

Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 25, 2007

Real Estate Commission Conference Room

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 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 Ahlen, Ph.D.

Anthony Fletcher, M.D.

Jennifer Dillaha, M.D (designee for Paul Halverson, DrPH)

Drew Kumpuris, M.D.

John Selig

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

Karen Wheeler, Ph.D. (designee for Linda Beene, Ed.D.)

Staff Present:

Aaron Black

Karen Elrod

Invited Guests:

Becky Hall, Delta AHEC

Dr. Claudia Beverly, COA

Robin McAtee, COA

Joyce Dees, Governors Office

Suzanne McCarthy, ACHI

Tracy Gatlin, AMHC

Lynda Lehing, DHHS

Dr. Larry Cornett, ABI

Leslie Humphries, ABI

Jim Raczynski, COPH

Dr. Carolyn Dresler, DHHS

I. Call to order

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

General Lefler

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes of the January 23, 2007 meeting were reviewed by Commissioners.

General Lefler entertained a motion to vote.

Motion to Approve: Omar Atiq

Seconded by: John Ahlen

Minutes from meeting were unanimously approved.

General Lefler

III. Financial Update

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

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

Motion to Approve: John Ahlen

Seconded by: Omar Atiq

Quarterly budget was unanimously approved.

Aaron Black

IV. New Business

Review of Term Limits for Commissioners

Aaron Black

- Terms expire for Drs. Lefler, Atiq and Fletcher on September 30, 2009.
- If reappointed, term expires for Dr. Kumpuris on September 30, 2014.

Report on Program Contacts

Aaron Black

- Aaron Black has visited all seven funded programs. Aaron discussed with each program the ATSC mission statement and discussed their comments\recommendations.

Review of 2008-2009 budget

Aaron Black

- Budget increases, the most notable increases are for professional fees and for grants.
- Carry forward language- new for Commission

Update of 2007 grant process

Aaron Black

- The Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission has approximately \$372,000 available for the current grant cycle.
- Approximately 100 letters of intent were received by the Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission. Letters of intent were received from all regions of the state.
- The process of monitoring the Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission grants was discussed.

RAND discussion

Aaron Black

- RAND recently visited each site
- No major concerns were noted by RAND
- Minority Health Commission received a positive six month review from RAND. RAND will be recommending the Minority Health Commission be taken off probation.
- RAND recommends that the programs make a quarterly presentation to the Commission with two programs to present each quarter. The programs would give an update on their activities. The Commission has the option to approve recommendation.

Motion to approve: Karen Wheeler

Seconded by: John Selig

Motion passed unanimously

- RAND recommended that the Commission require more detailed financial information from the programs. The Commission has the option to approve this recommendation.

Motion to approve: Omar Atiq

Seconded by: John Ahlen

Motion passed unanimously

V. Meeting Adjournment

General Lefler

Motion to adjourn: Karen Wheeler

Seconded by: Omar Atiq

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned