

STATE HEALTH COUNCIL

August 12, 2020

A meeting of the State Health Council was called to order by Chairman Duane Pool at 8:35 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 via teleconference.

Members present:

Duane Pool, Bismarck, Chairman (*teleconference*)
Dennis Wolf, Dickinson, Vice Chairman (*teleconference*)
Darrold Bertsch, Beulah, Secretary (*teleconference*)
James Brosseau, Grand Forks (*teleconference*)
Genny Dienstmann, Bismarck (*teleconference*)
Kristin Roers, Fargo (*teleconference*)
Torey Sayler, Bismarck (*teleconference*)

Members absent:

Mike Fedorchak, Bismarck
Tyler Lannoye, Churchs Ferry

Staff members present:

Dr. Andrew Stahl, Interim State Health Officer (*teleconference*)
Dirk Wilke, Chief of Staff (*teleconference*)
Brenda Weisz, Chief Financial Officer (*teleconference*)
Kirby Kruger, Medical Services Section (*teleconference*)
Bobbie Will, Primary Care Office (*teleconference*)
Pamela Thompson, Recording Secretary (*teleconference*)

Others present: See ATTACHMENT A

Minutes

DENNIS WOLF MOVED THE APPROVAL OF THE MAY 13, 2020 MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED. SECOND BY JAMES BROSSEAU AND CARRIED.

COVID-19 Update

Kirby Kruger gave a COVID-19 update to the State Health Council members.

Section Update

Kirby Kruger presented an overview of the Medical Services Section.

Roles & Responsibilities of the State Health Council

Tara Brandner, Assistant Attorney General with the Office of Attorney General discussed the roles & responsibilities of the State Health Council.

Primary Care Office Updates

Dr. James Brosseau and Bobbie Will discussed assessment of Podiatrist for inclusion in the Health Care Professional Student Loan Repayment Program. Ms. Will, Dr. Brosseau and North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) representative(s) will work on updating the NDDoH policy for the student loan repayment program and bring recommendations to the State Health Council.

Bobbie Will presented the ND Health Care Professional Student Loan Repayment updates.

Ms. Will presented a request from Jennifer Shaw, MD, to continue in the health care professional student loan repayment program even though she switched employers. Her new employer is Unity Medical Center out of Grafton, ND will provide the sponsorship match.

KRISTIN ROERS MOVED TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYER CHANGE FOR JENNIFER SHAW, MD SINCE SHE WILL STILL BE PRACTICING IN THE SAME SERVICE AREA WITH A DIFFERENT SPONSOR. SECOND BY DENNIS WOLF.

The Chairman requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Bertsch, Brosseau, Dienstmann, Pool, Roers, Sayler and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. Fedorchak and Lannoye—absent.

Update from Interim State Health Officer

Dr. Andrew Stahl updated the Council on:

- Reorganization of the NDDoH in response to the pandemic
- NDDoH Laboratory Services in response to the pandemic
- K-12 Restart in collaboration with DPI, local public health units and local entities
- ND University System Restart

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Submitted,

Darrold Bertsch, Secretary