance on Mental Illness

Katy Fallon, State Auditor's Office

Kathy Barber, TFDS

Matt Wall, Texas Hospital Association

Richard Ponder, Johnson & Johnson

Elizabeth Sjoberg, Texas Hospital Association

Dianna Sosa, Governor's Office

Chair, Glenda Kane called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

1. Ms. Kane called for approval of January 21 and 22, 2010 minutes. Motion to approve the minutes from January 21 and 22 made by Dr. Woolweaver. Motion seconded by Dr. Calhoun. Motion passed.

2. Commissioner David Lakey provided a report on the following issues:

- Dr. Foxhall has been elected as Committee chair for the Cancer Alliance of Texas by the American Cancer Society
- Dr. Calhoun noted for collaborative educational program between the University of Texas School of Public Health in Tyler and the University of Texas Health Science Center. Dr. Jeffrey Levin will assist with developing the program.
- H1N1 update – DSHS is participating in after action response conferences to review procedures and determine what went well and what we can do better
- Institute of Medicine hosted a forum on vaccination campaigns
- DSHS is preparing for hurricane season
- World TB Day – Dr. Lakey participated in events in Eagle Pass and Del Rio, where he provided an announcement of federal funding to these areas.
- 2010 Nutrition and Breastfeeding Conference – Dr. Lakey provided opening remarks for the conference attended by approximately 400 people.
- Obesity/Chronic Disease Prevention – The 81st Legislative session appropriated new funds to DSHS to address chronic disease prevention. RFP was issued for competitive grants to communities for evidence based initiatives to improve nutrition and physical activity behaviors that lead to reduced obesity. To augment the total amount of funding available and to further integrate initiatives across divisions, funding from two other DSHS programs was blended with the exceptional item funding. \$1.6 million was received from newly appropriated chronic disease general revenue, \$700,000 was received from federal Title V funds and \$300,000 was received from the Office of Border Health for a total amount of \$2.6 million to be made available over the 18 month contract period.
- Continuity of Care Task Force in Mental Health has been convened to examine the overall continuum of care for individuals with severe mental illness who move through local mental health authorities, state hospitals, local jails, courts and other systems of care. The task force will make and prioritize recommendations to improve efficiency, access and quality of care for those individuals, and examine barriers to discharge for individuals in state hospitals with extended lengths of stay.
- Substance Abuse – DSHS is working with HHSC to implement directives from the 81st legislative session.
- Title V needs assessment
- Construction Projects
 - Texas Center for Infectious Disease
 - South Texas Healthcare System, Harlingen,
 - Substance Abuse Facility in Edinburg
- Vital Statistics Records Update and Conversion
- Grand Rounds – New season begins May 5, 2010
- Budget Reductions – state agencies asked to submit 5% reduction options – DSHS portion is approximately \$110 million in general revenue for biennium
- Health Care Reform – analyzing impact to determine how it effect DSHS programs and services

Recognitions:

- Regulatory Meat Safety Program – Federal recognition
- Texas Cancer registry – CDC High Quality Data Standards Recognition

- Office of Academic Linkages – Continuing Education and Services Audit – Full 4 and 6 year recognition
- Melanie Williams – selected as Chair of North American Cancer Registries
- Jim Smith, Superintendent of North Texas State Hospital honored as Social Worker of the Year for 2010 by the Red River chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.
- Jake Nicholson, DSHS Information Resources manager recognized with a Best of Texas Excellence in Leadership Award by the Center for Digital Government.
- Olga Rodriguez recognized as new Director for Office of Priority Initiatives.
- Carolyn Bivens, Assistant Director for the Center for Program Coordination and Policy Innovation recognized for 30 years of service to the State.
- Dr. Lakey is formulating a Boy Scouts Merit Badge Program here at DSHS.
- Cindy Allen recognized for pending retirement at the end of May.

3. Recommend to the Health and Human Services Commission proposal of the following rule actions for public comment.

a. The following rules are on the consent agenda:

- i. Amendments to rules concerning the provision of epilepsy services in Texas
- ii. Amendments to rules and a new rule concerning the regulation of general hospitals
- iii. Amendment to a rule concerning the regulation of psychiatric hospitals and crisis stabilization units
- iv. Amendments to rules concerning the regulation of ambulatory surgical centers
- v. Amendments to rules concerning the donation of unused drugs, and the licensing of wholesale distributors of prescription drugs, including good manufacturing practices
- vii. Amendments to rules concerning the licensure of tanning facilities
- viii. Amendment to a rule concerning the Texas School Health Advisory Committee
- ix. Amendment to a rule concerning the Department of State Health Services Animal Friendly Grants

Discussion: None

Dr. Ross asked that item viii be removed from the consent agenda. Motion to move rules i-v and vii-ix to HHSC for approval made by Dr. Calhoun. Motion seconded by Dr. Woolweaver. Dr. Ross said he needed to recuse himself from voting on item iv, so item iv was removed from the consent agenda motion. Motion passed on items i, ii, iii, v, vii, and ix.

- iv. The rule pertaining to amendments to rules concerning the regulation of ambulatory surgical centers was voted on separately. Motion to move this rule to HHSC for approval was made by Ms. Barron. Motion seconded by Ms. Cigarroa.
- viii. Amendment to a rule concerning the Texas School Health Advisory Committee was moved for consideration separately. Amendment to a rule concerning the Texas School Health Advisory Committee –Proposal to add a member of the Governors Advisory Council on Physical Fitness to TSHAC. – Dr. Ross made a motion to add a member from the Governors Advisory Council on Physical Fitness to the Texas School Health Advisory Council. The motion is seconded by Dr. Calhoun.
- vi. Amendments to rules permitting the purchase of only domestic beef by state agencies and political subdivisions was postponed to a future meeting.

- b. New rules concerning the reporting of healthcare-associated infections by general hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers. Dr. Adolfo Valadez introduced the rule and Jeff Taylor provided the rule overview. Motion to approve the new rules made by Dr. Ross. Motion seconded by Dr. Woolweaver.

Discussion: What are the standards that JCAHO sets? Outside of the area of expertise for Prevention and Preparedness Division, more of a regulatory issue licensing and regulation of hospitals issue. Kathy Perkins will research and get back to Council on this question.

Dr. Ross requested that members of the HAI advisory panel be sent a thank you letter and recognized.

10:04 – Break

10:18 – Reconvene

4. Luanne Southern, Deputy Commissioner provided a briefing on the Coordinated Strategic Plan that has been submitted to HHSC. The vision for this plan is a customer focused health and human services system that provides high quality, cost effective services resulting in improved health, safety and greater independence for Texans. This strategic plan will be available on the website for review and public comment after April 30, 2010.

Discussion: – Do we have the infrastructure to address the data capacity issues?

Who will we be reporting information to? Information on the Strategic Plan will be sent to the HHSC Executive Commissioner.

Are we setting ourselves up to not be able to accomplish what we need to for the next ten years? All of this costs money, does leadership care that we are trying to meet these goals? Are we setting ourselves up to fail in reaching these goals by taking on more than we can effectively handle. – We will be reviewing data to determine if this is the case.

The Council members were asked to provide information on changes and feedback to Kirk Cole. Ms. Southern provided information on HHSC Stakeholder Public Hearings to be held around the state. Comments should be submitted to and received by DSHS by May 30, 2010. The entire agency, including all divisions, provided input into the strategic plan document.

Ms. Kane asked how we articulate the regulatory process involved in the health of Texas; and how do we identify the costs? Dr. Lakey responded explaining the legislative process, attaching fiscal notes to bills, and appropriations process. During the 81st legislative session, DSHS asked for \$18 million and received \$14 million.

Ms. Kane requested that for the Council, fiscal notes be displayed with the rules so that it is public record and they understand the cost.

What is the impact on loss of funds to the regulatory process? Dr. Lakey indicated that this is a discussion that we will have and we will determine how to provide this information to Council and leadership.

5. Glenda Kane called for General Public Comment. There was no general public comment.
6. Glenda Kane queried the Council if the consent agenda format, which was followed for this meeting is acceptable in the future. Agreement was unanimous to follow this format. Consent agenda format will be followed in the future. If there are stakeholder meetings in the future, they will be termed to be held at the conclusion of the Council meeting.

Glenda Kane called for a break at 10:46 a.m., asking the Council to reconvene at 1:30 for the Legislative Appropriations Request Meeting. Ms. Barron and Dr. Ross left prior to the LAR meeting being called to order. Therefore the Council meeting was adjourned due to a lack of quorum for Legislative Appropriations Request meeting.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for August 25 and 26, 2010 in Austin, Texas.



Glenda Kane, Chair

August 26, 1010

Date Approved by Council