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Testimony

SB 2004

House Appropriations - Human Resources Division

March 15th, 2:30 p.m.

Good afternoon Chairman Nelson and members of the House Appropriations Human Resources Division. My name is Kathy Keiser and I am Executive Director of Ronald McDonald House Charities in Bismarck and our Ronald McDonald Care Mobile. I am providing testimony in support of SB2004.

First, we would like to thank you for the generous support that we've received from the Legislature since we launched our Care Mobile program in January of 2012. We are now in our 10th year of operations and in this time, we have provided desperately need oral health care to more than 11,600 underserved children in their own neighborhoods in western North Dakota. For many of these children, we provide the only dental care that they receive.

Almost exactly one year ago on March 16th, everyone's world changed and COVID19 closed down the North Dakota schools and our Care Mobile and School Based Sealant programs were suspended.

After a 13-week suspension and a lengthy reinstatement process, we were able to re-open our Care Mobile program on June 22nd. As part of our phased plan, we opened at 50% occupancy utilizing only one operatory at a time to prevent exposing patients to one another. Of course, there was no revenue generated for 13 weeks and then there were 5 weeks at 50% Medicaid and revenue billings.

We were able to sustain our staff during this time due to the receipt of PPP funding as well as an Emergency grant from the Otto Bremer Trust. Our 2019-21 Appropriation continued to cover our supplies expenses, and it has never been more needed. Thank you for that.

Our goal for 2020 was to treat a minimum of 1,000 children and remarkably, with a 13 week+ suspension of our 40-week program and an additional 5 weeks at 50% occupancy, we were still able to treat a total 660 children on the Care Mobile and another 186 children in our School Based Sealant Program. We are back on track for 2021 and hope to treat more than 1,000 children this year

I've enclosed a copy of our Ronald McDonald Care Mobile Service Delivery Summary that will give you a better understanding of our accomplishments in 2020. Again, we deeply appreciate the support that we've received from the legislature in the past and request your positive consideration for the coming biennium.

Are there any questions? Thank you.

Kathy Keiser
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**Ronald McDonald Care Mobile Service Delivery Summary
January – December 2020 (9th Year of Service) (suspended for 13 weeks + 5 weeks at 50% capacity due to COVID19)**

Aggregate Data:

Number of Sites: 31 (46 in 2019)
 Total number of children seen: 660 (1,211 in 2019)
 Total number of visits/encounters: 1,191 (2,365 in 2019)
 Total number of services provided: 4,681 (8,831 in 2019)
 Total value of treatment provided: \$356,541 (\$659,863 in 2019)
 School Based Sealant (SBS) Program (with ND Dept. of Health):

Individual Data:

Average value of services provided per child: \$551.93 (\$544.89 in 2019)
 Average cost per child to deliver RMCM services: \$736.64 (\$461.13 in 2019)
 Average number of visits per child: 1.85 (1.96 in 2018)
 Average number of services per child: 7.25 (7.30 in 2018)
 Average cost per child to deliver SBS services: \$45.70 (\$77.55 in 2019)

additional 186 children treated with 269 services = value of \$9,360 (program has been suspended since mid-March)

Detail of Services provided:

Diagnostic	Number Provided	Preventive	Number Provided	Restorative/Surgical	Number Provided
Exams	443	Oral health education	406	Fillings	682
X-rays	651	Cleanings	412	Stainless Steel Crowns	4
Caries Risk Assess	123	Fluoride Treatments	400	Extractions	115
		SBS Fluoride Varnish	608	Pulpotomies	44
		Total:	1,008	Other	131
Referrals	2	Sealants	1,393		
		SBS Sealants	94		
		Total:	1,487		

Demographics:

Race/Ethnicity	Grade	Age
Caucasian	Pre-K	0-2
Native American	K-6	3-5
African American	7-9	6-8
Hispanic	10-12	9-11
Asian	13+	12-14
Mixed Race/Other	NA	15-17
		18-21

Payor Source:

20% Medicaid
 2% Private insurance
 78% Uninsured
 (2019 figures)

Communities Served:

Belcourt
 Bismarck
 Cannon Ball
 Dickinson
 Fort Yates
 Hebron
 Mandan
 Minot Mott/Regent
 New England
 New Town
 Selfridge
 United Tribes

Service delivery sites: 31
 Service delivery days: 124

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