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I had a discussion with Rita Sommers tonight about the dental license fee increase. I do not have a problem with her proposal for an increase. They have not increased fees for years and they do need additional funds because there has been an increase in legal activity. Their job is to protect the public and they need additional funds to do their job. The \$1200 fee we talked about would only be for an established out-of-state practitioner who wished to acquire a North Dakota state license. New graduates and those with established practices in North Dakota would pay around \$400 for a two year license under the new fee schedule. (The \$1200 fee is needed for background checks etc.)

Rita did tell me that the reserves have been depleted further since the original spreadsheet was given to you. They had about \$145,000 but spent about \$41,000 in a couple of weeks fighting their legal battles. If their financial situation can change so rapidly they should have additional reserves.

No reasonable person would oppose these modest increases in fees.

Is there a time that would be convenient for me to call you (you can call me anytime at work 888 641 3339) tomorrow? I feel I may not have looked at the situation and compared apples to apples. The surrounding state fees are not as straightforward as I thought. Every state has different duties. Legal fees may be paid by another state entity in some states thus requiring a lesser licensing fee.

I apologize for jumping in too quickly with a thought when I should have done proper research.

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