



## Minutes

### State Health Services Council Meeting

Department of State Health Services

Robert E. Moreton Building, M-739

1100 W. 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas

Wednesday, August 10, 2005

10:00 a.m.

**Chair's Welcome and Introduction of Guests:** Dr. Arredondo called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

#### **Members Present:**

Dr. Rudy Arredondo, Council Chair - Lubbock

Dr. Jaime Davidson - Dallas

Dr. Jeffrey Ross - Houston

Ms. Beverly Barron - Odessa

Dr. Lewis Foxhall - Houston

Mr. James Springfield - Harlingen

**Members Absent:** Ms. Glenda Kane – Corpus Christi.

**Registered Guests:** Pat Calelly – TFFCMH, Patti Derr – TXFFCMH, Karen Robison – TXFFCMH, Claudette Felte – TXFFCMH, Tonya Hettler – TXFFCMH, Tracy Dahl – Fraud IQ, Marcia Renchofsky – FACT, Robin – TXFFCMH, Laura Wolford – Legislative Budget Board, Stan West – THA, Joe Lovelace – NAMI Texas, Dinah Welsh – THA, Janet Paleo – PRO International, Aaryce Hays – Advocacy Inc., Ardu Khals – HHSC, Raymond Finch – TFFCMH, Heidi McConnell – GOBPP, Monica Thyssca – Advocacy Inc.

**Agenda Item #1 - Approval of Minutes:** The Council voted to approve the minutes from the June 30, 2005 meeting with the recommendation by Dr. Ross to include information regarding his attendance and participation at the Obesity Task Force Strategic Plan meeting and the Houston Mayor's Wellness Walk.

#### **Agenda Item #2 - Public Comments:**

- The following individuals provided public comments: Ms. Claudette Felte, Ms. Karen Robison, Ms. Tonya Hettler, Mr. Patrick Calelly, Ms. Patty Derr, Tracy Dahl, and Janet Paleo. The majority of the public comment was related to mental health services and programming for children throughout the state. DSHS staff will gather information to brief the Council on this issue.

#### **Agenda Item #3 - Vital Statistics Program Overview - Geraldine Harris**

- Ms. Harris provided an overview of the Vital Statistics Program to include: importance of birth registration and death certificates, sources of vital records, and current storage of vital records. Detailed presentation can be found at: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/agendas/081005/3Brief.pdf>

#### **Agenda Item #4-Rule Actions for Public Comment:**

- a. An amendment to a rule relating to fees charged for vital records. The Council voted to recommend to HHSC approval for publication of rules contained in 4a.
- b. Repeal of rules relating to drinking water quality, reporting of public water systems, and the fees for the laboratory analysis. The Council voted to recommend to HHSC approval for publication of rules contained in 4b.

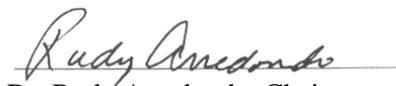
- c. Amendments to rules relating to the fees charged for laboratory services; and the repeal of a rule relating to the certification and accreditation of environmental laboratories. The Council voted to recommend to HHSC approval for publication of rules contained in 4c.
- d. An amendment to a rule relating to the grant program procedural guidelines for animal-friendly organizations. The Council voted to recommend to HHSC approval for publication of rules contained in 4d.

**Agenda Item #5-Commissioner's Report:** Dr. Nick Curry referenced the Commissioner's Report and provided a brief update on the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Exercise which took place August 8-9, 2005. Dr. Curry added that Dr. Sanchez was unable to attend the Council meeting due to his participation in the SNS debriefing after the exercise. Commissioner's Report can be found at: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/commissioner/reports/CRAug05.pdf>

**Agenda Item#6-Staff Briefings:**

- a. **Newborn Screening Program Overview** - Jann Melton-Kissel and Susan Neill provided an overview of the Newborn Screening (NBS) Program legislation, rules, and funding sources. Presentation included brief review of the National Newborn Screening and Genetics Resource Center (NNSGRC) consultation study findings. Ms. Melton-Kissel noted that the current NBS Program goes beyond screening for congenital and heritable disorders to provide case management when disorders are diagnosed. Additional information regarding this presentation can be found at: [http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/agendas/081005/6a\\_nbsoverview.ppt](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/agendas/081005/6a_nbsoverview.ppt)
- b. **Strategic Plan for the Prevention of Obesity in Texas** - Kim Bandelier informed the Council that the Department is funded by both State General Revenue, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to develop and implement science-based nutrition and physical activity interventions for obesity prevention and control. The Department is charged with building capacity for obesity prevention and control in Texas. The *Strategic Plan for the Prevention of Obesity in Texas* outlines the vision, mission, and goals for obesity prevention efforts in Texas. The *Strategic Plan* is currently being revised. To view the current *Strategic Plan*, go to: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/phn/obesity.shtm>. Final strategic plan will be released in April 2006. Presentation and briefing can be found at: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/agendas/081005/6bPresentation.ppt> and <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/agendas/081005/6bBrief.pdf>
- c. **Radiation Safety Program Overview** –Cindy Cardwell and Richard Ratliff provided background and overview of the Department's Radiation Program, including the licensing, surveillance and enforcement functions. Presentation and briefing can be found at: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/agendas/081005/6cPresentation.ppt> and <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/agendas/081005/6cBrief.pdf>
- d. **Overview of Texas Radiation Advisory Board** - Lawrence R. Jacobi provided background on the Texas Radiation Advisory Board. The Board consists of eighteen members, fifteen from represented professions and three public representatives. Board members are appointed by the Governor for six year terms and serve as the State's advisor on all radiation issues. Board also reviews and evaluates state radiation policies and programs, and provides technical assistance and review of rules. <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/agendas/081005/6dPresentation.ppt>
- e. **Stakeholder Relations and DSHS Initiatives** – Agenda item deferred.

**Adjournment:** Dr. Rudy Arredondo adjourned the Council meeting at 3:02 p.m.

  
Dr. Rudy Arredondo, Chair

September 15, 2005 \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Approved by Council