

Testimony on:
Immunization Study

Before the:
Health and Human Services Interim Committee

March 23, 2010

Good afternoon Chairman Weisz and Members of the Committee. I am Lisa Clute, Executive Officer of First District Health Unit. First District Health Unit serves Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, McLean, Renville, Ward and Sheridan Counties.

On March 3, 2010 the Administrators from all local public health units met and discussed the immunization study and their current financial status regarding immunizations.

Local Public Health Unit's Cash Flow Status is indicated on the attached spread sheet. Administrators stated that funds from SB2333 and the high volume of flu vaccinations administered last year assisted them financially.

Administrators heartily support the Study and look forward to working with the Contractor and the State Health Department to identify efficiencies that could be implemented to improve our delivery system of Immunizations. We believe it is important to wait for the results of the Study to determine what the next steps should be regarding immunizations. There are still issues to be resolved regarding the billing and data entry however I'm confident that the Study will identify strategies to improve those capabilities.

I will be happy to answer any questions.

Local Public Health Unit Cash Flow Status Report

March 2010

LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH UNITS	BREAKEVEN	DEFICIT	SURPLUS	ESTIMATED DEFICIT/SURPLUS
Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health		X		\$12,570 due to H1N1 vaccinations
Cavalier County Health District	X			
Central Valley Health District	X			based on immunizations
City-County Health District	X			
Custer Health Unit			X	\$4,000 with immunization funds
Dickey County Health District			X	
Emmons County Public Health		X		\$4,000 (have vaccine on inventory)
Fargo Cass Public Health				
First District Health Unit	X			
Foster County Health Department	X			
Grand Forks Public Health Department		X		\$59,973 with immunization funds
Kidder County District Health Unit	X			
Lake Region District Health Unit		X		\$32,550 (have vaccine on inventory)
LaMoure County Public Health Department				
McIntosh District Health Unit				
Nelson/Griggs District Health Unit	X			
* Pembina County Health Department				
Ransom County Public Health Department				
Richland County Health Department			X	\$11,000 with immunization funds
Rolette County Public Health District	X			
* Sargent County District Health Unit				
Southwestern District Health Unit	X			Mainly due to extra flu funding
* Steele County Public Health Department				
Towner County Public Health District			X	\$2,000
* Traill District Health Unit				
Upper Missouri District Health Unit		X		\$4,861 with immunization funds
Walsh County Health District			X	\$5,000--will change to breakeven shortly
Wells County District Health Unit		X		\$4,300

* = Non-participating Health Unit