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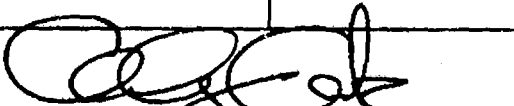
2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1004

House Appropriations Committee
Human Resources Division

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 10, 2003

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Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Delzer. All members were present. Chairman Delzer briefly described the organizational aspects of the committee and discussed the protocol for the meetings. Recessed for five minutes.


Dr. Terry Dwelle began the testimony for the ND State Department of Health. (See attached testimony.)

Chairman Delzer asked Dr. Dwelle from what sources the Health Department derived their health statistics and requested that the department provide a listing of sources.

Dr. Dwelle responded that the statistics were derived from a variety of sources, including the CDC, research, departmental studies, and ND health statistics.

Representative Kempenich wanted information on binge drinking and why North Dakota has a higher level of binge drinking.

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Dr. Dwelle responded that the department was in the process of developing a "Healthy ND Initiative" that address all health issues and will network information with resources. **Dr. Dwelle** added that addressing these issues will improve the health conditions in the state.

Chairman Delzer asked whether the numbers came from high school surveys.

Dr. Dwelle responded that the data came from the YRSB survey.

Chairman Delzer stated that he was concerned that teens may be inaccurate in their reporting of personal habits.

Dr. Dwelle responded that the studies recognize these inaccuracies and address them through false negative/false positive rate and that corrects for the tendency to lie on self-surveys.

However, **Dwelle** stated that North Dakota, even after the correction is made, still ranks higher than other states.

Representative Metcalf stated his concerns that we currently have so many public and private organizations providing services and may be duplicating the services provides. He wondered whether there was a possibility for some organizations or agencies to combine their efforts in a more cost-effective manner.

Dr. Dwelle responded that yes there is duplication. He cited the Healthy ND Initiative as a tool to do that--the initiative will serve as a comprehensive program to address the lifestyle factors that adversely affect North Dakotans' health.

Representative Metcalf mentioned that he would like to see some departments to condense or join together in order to make it easier to utilize the services.

Dr. Dwelle responded t hat these are some of the issues that will be addressed in the Health ND Initiative.

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Representative Metcalf asked Dr. Dwelle to identify the most immediate and pressing health need.

Dr. Dwelle ranked tobacco first, then diet, exercise then alcohol use.

Representative Metcalf said that he wanted the most immediate issue that upon address will have the fastest return. **Representative Metcalf** addressed drug use as immediate to him.

Dr. Dwelle identified prevention as key to this issue. He stated that the long-term, short-term impacts are different juxtaposed to type of prevention such as primary, secondary and tertiary prevention. **Dr. Dwell** stated that he thinks that we need to be engaged in all three types of prevention.

Representative Kempenich wondered if there are individuals who have all risks, i.e. Alcohol, tobacco, diet, exercise.

Dr. Dwelle responded that it is difficult to determine.

Representative Kempenich stated that these risk factors are typically common in one individual.

Chairman Delzer asked that **Dr. Dwelle** provide any numerical information that may exist in the occurrence of risk factors affecting one individual.

Dr. Dwelle continued that there are individuals who are outside the category. However, he also stated that even if you take into account that the data may be reflective of less people, the data still shows that North Dakotans have a higher rate of binge drinking than the national average.

Arvy Smith, Deputy State Health Officer, began testimony on the Health Department budget.

Chairman Delzer stated that the equipment line item has been combined with the operating expense line item and wondered if the figure was above or below 7500.

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Ms. Smith responded that the figure was 750.

Chairman Delzer then stated that last year the CDC tobacco funds and prevention have also been combined.

Ms. Smith confirmed this and continued with the attached testimony.

Chairman Delzer stated the \$1,454,677 will be reflected on the Attorney General's office budget.

Ms. Smith confirmed this and stated that it was still reflected on the health department budget because of timing.

Rep. Warnke asked of the four STE's that were eliminated, how many of the positions were filled.

Ms. Smith responded that there were no termination issues, but did address an attorney who had been involved in HIPAA issues and was ultimately hired at the AG's office. The four in the testimony are related to the crime lab.

Chairman Delzer stated for the committee's information that there were a number of emergency committee issues that increased the figure from \$93 million to \$109 million.

Ms. Smith continued with the overview of the budget.

Chairman Delzer asked where bioterrorism shows up in the departmental budget and where it is being spent.

Ms. Smith referred the committee to Appendix A of the testimony and continued with her testimony.

Chairman Delzer asked whether the current funding is by emergency commission.

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