

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

**HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, July 30, 2014  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the minutes of the April 24, 2014, meeting

**DENTAL SERVICES STUDY**

- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding:
- Medicaid dental service providers by geographical area of the state and areas of the state lacking Medicaid service providers and the effect of the state's medical assistance payment rates on dentists accepting Medicaid recipients
  - Billing and reimbursement for services provided by dental therapists and expanded function dental assistants and dental hygienists
  - The effect of Medicaid Expansion on the dental coverage of certain Medicaid participants
  - Options to improve access to dental services in the state--especially in rural areas, and whether the use of incentives for dental service providers to locate in underserved areas in the state may improve access
- 9:20 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Department of Health regarding:
- The potential for local public health units to support the provision of dental services--especially in rural areas of the state
  - Reintroduction of basic dental health prevention services in schools, including the estimated cost and resources available to provide the services
  - Dental loan repayment program limits on the number of dentists funded per facility during the biennium and the potential for expanding the dental loan repayment program, including cost and eligible candidates
  - Options to improve access to dental services in the state--especially in rural areas, and whether the use of incentives for dental service providers to locate in underserved areas in the state may improve access
- 9:35 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Board of Dental Examiners regarding:
- The potential for establishing dental residencies in the state and any related costs
  - Availability of liability insurance for dental therapists and expanded function dental assistants and dental hygienists
  - An update of the expanded function dental assistant and dental hygienist language approved by the State Board of Dental Examiners
- 9:50 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Indian Affairs Commission regarding dental services on reservations and possible collaboration with Indian Health Service for dental health services on the reservation
- 10:05 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the North Dakota Dental Association regarding a case management pilot project, including costs and anticipated resources

- 10:20 a.m. Presentation by representatives of Apple Tree Dental regarding options to improve access to dental services in the state--especially in rural areas
- 10:35 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's study of how to improve access to dental services and ways to address dental service provider shortages
- 10:50 a.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's study of how to improve access to dental services and ways to address dental service provider shortages

### **AUTOPSY FUNDING STUDY**

- 11:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences Department of Pathology regarding:
- Models and systems for medicolegal death investigation, including advantages and disadvantages of each, relative to the needs of North Dakota
  - Funding and resources for delivery and establishment of statewide standards and expectations for achieving national standards for death investigation
- 11:15 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Department of Health regarding:
- An update on the efforts of the State Forensic Examiner's office to collaborate with counties to improve the medicolegal death investigation system in the state
  - The work of stakeholders to develop recommendations for a system approach to death investigation and recommendations for the framework of a regional death investigation system
  - Estimated costs and funding available for the establishment and implementation of statewide standards for death investigation
- 11:30 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the North Dakota Association of Counties regarding a summary of county costs incurred for social services programs
- 11:40 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's study of autopsy funding and services in the state
- 11:55 a.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's study of autopsy funding and services in the state
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess

### **COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CONTROL STUDY**

- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Department of Health and the Tobacco Prevention and Control Executive Committee regarding:
- A report on an assessment completed by the State Department of Health and the Tobacco Prevention and Control Executive Committee of programs in both agencies, including funding sources for the programs, service providers, areas and populations served by the programs, and effectiveness of the programs on improving the health and policy environment in the state
  - How the comprehensive statewide tobacco prevention and control programs provided by the Tobacco Prevention and Control Executive Committee and programs provided by the State Department of Health address tobacco use among youth, the number of youth tobacco users statewide, and changes in the number of youth tobacco users
  - Efforts to collaborate with tribal tobacco prevention and control programs and recommendations for additional opportunities to collaborate
- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the North Dakota Hospital Association regarding hospital policies related to tobacco use in Native American smoking ceremonies

- 1:40 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Indian Affairs Commission regarding a strategic plan to coordinate the tobacco prevention efforts on reservations, the proposed tribal tobacco tax, and efforts among the tribal leaders to reach a consensus regarding smoke-free casinos
- 1:50 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's study of the comprehensive statewide tobacco prevention and control plan used in the state
- 1:55 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's study of the comprehensive statewide tobacco prevention and control plan used in the state

### **COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC STUDY**

- 2:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Department of Health regarding:
- Educational requirements of community paramedics
  - Proposed certification, licensure, and supervision of community paramedics, including services to be provided by the community paramedics
  - Reimbursement for service of community paramedics
  - Legislation required to allow community paramedics to perform additional services, including liability, scope of practice, and reimbursement
- 2:20 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding the potential relationship between community paramedics and home and community-based services providers
- 2:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the F-M Ambulance Service regarding services it could provide and the effect of the community paramedic program on ambulance calls
- 2:45 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's study of the feasibility and desirability of community paramedics providing additional clinical and public health services--particularly in rural areas of the state
- 2:55 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's study of the feasibility and desirability of community paramedics providing additional clinical and public health services--particularly in rural areas of the state

### **OTHER COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 3:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services, State Department of Health, Indian Affairs Commission, and Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of a report regarding their collaboration to identify goals and benchmarks while also developing individual agency plans to reduce the incidence of diabetes in the state, improve diabetes care, and control complications associated with diabetes
- 3:10 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the North Dakota Veterinary Technician Association regarding veterinary technicians' ability to practice at the top of their scope of practice and the potential for an expanded role for veterinary technicians--especially in the area of large food animal services
- 3:25 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota Stockmen's Association regarding the availability of and need for large food animal veterinary services
- 3:40 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the North Dakota University System regarding:
- Reasons students commit to a job prior to graduation
  - Recommendations, based on need, equitable contributions, and recognizing the demands of the institutions with which the University System contracts, for changes to the professional student exchange program, including recommendations for ways to simplify the program for students and the University System
- 3:55 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft relating to the repayment of benefits by certain participants of professional student exchange programs

- 4:00 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the proposed bill draft relating to the repayment of benefits by certain participants of professional student exchange programs
- 4:10 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's other responsibilities
- 4:20 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's other responsibilities
- 4:25 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

**Committee Members**

Senators: Judy Lee (Chairman), Howard C. Anderson Jr., Robert Erbele, Joan Heckaman, Oley Larsen, Tim Mathern

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