

Testimony
Health Care Reform Review Committee
Thursday July 7, 2011
North Dakota Department of Health

APPENDIX N

Good afternoon, Chairman Keiser and members of the Health Care Reform Review Committee. My name is Arvy Smith, and I am the Deputy State Health Officer for the North Dakota Department of Health. I am here to respond to your question of whether we are still eligible to apply for the three federal grants that were removed from our biennial budget.

Performance Improvement Grant - \$100,000 per year for 5 years

The second year application for the performance improvement grant was due July 1, 2011. The project officer indicated that she does not think they can accommodate funding for Year 3- 5 if we have missed Years 1 and 2.

Abstinence Grant – Year 1- \$76,707; Year 2 - \$59,392

The abstinence funding was applied for, approved and awarded on a 5-year basis. Although May 30, 2011 was listed as a due date in the grant guidance, they would accept a Year 2 application or Letter of Intent through September 30, 2011.

Home Visiting Grant – Year 1 - \$589,685; Year 2 – \$589,685

The home visiting funding was applied for, approved and awarded on a 5-year basis. We would be eligible to apply for Years 2-5 funding. The ability to accept Year 1 funding is not likely as Year 1 ends September 30, 2011. Since we didn't have authority to spend Year 1 funding, we were unable to comply with federal reporting requirements by the respective due dates and would need to do so before the September 30 year end. The due date that would apply to Year 2 is uncertain, but the federal project officer indicated that they are happy to work with us on it. Year 2 starts October 1, 2011.

This concludes my testimony. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.