

Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

Arkansas Real Estate Commission Conference Room

1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Type of Meeting: Quarterly Meeting

Chairperson: Bill B. Lefler

Board Members Present:

Gen. (Ret.) Bill B. Lefler, DDS, FACP, Chairman

Omar Atiq, M.D.

John Selig

John Ahlen, PhD

Andrew Kumpuris, MD

Paul Halverson, DrPH

Karen Wheeler, Ph.D. (designee for James Purcell, Ed.D.)

Dee Cox (designee for Ken James Ed.D.)

Staff Present:

Aaron Black

Karen Elrod

Invited Guests:

Dr. Wynona Bryant-Williams, AMHC

Dr. Robin McAtee, AAI

Dr. Claudia Beverly, COA

Dr. Becky Hall, Delta AHEC

Dr. Jennifer Dillaha, TPCP

Suzanne McCarthy, ACHI

Leslie Humphries, ABI

Dr. Bobby McGehee, ABI

Dr. Carolyn Dresler, TPCP

Dr. Katherine Stewart, COPH

Barbara Pauly, TPCP

Dr. Amjad Hussain, Guest of Dr. Atiq

I. Call to order

General Lefler

Meeting called to order at 1:40 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

General Lefler

Commissioners reviewed minutes from the July 23, 2008 meeting.

General Lefler entertained a motion to vote to approve the minutes.

Motion to Approve: Omar Atiq

Seconded by: John Ahlen

Motion passed unanimously

III. Financial Update

Aaron Black

ATSC Financial Report

The current Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission financial information was included in the packets.

IV. Program Financial Reports

Aaron Black

Financial updates from the seven funded programs were included in the packets.

General Lefler entertained a motion to vote to approve the ATSC and Program quarterly financial reports.

Motion to Approve: Omar Atiq

Seconded by: John Selig

Motion passed unanimously

V. ATSC RFP Process Update

Aaron Black

The RFP Committee will meet November 18th, 1:30 Special Called Meeting.

VI. ATSC Appointment Issue Update

Aaron Black

RAND has a concern with the scheduled loss of three of the four appointed members to the Commission on September 30, 2009. The ATSC will issue letters addressing the appointment issues to the appointers of the three positions that end in September 2009.

VII. ATSC Community Health Grants

Aaron Black

Discussion on creating a grant committee to direct the Commission in the areas of providing technical assistance to grant applicants, monitoring, proctoring and seeking quality projects. The committee would have a membership of three Commission members. The members being:

Dr. Andrew Kumpuris, Chair

Dr. Karen Wheeler

Dr. John Ahlen

General Lefler entertained a motion to vote to create the Grant Committee

Motion to Approve: Andrew Kumpuris

Seconded by: Omar Atiq

Motion passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

VIII. Review ATSC 2009 Meeting Dates

Aaron Black

The 2009 ATSC Commission meeting dates provided in the packets.

IX. 2009 Legislative Session Issues

Aaron Black

Discussed were the ATSC Budget, the STEP UP Coalition & Rep Shelby tobacco tax increase, the State Wide Trauma System – Have mentioned ATSC money, Senator Pritchard and Drug Courts and the Congressional nicotine requirement legislation.

X. ATSC Bylaws

Aaron Black

The ATSC bylaws are to be reviewed by the Commissioners and will be revisited at the next quarterly meeting.

XI. PRESENTATIONS:

**DOH Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Program
Arkansas Biosciences Institute
UAMS College of Public Health**

**Dr. Jennifer Dillaha
Dr. Bobby McGehee
Dr. Katherine Stewart**

VII. Meeting Adjournment

General Lefler entertained a motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn: John Ahlen

Seconded by: Karen Wheeler

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned

General Lefler