



HEALTH PROMOTION COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING SUMMARY NOTES

What: Health Promotion Committee

When: May 19, 2020

Participating by GoToMeeting: Board members: Tom Pendergrass, Steve Kutz, and Bob Lutz; Board staff: Kelie Kahler, Melanie Hisaw, Michelle Davis, Cait Lang-Perez, Kaitlyn Donahoe, and Sam Pskowski; Department of Health staff: Michael Ellsworth, Tami Thompson, Alexandra Montano, Sierra Rotakhina, John Thompson, Megan McCrillis, and LinhPhung Huynh. Eight members of the public also attended.

Summary Notes:

Updates

- John Thompson discussed a request to add Orthinine Transcarbamylase Deficiency (OTCD) to the Newborn Screening Panel. Member Lutz commented on the need for more information on OTCD and that convening a technical advisory committee (TAC) would help address gaps in information. Dr. Pendergrass discussed the complexities of OTCD and the challenge it faces meeting the newborn screening criteria, and supports a TAC. Mr. Thompson indicated that resources are available in other states that currently test for OTCD, including Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine.
- Sam Pskowski provided brief status updates on two rulemaking projects. She indicated that the CR-101 was filed to explore permanent rulemaking on the prohibition of vitamin E acetate rule and the CR-102 was filed to initiate rulemaking to add Spinal Muscular Atrophy to the Newborn Screening Panel.
- Board sponsors were selected for two new rulemaking projects. Member Kutz will sponsor Chapter 246-500 WAC rulemaking regarding the handling of human remains. Member Lutz will work with staff on rulemaking associated to implementation of ESHB 1551, Modernizing the control of certain communicable diseases.

Rulemaking Updates

- Chapter 246-101 WAC – Sierra Rotakhina and Alexandra Montano from the Department of Health provided an update on rulemaking around Notifiable

Conditions. Ms. Rotakhina indicated that due to the Covid-19 epidemic and an inability of industry to respond, a continuance will be filed and a second rules hearing will take place at the August Board meeting. Ms. Rotakhina also discussed additional changes, including the inclusion of silicosis which was inadvertently left out and the addition of race and ethnicity data. Member Pendergrass asked about the separation of race and ethnicity. Ms. Rotakhina indicated that the most covered entities does not accommodate this as a single field and would require expensive updates, but that the Department can consolidate the data upon arrival and that conversations are ongoing in this area. Member Kutz asked about the addition of silicosis and how it will be identified as occupational if it does not present until years later. Ms. Rotakhina indicated that all instances of silicosis will be reportable, but that the understanding is most are occupational.

Member Comments and Next Steps:

- Committee members briefly discussed the importance of coordinating with tribes as counties begin to reopen.
- Staff will follow up with sponsors on upcoming rulemaking projects.

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