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Tobacco and Health Trust Fund Board Meeting

Friday, December 18, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Legislative Office Building

Room 1C

Hartford, Connecticut

Members Present: Anne Foley (Chair), Patricia Checko, Elaine O'Keefe, Cheryl Resha, Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin, Kelly Leppard, Lisa Hammersley, Michael Rell, Raul Pino, Andrew Salner, and Robert Zavoski.

Members Absent: Diane Becker, Robert Leighton, Elizabeth Keyes, Ellen Dornelas, Ken Ferrucci and Larry Deutsch.

Welcome and Introductions	The Chair, Anne Foley noted a quorum and convened the meeting at 10:10 a.m. Members introduced themselves. The Chair noted Andrew Salner as a new member appointed by the House Minority Leader, who has previously served on the board. Dr. Salner is the Director of the Cancer Program at the Helen and Harry Cancer Center and the Medical Director of Radiation Oncology at Hartford Hospital. Dr. Salner noted that it was a pleasure to be back on the board and he looks forward to participating in discussions which will ultimately decrease the burden of tobacco use on citizens of Connecticut.
Approval of November 18, 2015 Meeting Minutes	Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin moved approval of the November 18, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Kelley Leppard. The

	<p>minutes were approved on a voice vote with abstentions by Elaine O’Keefe, Andrew Salner, Cheryl Resha, Robert Zavoski, and Lisa Hammersley.</p>
<p>Review Responses to Board Request</p>	<p>The Chair reminded the board that at the last meeting, members requested a proposal from the DOC detailing the Tobacco Cessation Program for residents in their halfway houses. The Chair asked DOC to provide an overview of the proposed program. The highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand the tobacco cessation program to its 31 halfway houses. • Conduct a survey to measure smoking prevalence in 350 halfway house resident. • Conduct a needs assessment to identify the interest, needs and type of programs the halfway house network providers would be able to implement. • Use information gathered in the needs assessment to develop models of tobacco cessation, prevention and education. • Test 3 -4 models to determine the most effective models. • Requested amount is \$152,126 for a one year period. <p>The Chair asked DOC to provide information on the total cost of the tobacco cession program for the halfway house program.</p>
<p>Mapping of Trust Fund Board Funded Programs</p>	<p>Raul Pino reviewed maps highlighting where the board’s cessation and intervention programs are operating in the state. Maps included:</p>

a) Location of the tobacco community intervention and cessation programs, b) Location of tobacco cessation programs and percent below poverty level, and c) Location of tobacco intervention programs and percent below poverty level. This is followed by a list of the tobacco intervention and cessation programs. He also reviewed the Trends in current tobacco use among Connecticut middle and high school students and adults. Trends in current cigarette smoking and e-cigarette use among Connecticut middle and high school students and adults were also reviewed.

Raul Pino also gave a brief update on the current administrative contractor. He stated that the current administrative contract with the CT Cancer Partnership has been canceled. DPH is developing a revised scope of services to include research and analysis, administrative support to DPH regarding the trust fund board and to synthesize the accomplishments of the board since inception.

Development of FY 2016 Funding Recommendations

The Chair referred members to the Board's Guiding Principles for Funding Decisions, the Summary of the Board's Current Programs, End Dates for Current Programs, a Summary of Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco and Control Program for 2014 recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Summary of the Public Hearing Testimony and the Final Evaluation Report of the Board's Community Cessation Programs in the board packets.

Members reviewed the revised proposed funding framework which shows 2016 funds requiring legislative approval (\$1.2 million) as well as the amount available to the board (\$1.6 million) which includes funds previously approved by the legislature.

After discussion Patricia Checko moved approval of the proposed funding framework based on CDC recommendations with the following stipulations:

- Set aside \$152,126 of the cessation funds for the Department of Correction (DOC) to expand cessation services to clients in their halfway houses.
- Give priority for cessation interventions provided in the Eastern part of the state.
- Include all other tobacco products (e-cigarettes, vaping) in cessation and state and community interventions.

	<p>The motion was seconded by Robert Zavoski. The motion was approved on a voice vote.</p>
<p>Review 2015 Draft Tobacco Report</p>	<p>The Board reviewed the draft report. After discussion Andrew Salner moved approval to transmit the report to the legislature based on board comments. The motion was seconded by Robert Zavoski. The motion was approved on a voice vote.</p>
<p>Next Steps</p>	<p>Staff will transmit the 2016 Tobacco Report to the legislature the first week of January. Members will be informed of the legislative hearing on the Board's Recommendations. The Chair encouraged members to attend the public hearing and to testify in support of the board's recommendations.</p> <p>The board meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.</p>