

The Advisory Board met on May 15, 2012 in the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District Conference Center and present were the following: Robert Hawley, D.D.S.; Randy Williams; Shane Price; Peter Norton, M.D.; Tom Perini; James McCoy, R.Ph.; Zane Travis, M.D.; Larry Johnson; Charlotte Lambert; Annette Lerma; Henry Loza; Wayne Rose; and Mary K. Fair, who acted as secretary. Absent were: Barry Camarillo; Kay Durilla, R.N.; and Nancy Jennings. Visitors in attendance: Kelley Messer.

Item I - Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 1:06 pm by Dr. Hawley.

Item II – Introduction of New Board Member – Dr. Hawley introduced the new Advisory Board member, James McCoy, Pharmacist, who replaces Andrew Urban. Also, Dr. Trotter has resigned from the Advisory Board.

Item III - Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Dr. Norton to approve the February 21, 2012 meeting minutes as written. All approved.

Item IV - Review and Discussion of “1115 Medicaid Waiver” Process – Larry Johnson. (Handouts provided to Board members and a copy is with the original minutes.) Texas Medicaid Managed Care Program allows flexibility for Texas to expand Medicaid eligibility to more people. Texas Health and Human Services Commission submitted their plan to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for approval. The “1115 Medicaid Waiver” affects hospitals primarily and the Upper Pay Limit (UPL) payments; the State pays a supplement to make up the difference between what Medicaid pays and what Medicare would have paid. The “1115 Waiver” replaces the UPL with a different process by creating Regional Healthcare Partnerships (handout -- map of RHP and list of counties in each region). Taylor County is in Region 11; Wichita Falls is in Region 19 and San Angelo is in Region 13. Each of the regions must have one anchor entity. Also included in the handout is a list of providers/participants in Region 11 with their contact information. Hospitals and providers can contribute money through Uncompensated Care (UC) for Medicaid clients, uninsured or indigent persons. UC Pool Payments provide reimbursement with matching Federal funds plus additional money to expand access to health care, increase quality and/or cost-effectiveness of health care. Any public entity can contribute funds to the UC Pool and will receive matching money but the RHP decides on how additional money is distributed. Local health departments are reviewing the many options for programs to enhance the health of the community - reduce tobacco use, promote exclusive breastfeeding, disease tracking, health promotion/ disease prevention or improve health information exchange (to name a few options). Hospitals will benefit more from the Uncompensated Care fund. The “1115 Medicaid Waiver” requires that over five year’s time significant changes and successes in health care must be shown and if not enough improvement the CDC can reduce the money to Texas. Mr. Johnson has attended most of the committee meetings and Barry Camarillo attended some of the meetings. The transition started September 1, 2011 and new plans are submitted for the next Fiscal Year beginning September 1, 2012. The draw downs for the new Fiscal Year will be different; assuming all plans are approved at the State and Federal level.

Item V – Review and Discussion of the Department of State Health Services “Contract Bundling” Initiative – Larry Johnson. (Handout provided to Board members and a copy is with the original minutes.) The State Health Policy Committee addressed local health departments’ (LHD) cooperative agreement with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). The first step is to get all current state contracts on the same schedule; grants and dates of grants are shown on the handout. The State will issue one contract to cover all non-competitive contracts and use the same Fiscal Year schedule. Currently the grants fiscal years vary on different contracts. September 1 to August 31 is the State’s Fiscal Year and most of the grants will realign to those dates. On some grants that will mean additional money for the month of August to carry the grant to September 1st or less money to begin on September 1st but the money will even out after the first year. The State is changing the rule about moving money from one budget category to another; without required official State approval; from a maximum of 10% to a maximum of 25%. Also, equipment purchasing requirements will change from \$500 to \$5,000 maximum. The State must approve all equipment prior to purchasing and must be included in the contract.

Item V - Adjourn – The next regularly scheduled meeting is August 21, 2012. No further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 pm.