

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE TRUST FUND FOR PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Minutes
January 12, 2007
Via Videoconference**

Nevada State Capitol Building Annex
Media Facility
Capitol Grounds
Carson City, NV

Grant Sawyer Building
555 E. Washington Avenue
Millennium Conference Room
Las Vegas, NV

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Robin Titus, MD
Tyree Carr, MD
Alex Haartz, MPH
Bradford Lee, MD
David Lupan, PhD
Terrence McGaw, MD
Jade Miller, DDS
Carol Sala
Sally Jost for Walt Rulffes, PhD
Lawrence Sands, DO, for Donald Kwalick, MD, MPH

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Mary Anderson, MD, MPH

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Cindy Pyzel, Attorney General's Office
Janice Wright, State Treasurer's Office
Karen Brumhall, Nevada Health Division

1. Call to Order

Dr. Titus, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m. and a quorum was established.

2. Approval of the Minutes from October 20, 2006

MOTION: Dr. McGaw moved to approve the minutes of October 20, 2006

SECOND: Dr. Miller

PASSED: Unanimously

3. Financial Statement Report on Trust Fund for Public Health Investments

Ms. Janice Wright from the State Treasurer's Office reported the current Trust Fund for Public Health financial status by reviewing the balance sheet she provided to all the Board members and meeting participants. Ms. Wright said that much of the litigation, from the last MSA payment, has been decided in various states. She stated that Nevada received about \$3.5 million last April and the expectation is that this year will bring about the same amount, perhaps a little more or a little less. The problem is there is a provision in the MSA which

states that if any of the participating manufacturers can demonstrate they have been harmed by more than 2% from the nonparticipating manufacturers, then there is the ability to go back and adjust what their payments will be. Whether or not that will happen simply can't be projected at this point.

Dr. Titus asked, isn't this based on the consumption of tobacco?

Ms. Wright replied, it certainly is. The formula that actually distributes down to the state level is truly based on tobacco consumption.

Ms Wright continued, right now, in the bank the Trust Fund has \$28 million and with another \$3.2 for the April receipt, the principal will be \$31.4 million. The expectation for the fiscal year is about \$1.3 million in interest earnings.

The fears about the economy, which centered on inflation, gas prices, higher interest rates and the housing bust seem to be dissipating. Those things moderated what investors and consumers were thinking about the economy. While the economists suggest we're going to have a little bit of a sluggish performance in the market for the next six months or so, they don't believe the housing bust is going to cause any kind of recession this year. The economy is holding up well, but we think there will be a slowing based on all the indicators. With the drop in oil prices and a drop in jobless claims, the economy is not slowing too quickly. There is an upbeat mood on Wall Street. The earnings are remaining strong for this quarter with profits improving modestly.

4. Extension consideration for UNLV, School of Dental Medicine, Crackdown on Cancer grant

Ms. Brumhall stated, in early December a letter was received, which was included in your packets, from Dr. Demopoulos asking to extend the Crackdown on Cancer project because they had not exhausted all their funds. The grant was for approximately \$68,000 but they have about \$24,500 left because they were having difficulty hiring staff. They would like to continue until the end of May.

Dr. Titus commented, conceptually I'm for this but I'd like to know how the funds for travel will be used.

Ms. Brumhall said, I'd be happy to ask the question of how many trips to which locations are planned for the next 4 ½ months.

Mr. Haartz asked, did they provide a revised budget or did they provide any indication that the budget as approved wouldn't change?

Ms. Brumhall answered, no change was the indication I was given.

Mr. Haartz continued, that the budget as approved wouldn't change but just be extended?

Ms. Brumhall said yes.

Dr. Titus inquired, there was a delay in using the budget?

Ms. Brumhall replied yes.

Mr. Haartz asked, so there would be no change in what they spend money on?

Dr. Lee questioned, they just want to extend the project until May?

Mr. Haartz asked, so no budgetary change?

Ms. Brumhall said no.

Dr. Titus asked for a motion.

MOTION: Dr. McGaw moved to approve the extension for the Crackdown on Cancer project

SECOND: Mr. Haartz

PASSED: Unanimously

5. Review and Approve the Trust Fund for Public Health Draft RFP for the 2007-2008 funding cycle

Ms. Brumhall stated, changes have been made to the RFP including the two year funding information as well as the other changes requested by the Board. The release date has been changed since the 15th of January is a holiday. The RFP will be on the website this afternoon.

Dr. Titus asked for questions.

Mr. Haartz spoke, to clarify, if I remember correctly, while we had Karen indicate that approximately \$1 million is available for grants, based on Ms. Wright's presentation today, if we're going to do two years, was our intent to be \$1 million per year? On page 3 in paragraph 3, we need to have per year added to approximately \$1 million available for funding for clarification. Anyone applying would then know \$2 million is available over the course of two years.

Ms. Sala remarked, this gives us the flexibility for wiggle room to say funding available.

Dr. Titus asked for a motion.

MOTION: Mr. Haartz moved to approve the 2007-2008 RFP with the changes suggested

SECOND: Dr. Lee

PASSED: Unanimously

6. Discussion of the RFP timeline, selection of evaluation dates and committees

Ms. Brumhall spoke saying, the RFP submission closes on March 1 and the first week will be spent in technical review. In the second week the proposal packets will be prepared and sent to the Board members. I've tentatively scheduled Thursday, March 15 and Monday, March 15

and Wednesday, March 21 as the teleconferencing dates for the evaluation committees to discuss the merits of the proposals. The last week of March will be the time I compile all the information about the proposals to put in your packets for the April funding meeting. Who has difficulty with the meeting times for the committees and who would like to serve on which committee?

Dr. Titus asked Ms. Brumhall, would you review for the people in Las Vegas what it is that we do?

Ms. Brumhall explained, on the first page of the RFP are the three focus areas the Trust Fund is charged with addressing. They are: Promotion of public health and programs for the prevention of disease or illness; Research on issues related to public health; or Provision of direct health care services to children and senior citizens. We ask each of the applicants to indicate which area they are addressing when they write the application. From those defined areas the Board members look at the proposals which have not been eliminated during the technical review. The Board members are divided into three groups/committees representing the three focus areas for review of the proposals. Members decide which proposals to fund and in what order.

Dr. Titus added, so all of us are not reviewing all of the proposals. She asked if anyone had problems with the dates or if anyone had major conflicts.

General discussion followed.

Ms. Brumhall said, I would like to have an indication of who would like to serve on which committee.

Members spoke giving their preferences.

7. Approval of the Trust Fund for Public Health 2006 Annual Report to the Governor and the Legislature on Trust Fund activities per NRS 439.615

Ms. Brumhall indicated the TFPH 2006 Annual Report, previously sent to the Board members, needed their approval so that it could be sent to the Governor and the Legislature.

Dr. Titus asked for a motion.

MOTION: Dr. Lee

SECOND: Dr. Miller

PASSED: Unanimously

8. Staff Report on TFPH activities

Ms. Brumhall reported she'd been working to advertise the RFP through as many avenues as possible. She said, on January 29 I'm participating in a grant writing video presentation put on by the University of Nevada, School of Medicine, Office of Rural Health. This will originate from the UNR campus and will be broadcast to 9 or 10 sites around the state. Hopefully we will receive a larger number of applications this year.

Dr. Titus asked, when again is the video from UNR?

Dr. McGaw inquired as to the approach of the video. Is it on grant writing?

Ms. Brumhall replied, yes, the presentation is on grant writing given by Gerald Ackerman of the Office of Rural Health and then specifically I will present the Trust Fund's RFP, so the audience will have information on just one particular grant. The presentation is on January 29.

Ms. Brumhall also stated that the TFPH projects are on schedule without major problems.

Dr. Miller spoke but his question or comment was unintelligible.

Ms. Brumhall remarked that all the projects had been visited and there is constant phone and email contact with all programs. The project in Elko has had three visits. The Battle Mountain Indian community has shown limited response to the nutrition and exercise program so the project leaders have been advised to open the program to the entire community to improve participation.

9. Direction to staff regarding TFPH activities and agenda items

None

10. Confirmation of next meeting date

April 13, 2007

11. Public Comment

None

12. Adjournment

MOTION: Dr. Lupan

PASSED: Unanimously