

Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission

ATSC Meeting Minutes ♦ Tuesday, August 14, 2012 ♦ 10:00-12:00

Commission Members Present:

Susan Hanrahan, PhD Chair
John Ahlen, PhD Executive Committee
Joni Jones
Susan Harriman
Paul Halverson, PhD
Jim Hazelwood, MD
Blake Perry, PhD

Staff Present:

Faye Shepherd
Tina DeLay

Attending Guests:

Dr. Joe Thompson, Arkansas Surgeon General
Becky Hall, PhD
Fred Taylor
Clarke Sherrod
Suzanne McCarthy

Call to order

Chair Hanrahan

A quorum was established. Everyone was welcomed and the meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Introductions were made.

Dr. Joe Thompson, Arkansas Surgeon General

Dr. Thompson reviewed the Governor's four pillars that address health care reform in Arkansas. On the insurance side, there was discussion about the minimum benefits package and how to optimize clinical prevention services. There was also discussion about the ability of the insurer to rate the employer/family based on tobacco use. If insurance implementation continues to move as currently configured, ARHealth Networks (one of the Medicaid Expansion programs) will go away because it will not meet the minimum benefits package requirements. Dr. Thompson thanked the Commission and its programs for their work and asked that the ATSC continue to work with those in AR toward a "healthier AR".

Review/Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Hanrahan

Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the meeting held on May 8th 2012. They were approved as distributed.

Review of Quarterly Financial Information

Chair Hanrahan

Commissioners reviewed the ATSC quarterly expenditure report and also the ATSC Program MSA Dollars distributed from 2001-2012. To date ATSC programs have received over \$570 M. This number doesn't include any leveraged funds.

Battelle Follow Up**Chair Hanrahan**

All the programs are meeting with Battelle again on the objectives they discussed in previous meetings. Battelle will be back to meet with the Commission September 20th at 12:30 p.m. to report on program progress. This will be a working lunch at the ATSC office Suite 108.

RAND's Presentation to the Legislature**Chair Hanrahan**

The report was hand delivered to the legislative body and also the Governor. John Ahlen will be assisting with the PHW committee meeting as well as Faye. John Engburg and Deb Scarf will be here to represent RAND.

Recommendation for continued funding of the programs at the current level.

Motion: John Ahlen

Second: Jim Hazelwood

None Opposed

Program Quarterly Reports (Commissioner Feedback)**Chair Hanrahan**

COPH had their annual report as a handout for us. There was no feedback on any of the assigned programs.

CWIP Update**Tina DeLay**

July Summer Training was just completed for the new grantees. It was a very well organized and coordinated event. The schools that attended were thankful and excited to implement the CWIP in the upcoming year. We are also beginning to accept enrollment into the Cycle 4 2012-2013 year Informational Seminar.

Handbook Update**Susan Hanrahan**

The employee handbook was updated to include the Special Language from the ACT that relates to employment and or positions. The verbiage was also included in Faye's contract as a new hire with the ATSC.

Recommendation to add this to our employee handbook.

Motion: Jim Hazelwood

Second: Joni Jones

None Opposed

Report from Executive Director**Faye Shepherd**

Every day is a new learning experience and I am excited not just to be here but to be a part of these programs. I am committed to ATSC. I will be involved with all programs and will be visiting with each of them. By, doing on-line registration for CWIP we will save \$15,000 in postage, envelopes and labels! I want to be more proactive and look at what the legislators want from us. It looks as if we need to try to get some of the schools from their district. It is a busy time here at ATSC but I look forward to all the things to come with Battelle and the programs. Dr. Hanrahan suggested that the legislators would like us to "tell our story" in their community and also how they want the quarterly reports presented.

Questions.....Suggestions.....??? Why can't we meet with Rotary clubs? Civic clubs? Anyone looking for speakers? Faye will be getting her "dog and pony" show ready to present to any group you suggest.

- Speakers- Update from the AG's office and Bradford Phelps in November
- How do we want to coordinate our quarterly meetings for next year?
- Retreat? – Faye is working on getting us some locations to have a retreat the month of **January** (prior to the legislative session). Programs should attend the morning session and share with the Commissioners their vision for the future. The Commissioners will “retreat” in the afternoon. This will be a full day event.
- We need to have a formal “on the record” opinion about drug courts. The opinion or decision of the Commission needs to be documented in our minutes.

Paul Halverson moved for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned.

Next ATSC Commission Meeting:

November 13, 2012

ATSC Conference Room

Time: 10:00 a.m.