

EDUCATION FUNDING AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

JULY 26, 2011

CHAIRMAN KELSCH AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS JOHN VASTAG. I AM HERE TODAY REPRESENTING THE HEALTH POLICY CONSORTIUM AND SANFORD HEALTH.

FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO UPDATE YOU ON THE ACTIVITIES WE HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING IN TO ASSIST SCHOOLS IN COMPLYING WITH THE NEW LAW ON CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT.

- 1) PRESENTED TO THE NORTH DAKOTA COACHES ASSOCIATION ON JULY 26, 2011.
- 2) PROVIDED MATERIALS TO THE NORTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR MANDATORY TRAINING MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THIS WILL GET CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT MATERIAL IN EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE STATE.
- 3) CUSTOMIZED CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT MATERIAL FOR THE FARGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
- 4) ON-GOING TRAINING WITH COACHES AND ATHLETIC TRAINERS.
- 5) ONE DAY CONCUSSION WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 22, 2011.

SECONDLY, I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME RESEARCH WE HAVE COMPILED AS IT RELATES TO CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT WITH RESPECT TO YOUTH ATHLETICS. (See hand-out)