

GACHA
Executive Council Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2009
Conference Call

Members Present

David Lee
Mark Garrett
Judi Billings
Charley Emlet
Mic McCoy

Members Excused

Jeff Schouten

Members Unexcused

Staff

John Peppert
Lynn Johnigk

Others Present

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lee at 9:30 a.m.

The agenda was reviewed. Add: Update on Pharmacy Board rules, Stormans Inc. v Selecky) from Billings.

Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2009

It was moved by McCoy to accept the minutes. Seconded by Billings. The third paragraph under the DOH report, lay-off was changed to lay-offs. Under Public Forum, first paragraph, administrate was change to administer. Passed with corrections.

Chair Report – David Lee

Future Training:

- AIDS Clinical conference at Harborview, July 30 on the HIV/AIDS Pandemic. Are we Winning the War? Featured speaker is Thomas Quinn.

A letter drafted by Lee regarding coverage by insurance companies for HIV routine screening was discussed. After some conversation, input regarding the letter will be sought from Bob Wood and whether to include public payers along with insurance companies will be further examined.

Pharmacy Board Rules Lawsuit – Billings

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed and vacated the injunction placed by U.S. District Judge Ronald Leighton on two Board of Pharmacy rules. The case is remanded to District court and Judge Leighton for further proceedings consistent with this decision of the Appeals Court. A pharmacy is now required to fill all prescriptions on site.

Vice Chair Report – Mark Garrett

New staff at Spokane AIDS Network

Executive Director – Katie Coker

Case Manager – Robert Williamson (he is replacing two half-time people)

The patient selection list was received from The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the Medical Monitoring Project (MMP). Interviewers are ready to begin conducting interviews (could begin by August 1).

The State Planning Group (SPG) is currently reviewing each regional plan. DOH will provide revised epidemiologic data at the July meeting.

DOH Report – John Peppert

Budget - Federal

The House budget mirrors the budget submitted by President Obama and includes the following increases.

\$54M for the Ryan White Program

\$53M for CDC prevention and surveillance activities

\$400,000 for STD and TB

There are competing amendments around using federal funds for needle exchanges: federal funds can be used; federal funds cannot be used.

Budget – State

The economic revenue continues to decline. Governor Gregoire directed agencies to further reduce the number of employees and expenditures. For DOH, the reduction is 2% FTE and \$3M in expenditures. The next revenue forecast is mid-September.

The first meeting by phone of the HIV Service Delivery Administration workgroup is July 21 at noon. Participants currently include GACHA, AIDSNETs, local representation, and AIDS Service Organizations. Some items to be discussed by members on this call include the following:

The group's purpose,

Are there others that should be represented on the workgroup, and

What outcome is expected.

Membership – David Lee

Both Diggs-Hobson and Carroll responded to the letter regarding their attendance and advised they wish to remain on the Council. Droke has not responded to either the letter or phone call placed by Lee and the Governor's Office will be notified.

The resignation letter from Darlene McLeod will be sent to the Governor's Office.

The following reappointments and appointments were made.

Reappointments: Billings, Wakefield

Appointments: Lesley Eicher, OSPI; David Heal, Regional AIDSNETs Coordinators; Kaijson Noilmar, Citizen Representative; Erick Seelbach, Lifelong AIDS Alliance; and Duane Wilkerson, Pierce County AIDS Foundation.

The application for reappointment from Hillard is still pending approval.

Condoms in Prison

Per Strick, the data/information in the Council's 1997 issue paper regarding prison issues is outdated. She asked for the item to be on the November agenda so she can discuss with Council members.

The conference call adjourned at 10:33 a.m.