

## NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

## Tentative Agenda

**HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Thursday, April 24, 2014

Fargo City Commission Meeting Room, Fargo City Hall

200 Third Street North

Fargo, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the minutes of the January 8, 2014, meeting
- DENTAL SERVICES STUDY**
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Colleen Brickle, Dean of Health Sciences, Normandale Community College, and Liaison, Metropolitan State Dental Programs, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System, regarding program development, education, licensure, and certification of advanced dental therapists
- 9:25 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Sarah Wovcha, Executive Director, Children's Dental Services, Minnesota, regarding the role of dental therapists and their integration within community dental clinics
- 9:45 a.m. Presentation by Dr. John T. Powers, Owner, Main Street Dental Care, Montevideo, Minnesota, and Adjunct Faculty, Rice Regional Dental Clinic, University of Minnesota, regarding the employment of dental therapists in rural private practices to increase access to care
- 10:05 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Academy of General Dentistry regarding barriers to better oral health and options for improving the public's overall oral health
- 10:25 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the North Dakota State College of Science regarding an overview of its dental programs and options to expand these programs
- 10:45 a.m. Presentation by a representative of Bethany Retirement Living, Fargo, regarding the cost and reimbursement of dental services provided to nursing home residents
- 11:00 a.m. Presentation by representatives of Apple Tree Dental regarding dental access and services provided to skilled nursing home residents
- 11:15 a.m. Presentation by Dr. Brent L. Holman, Pediatric Dentist, Fargo, regarding a case management outreach study which enables registered dental assistants and hygienists to provide oral health assessments, fluoride varnish, and case management to high-risk patients in community settings
- 11:25 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
- 11:45 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
- 11:50 a.m. Walk to the Family HealthCare Center
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 12:45 p.m. Tour of the Family HealthCare Center
- 1:45 p.m. Return to Fargo City Commission Meeting Room

## **AUTOPSY FUNDING STUDY**

- 2:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the North Dakota Association of Counties regarding autopsy costs incurred by the counties and the potential impact on counties and autopsy services of changes in the responsibility for the cost of autopsies
- 2:20 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Cass County Coroner's office regarding:
- Current and optimal provision of medicolegal death investigation services in the state, including death investigation, autopsy performance, and death certification;
  - Current and unmet needs, obstacles, and practices within the medicolegal death investigation system in the state; and
  - State, county, and family responsibilities for the cost of autopsies, including transportation, and the potential impact on counties and autopsy services of changes in the responsibility for the cost of autopsies
- 2:40 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences Department of Pathology regarding statewide standards for death investigation and expectations for achieving national standards for death investigation
- 2:50 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's study of autopsy funding and services in the state
- 3:10 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's study of autopsy funding and services in the state

## **OTHER COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 3:20 p.m. Presentation by representatives of North Dakota State University regarding:
- The veterinary technician program at North Dakota State University;
  - Services veterinary technicians are allowed to perform;
  - Existing regulations, standards and certifications, including state and national requirements, and the processes to amend requirements; and
  - Whether veterinary technicians could play a larger role in meeting the veterinary needs of the state
- 3:40 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum regarding the results of a survey of agency alcohol, drug, tobacco, and risk-associated behavior prevention and treatment programs
- 3:45 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's other responsibilities
- 3:50 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's other responsibilities
- 3:55 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

## **Committee Members**

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

Representatives: Dick Anderson, Alan Fehr, Curt Hofstad, Rick Holman, Jon Nelson, Marvin E. Nelson

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