

STATE HEALTH COUNCIL

May 13, 2020

A meeting of the State Health Council was called to order by Chairman Duane Pool at 8:32 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 via teleconference.

Members present:

Duane Pool, Bismarck, Chairman (*teleconference*)
Dennis Wolf, Dickinson, Vice Chairman (*teleconference*)
Darrold Bertsch, Beulah, Secretary (*teleconference*)
James Brosseau, Grand Forks (*teleconference*)
Genny Dienstmann, Bismarck (*teleconference*)
Mike Fedorchak, Bismarck (*teleconference*)
Kristin Roers, Fargo (*teleconference*)
Torey Saylor, Bismarck (*teleconference*)

Members absent:

Tyler Lannoye, Churchs Ferry

Staff members present:

Mylynn Tuft, State Health Officer (*teleconference*)
Brenda Weisz, Chief Financial Officer (*teleconference*)
Kirby Kruger, Medical Services Section (*teleconference*)
Bobbie Will, Primary Care Office (*teleconference*)
Pamela Thompson, Recording Secretary (*teleconference*)

Others present: See ATTACHMENT A

Minutes

DENNIS WOLF MOVED THE APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 2020 MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED. SECOND BY GENNY DIENSTMANN AND CARRIED.

Loan Repayment Applications

Ms. Will presented the dental loan repayment applications along with the committee's recommendations to fund three dentists.

JAMES BROSSEAU MOVED THE APPROVAL OF THE DENTIST LOAN REPAYMENT APPLICATIONS FOR: GREG CHRISTENSEN, DDS; MARKELLE GARTNER, DDS; AND ALEXANDRA RADU, DDS, MD, EACH FOR \$100,000. SECOND BY DENNIS WOLF.

The Chairman requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Bertsch, Brosseau, Dienstmann, Fedorchak, Pool, Roers, Sayler, and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. Lannoye—absent.

Ms. Will presented the physician loan repayment applications and gave the committee recommendations to fund four.

JAMES BROSSAU MOVED TO APPROVE THE PHYSICIAN LOAN REPAYMENT APPLICATIONS FOR: ASHLEY BROWN, MD, \$100,000; JOSALYNNE HOFF RUE, MD, \$50,000; ROSE JULIUS, MD, \$100,000; AND YAO WANG, MD, \$47,000. SECOND BY TOREY SAYLER.

The Chairman requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Bertsch, Brosseau, Dienstmann, Fedorchak, Pool, Roers, Sayler, and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. Lannoye—absent.

Ms. Will presented the psychologists loan repayment applications and gave the committee recommendations to fund two.

TOREY SAYLER MOVED TO APPROVE THE PSYCHOLOGISTS LOAN REPAYMENT APPLICATIONS FOR: SHANNON ALEXANDER AND HEIDI PAULSON, EACH FOR \$60,000. SECOND BY JAMES BROSSAU.

The Chairman requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Bertsch, Brosseau, Dienstmann, Fedorchak, Pool, Roers, Sayler, and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. Lannoye—absent.

Ms. Will presented the advanced practice providers repayment applications and gave the committee recommendations to fund three.

GENNY DIENSTMANN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDERS REPAYMENT APPLICATIONS FOR: DANA GLASSER, NP; REBECCA KUSS, NP; AND CHELSEA SMITH, NP, EACH FOR \$20,000. SECOND BY DARROLD BERTSCH.

The Chairman requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Bertsch, Dienstmann, Fedorchak, Pool, Roers, Sayler, and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. Brosseau and Lannoye—absent.

Ms. Will presented the behavioral health providers repayment applications and gave the committee recommendations to fund six.

DENNIS WOLF MOVED TO APPROVE THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS REPAYMENT APPLICATIONS FOR: MEGAN COLBENSON, LBSW, \$20,000; SHARI FORSCHEN, SPRN, \$20,000; DIEDRE FRET LAND, RN, \$20,000; ROBYN GARRISON, RN, \$15,000; BRENDA MOHL, LPC, LPCC, LAC, \$20,000; AND JESSICA SCHAIBLE, LBSW, \$20,000. SECOND BY TOREY SAYLER.

The Chairman requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Bertsch, Dienstmann, Fedorchak, Pool, Roers, Saylor, and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. Brosseau and Lannoye —absent.

Primary Care Office Updates

Bobbie Will presented the Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) funds update.

Ms. Will requested guidance on loan repayment contract requirements regarding full time service but due to the COVID-19 pandemic some recipients have had to alter their work schedules.

DARROLD BERTSCH MOVED TO APPROVE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE FULL JUNE PAYMENT OF THE LOAN REPAYMENT RECIPIENTS EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE NOT MEET THEIR CONTRACT OF FULL TIME SERVICE DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. SECOND BY GENNY DIENSTMANN.

The Chairman requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Bertsch, Brosseau, Dienstmann, Fedorchak, Pool, Roers, Saylor, and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. Lannoye—absent.

Ms. Will presented a request from Jennifer Eberle, MS, LPCC, to continue in the healthcare professional student loan repayment program even though she switched employers. Her new employer is The Kids Therapy Center out of Bismarck, ND who will be opening a satellite in Valley City, ND. Her sponsor, Valley City-Barnes County Development Corporation, will continue with their sponsorship match.

GENNY DIENSTMANN MOVED TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYER CHANGE FOR JENNIFER EBERLE, MS, LPCC SINCE SHE WILL STILL BE PRACTICING IN THE SAME SERVICE AREA WITH THE SAME SPONSOR. SECOND BY KRISTIN ROERS.

The Chairman requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Bertsch, Brosseau, Dienstmann, Fedorchak, Pool, Roers, Saylor, and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. Lannoye—absent.

Ms. Will presented a request from Kori Stockie, MS, LPCC, LMAC, to continue in the behavioral health loan repayment program even though she switched employers. Her new employer, Westwind Counseling Center of Dickinson, ND, will provide the sponsorship match.

DENNIS WOLF MOVED TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYER CHANGE FOR KORI STOCKIE, MS, LPCC, LMAC SINCE SHE WILL STILL BE PRACTICING IN THE SAME SERVICES AREA WITH A DIFFERENT SPONSOR. SECOND BY JAMES BROSSAU.

The Chairman requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Bertsch, Brosseau, Dienstmann, Fedorchak, Pool, Roers, Saylor, and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. Lannoye—absent.

Forensic Examiner Update

Kirby Kruger reported that Dr. Barrie Miller was hired as the forensic examiner for the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) and will begin her employment on July 1, 2020.

COVID-19 Update

Kirby Kruger gave a COVID-19 update to the State Health Council members.

Section Update

Kirby Kruger presented an overview of the Medical Services Section.

Update from State Health Officer

Mylynn Tufte updated the Council on:

- Emergency Commission Meeting that was held on May 12th.
- Budget Section will be meeting on May 15th.
- CARES Funding through December 30, 2020
- Governor's guidance for the NDDoH budget
- NDDoH Audit Report
- Lawsuits involving the NDDoH
- Data Sharing/HIPAA/PHI pertaining to COVID-19 information
- Data Sharing with Tribal Members
- North Dakota Smart Restart

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Submitted,



Darrold Bertsch, Secretary

