

HB737 Health Subcommittee - November 25, 2019

Call to order 10:05 AM

Present:

Mindi Messmer
Nancy Murphy
Karen Craver
Amy Costello
Gary Woods

Charge of Subcommittee

1- assess and implement, DHHS and DES Inform us about things

National overview – Karen Craver can provide the subcommittee with a national overview of the health studies being done (document compiled by NH Air National Guard).

1. DHHS does has the instruments for blood testing correcting previous misinformation provided to the Commission. But NHDHHS does not have capacity or resources required to open blood testing to all residents in the area. DHHS staff, James Chithalen and Chris Bean, can provide detail about testing capability and capacity (to be invited to next health subcommittee meeting on 12/9).

Nancy Murphy – provides overview of what has happened in Merrimack/Litchfield/Bedford

2. 217 random blood tests - whole town 30 of whom were children
3. in results showed that those in closer proximity and Wells 4 and 5 - had 2-3 times the NHANES PFAS average
4. No Health Study –
5. Health Survey
 - a. Citizen lead group –
 - b. concerning results were a lot of endocrine disorders. This was not a scientific health study
 - c. 358 responses - citizen health study

Future Presentations:

1. Tara Somers or Frank Bove (CDC)- whole commission? perhaps on January meeting on C8 science panel study and ATSDR efforts related to PFAS. She presented at the Merrimack meeting. Karen will send the link to us of the presentation.
2. Karen will coordinate presentations from DHHS for subcommittee meeting on December 9th:

- a. NH Biomonitoring program overview, TRACE Study, blood testing capability and capacity (James Chithalen and Chris Bean)
 - b. Environmental Health Tracking Program overview, and MVD exposure assessment (Katie Bush)
3. Merrimack specific Incidence report – published about a year ago, Karen to email to group
4. Cancer registry data in general – we don't have residential history data
5. Angeline Andrews - SB85 commission on lexus nexus and cancer registry; paired with water testing results - effort to build data to assess correlation between exposure and outcomes

Full commissions cross overs – would these help the full commission?

1. Jonathan Ali
2. Angeline Andrews
3. Whitney Hammond/Karen Craver
4. Katie Bush
5. James Chithalen and Chris Bean

Next meeting – Karen will arrange to have the following present to the health Subcommittee (all are available on December 9):

1. James and Chris Bean - 30 mins
2. Katie - 30 mins – EPHT data/community health outlooks to this community; with a focus on small area estimates (including discussion of cancer data (Karen available for clarification and questions); MVD assessment

Put agenda out to main commission

Note: there is a legislative window in January in Senate

Other legislation related is HB661 - medical monitoring bill, working through the judiciary committee to House floor in January.

Set a goals - to be able to apply to other communities

1. Overall goal is to understand the health associated with PFAS exposure - ?% of the community
2. Assess need for further legislation, as necessary.
3. Assessing overall penalties to be protective

Timeline:

February 7 - initial update to the full commission

March 6 - full commission broader update

Meeting End

12:00 - Motion to adjourn - Amy

Second Karen C.