

Health Professionals Services Program

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August 6, 2013

Paul Thissen, State Representative
State Office Building
100 Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155-1298

Re: Health Professionals Services Program Advisory Committee

Dear Representative Thissen:

I am writing in response to your request for information about the Health Professionals Services Program's (HPSP) Advisory Committee.

1) Mission:

The goals of HPSP's Advisory Committee are to:

- a. Promote early intervention, diagnosis, treatment and monitoring for potentially impaired health professionals;
- b. Provide expertise to HPSP staff and Program Committee; and to
- c. Act as a liaison with membership.

2) Membership:

Advisory Committee members are appointed in November of odd numbered years by various professional associations, whose members are eligible for participation in HPSP. Two additional public members are appointed by the Governor's office.

Members of the Advisory Committee include:

- Jim Alexander, MN Pharmacists Assoc.
- S. Bruce Benson, MN Health Systems Pharmacists
- Lois Cochrane-Schlutter, MN Psychological Assoc.
- Stephen Gulbrandsen, MN Dental Assoc.
- Jody Haggy, MN Nurses Assoc.
- Eric Hansen, MN Assoc. of Marriage & Fam. Therapy
- Paula Haraldson, MN Assoc. of Social Workers
- Megan Hartigan, MN Ambulance Assoc.
- Jeff Morgan, Physicians Serving Physicians
- Rose Nelson, Ad Hoc Member
- Terence Panvica, MN Academy of Physician Assist.
- Connie Ray, Public Member
- Karen Sames, MN Occupational Therapy Assoc.
- Scott Wells, MN Veterinary Assoc.
- Munna Yasir, Public Member

3) Budget:

The Advisory Committee does not have a budget. Members volunteer to participate on the Committee. No compensation is provided to members. The only cost for the meetings is in staff time and copying materials.

4) Meeting Dates:

- November 14, 2012
- February, 8, 2013
- May 9, 2013
- August 14, 2013
- November 13, 2013
- February 12, 2014

5) Recommendations:

The Advisory Committee made the following recommendation to the HPSP's Program Committee:

- February 8, 2012: Recommendation to the Program Committee: HPSP's confidential monitoring continue in its current form.
- November 14, 2012: Recommendation to the Program Committee: See attachment

6) Website:

The Advisory Committee does not have a website.

HPSP's Advisory Committee has been instrumental to the program's development. It is comprised by a very committed group of individuals who represent their professions and are invested in keeping the public safe while simultaneously treating practitioners with potentially impairing illness with dignity, respect and accountability.

If you have any questions about the Advisory Committee or HPSP in general, please contact me at 651/643-3456.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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