

## NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

## Tentative Agenda

**HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, October 30, 2013  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the minutes of the July 31, 2013, meeting

**DENTAL SERVICES STUDY**

- 9:05 a.m. Presentations by:
- Dr. Leon A. Assael, Dean of the School of Dentistry, University of Minnesota, regarding the education, certification, and licensure of advanced dental therapists in Minnesota
  - Dr. Mary Williard, Dental Health Aide Therapist Training Director, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, regarding the education, certification, and licensure of midlevel dental service providers and how midlevel providers are utilized in Alaska, including services provided to Native American populations
  - Ms. Peggy Metzger, Chief Executive Officer, People's Center Health Services, Minnesota, regarding the role of midlevel dental service providers at federally qualified health centers (FQHCs)
  - Ms. Julie Stitzel, Manager, the Pew Center on the States Children's Dental Campaign, The Pew Charitable Trusts, regarding national and state workforce data related to access to oral health services
- 10:20 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Indian Affairs Commission regarding dental service systems on reservations
- 10:30 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the North Dakota Dental Association regarding the distribution of dentists in the state and the appropriate number of dentists in a population
- 10:40 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Department of Health regarding:
- Dental programs available through department programs
  - Oral health needs assessment documents prepared by the department as part of the federal grant process and the status of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant funding related to oral health
- 10:55 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's study of how to improve access to dental services and ways to address dental service provider shortages
- 11:05 a.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's study of how to improve access to dental services and ways to address dental service provider shortages
- COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE TOBACCO  
PREVENTION AND CONTROL STUDY**
- 11:10 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Department of Health regarding:
- Recent tobacco prevention and control newspaper campaigns, including the cost of the campaign, demographics of the readers, measurable results of the campaign, and effect of the advertisements on the Tobacco Quitline

- Impact of trends in smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarettes, and other smoking alternatives
- A breakdown of 2013-15 biennium funding by focus areas outlined in the CDC's *Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs*
- Cost of cessation programs, number of clients served, effectiveness of cessation programs, and ways to improve the health and policy outcomes of the programs
- How the comprehensive statewide tobacco prevention and control programs provided by the department address tobacco use by the Native American population on the Indian reservations

11:25 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Tobacco Prevention and Control Executive Committee regarding:

- Number of tobacco users in the state and amount spent per tobacco user on tobacco prevention and control
- Changes in the number of adult tobacco users statewide, the number of adult tobacco users by race, and how the number of Native American tobacco users affects the overall percentage of tobacco users in the state
- How the comprehensive statewide tobacco prevention and control programs provided by the Tobacco Prevention and Control Executive Committee address tobacco use by the Native American population on the Indian reservations

11:40 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's study of the comprehensive statewide tobacco prevention and control plan used in the state

11:50 a.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's study of the comprehensive statewide tobacco prevention and control plan used in the state

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

### **COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC STUDY**

1:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Department of Health regarding community paramedic programs operating in other states, including the benefits and challenges experienced by states implementing community paramedic programs and the status of the community paramedic and community health care worker pilot program

1:20 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's study of the feasibility and desirability of community paramedics providing additional clinical and public health services, particularly in rural areas of the state

1:30 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's study of the feasibility and desirability of community paramedics providing additional clinical and public health services, particularly in rural areas of the state

### **AUTOPSY FUNDING STUDY**

1:40 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's study of autopsy funding and services in the state

1:50 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Department of Health regarding the regions in which autopsies are originating, the demographics of those autopsied, regional gaps in autopsy services, the cost of an autopsy, and state and county responsibilities for the cost

2:10 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's study of autopsy funding and services in the state

2:20 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's study of autopsy funding and services in the state

### **OTHER COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

2:30 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff regarding legislation considered during the 2013 legislative session relating to the repayment of tuition assistance provided through professional student exchange programs if the participant does not return to the state to practice

2:40 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the North Dakota Optometric Association regarding the distribution of optometrists in the state, the appropriate number of optometrists in a population, and whether there is a shortage of optometrists in the state

2:50 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota University System regarding:

- Cost of educating health care professionals in the state including physicians, pharmacists, and physical and respiratory therapists, and the estimated cost of educating dentists, optometrists, and veterinarians in the state
- Number of students applying to professional student exchange programs, including Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) and non-WICHE programs, and the number of students accepted

3:10 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's other responsibilities

3:20 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's other responsibilities

3:30 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

### **Committee Members**

Senators: Judy Lee (Chairman), Howard C. Anderson Jr., Robert Erbele, Joan Heckaman, Oley Larsen, Tim Mathern

Representatives: Dick Anderson, Alan Fehr, Curt Hofstad, Rick Holman, Jon Nelson, Marvin E. Nelson

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