

Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

Arkansas Real Estate Commission Conference Room

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

Type of Meeting: Quarterly Meeting

Chairperson: Bill B. Lefler

Commission Members Present:

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

John Selig

John Ahlen, PhD

Anthony Fletcher, MD

Karen Wheeler, PhD (Designee for James Purcell, Ed.D)

Dee Cox (Designee for Ken James Ed.D)

Charles McGrew (Designee for Paul Halverson, DrPH)

Staff Present:

Aaron Black

Karen Elrod

Invited Guests:

Freeman McKindra, MHI

Dr. Creshelle Nash, MHI

Cory Adams, MHI

Dr. Becky Hall, Delta AHEC

Willa Black Sanders, COPH

Dr. Robin McAtee, AAI

Leslie Humphries, ABI

Dr. Bobby McGehee, ABI

Dr. Carolyn Dresler, TPCP

Dr. Jim Raczynski, COPH

Joyce Dees, Governors Office

Eric Estes, AG

Patrick Hollingsworth, AG

I. Call to order

General Lefler

Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. Special Introduction

General Lefler

Introduction of Mr. Freeman McKindra

Interim Director Arkansas Minority Health Commission

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

General Lefler

Commissioners reviewed minutes from the January 22, 2009 meeting.

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

Motion to Approve: John Ahlen

Seconded by: Anthony Fletcher

Motion passed unanimously

IV. Update on Tobacco Cessation & Legislation

General Lefler

Carolyn Dresler, MD

Director of Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Program

Legislation regarding the Tobacco Tax and Smoke Free Campuses was passed in the past legislative session. Arkansas is the first place in the world to pass a bill to outlaw smoking with a child in an automobile.

V. ATSC Financial Report

Aaron Black

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

VI. ATSC Program Financial Reports

Aaron Black

Financial information for the seven funded programs was presented.

General Lefler entertained a motion to vote to approve the financial report.

Motion to Approve: John Ahlen

Seconded by: Karen Wheeler

Motion passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

VII. Attorney General MSA Contract review

Aaron Black

Eric Estes, JD

Office of the Attorney General

Discussion of the contract and expenses associated with the MSA litigation.

Commissioners ask that the pre-contract costs are in writing and pre-award costs are in writing.

General Lefler entertained a motion to vote to approve the contract with the costs in writing.

Motion to Approve: John Selig

Seconded by: Karen Wheeler

Motion passed unanimously

VIII. Update on 2009 Grant Interim Reports

Aaron Black

General Lefler entertained a motion to authorize a three-month grant extension and 3-month payment to South Arkansas Center on Aging.

Motion to Approve: John Ahlen

Seconded by: Karen Wheeler

Motion passed unanimously

IX. Meeting Adjournment

General Lefler

General Lefler entertained a motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Anthony Fletcher

Seconded by: John Ahlen

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned