

Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 14, 2008

Arkansas Natural Resources Commission 3rd Floor Conference Room

2:00 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.

Drew Kumpuris, M.D.

Joni Jones (designee for John Selig)

John Ahlen, PhD

Carolyn Dresler, M. D. (designee for Paul Halverson, DrPH)

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

Staff Present:

Aaron Black

Karen Elrod

Invited Guests:

Dr. Wynona Bryant-Williams, AMHC

Dr. Robin McAtee, AAI

Willa Sanders, COPH

Dr. Becky Hall, Delta AHEC

John Engberg, RAND

Leslie Humphries, ABI

Dr. Bobby McGehee, ABI

Dr. Claudia Beverly, COA

Dr. Joe Bates, ADH

I. Call to order

General Lefler

Meeting called to order at 2:10 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

General Lefler

Minutes of the January 24, 2008 meeting were reviewed by Commissioners.

General Lefler entertained a motion to vote.

Motion to Approve: John Ahlen

Seconded by: Joni Jones

Minutes from meeting unanimously approved.

III. Financial Update

Aaron Black

ATSC Financial Report

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

Program Financial Reports

Aaron Black

This is the reporting that RAND recommended for the programs, 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: John Ahlen

Seconded by: Joni Jones

Quarterly budget unanimously approved.

IV. New Business

ATSC Community Health Grant Program

Aaron Black

2009 Grant Cycle Update – Grant Training Workshop

Successful workshop with 56 attendees from all over the State of Arkansas. The ATSC is working with COPH to have satellite grant training.

2010 Grant Cycle Update – DIS Project Suspension

DIS has suspended the online grant creation because they are creating a skeleton version of Grant database and will resume the development of the ATSC application when the framework is complete.

ATSC Budget for Fiscal Years 2010-2011

Aaron Black

Biennial Budget Preparations

The ATSC staff is not recommending any changes for the 2010-2011 budget.

General Lefler entertained a motion approve the budget recommendations for 2010-2011

Motion to Approve: Omar Atiq

Seconded by: Karen Wheeler

2010-2011 budget unanimously approved.

RFP Committee Update

Aaron Black

The ATSC RFP committee will provide a draft of the RFP to the commission in the near future. A special meeting will be called to approve the draft and to let the RFP.

ATSC Program Collaboration Meeting Update

Aaron Black

The ATSC held a successful meeting to encourage collaboration among the seven funded programs.

V. Presentations

Minority Health Initiative

Dr. Wynona Bryant-Williams

Minority Health Commission Director

Dr. Wynona Bryant-Williams gave an overview of the progress of the Minority Health Initiative.

Delta Area Health Education Center

Dr. Becky Hall

Delta AHEC Director

Dr. Becky Hall gave an overview of the progress of the Delta AHEC.

RAND Question & Answer Session

Dr. John Engberg

RAND Project Director

Dr. John Engberg

Dr John Engberg introduced the RAND team members:

Ms. Dana Schultz

Dr. Shannah Tharp-Taylor

Dr. Tamara Dubowitz

Dr. Engberg and the RAND team discussed of the structure of RAND's evaluation, structure of RAND's communications with ATSC and Legislature, and addressed the needs of the ATSC.

V. Meeting Adjournment

General Lefler

General Lefler entertained a motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn: John Ahlen

Seconded by: Karen Wheeler

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned