

<b>SUBCOMMITTEE</b>	<b>Health</b>
<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>January 27, 2020</b>
<b>MEETING START TIME</b>	<b>10:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b>
<b>MEETING LOCATION</b>	<b>LOB 204</b>
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	<b>Karen Craver and Nancy Harrington</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Hon. Mindi Messmer, Rep. Gary Woods, Councilor Nancy Harrington, Karen Craver, Rep. Nancy Murphy, Rep. Wendy Thomas, Amy Costello

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Hon. Mindi Messmer, Subcommittee Chair, called the HB 737 Health Subcommittee meeting to order at 10 AM.

Attendance: Rep. Gary Woods, Councilor Nancy Harrington, Mindi Messmer, Karen Craver, Rep. Nancy Murphy, Rep. Wendy Thomas, Amy Costello

Review of meeting notes: notes need to be updated to reflect date of January 13<sup>th</sup>, titles need to be referenced for commission members (Rep, Councilor, etc), clarification was made about who made requests and other refinements- Mindi Messmer took notes on minutes (See notes for detail). With recommended changes, minutes were approved (Motion: Rep. Murphy, Second: Councilor Harrington)

Staffing updates: There has been a change in staff who are responsible for helping with administrative duties for scheduling, which has created some confusion. Mindi Messmer suggested continuing with meetings every other week- with the next ones being on the February 10<sup>th</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup> (see later notes about date changes). Goal of today's meeting: to prepare for update to full Commission on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Mindi Messmer recommended the following process: review charter, review information from presentations (DPHS- Environmental Public Health Tracking Program, Public Health Labs), ATSDR, DES- MCL setting process. Identify what updates we want to provide to the full Commission based on what we learned. Rep. Murphy made a request for the health subcommittee to consider regarding health provider education.

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Rep. Murphy has submitted a bill to establish a commission to address the need for provider education; limitations are the number of health care providers that would be needed to staff the commission. An amendment is in process; Reps. Murphy and Woods are working with the NH Medical Society, DPHS and DHHS leadership (Dr. Chan, Dir. Morris, Dr. Ballard) on this to get buy-in/recommendations for amendment. The Medical Society supports the creation of a program that will provide CMEs, but resources are an issue in terms of development and dissemination (small state with same demands as larger states, but limited resources). A recommendation could be made to the American Medical Association Council for the creation of a report to become AMA policy; another national venue is to try to get this to the AMA approved forum. Rep. Woods recommendation is to approach the Council on science of AMA as a way to get physicians on board. Rep. Murphy would like this Commission, in particular the health subcommittee, to add to expectations/charter to remain involved in this process. Rep. Woods recommends that the NH Medical Society become the convener to bring stakeholders together around this process to determine next steps to move this forward. Councilor Harrington raised the question as to whether or not a bill is needed to move this forward. Mindi asked about whether or not it would make sense to have an advisory committee; Rep. Woods supported this idea. Rep. Woods and Rep. Murphy will convene key stakeholders (including the Medical Society and John Williams) to develop next steps. Legislation would establish an advisory council to determine what state and national activities should take place to support provider education. Mindi Messmer suggested that the subcommittee could write a supportive letter. Amy Costello will provide recommendation for other organizations to be involved. Rep. Murphy will keep the health subcommittee and Commission updated about the bill.

Mindi Messmer brought up issues that have come up at past meetings that should be addressed by this commission:

1. Storage of samples- letter drafted
2. State's capacity for blood testing in terms of personnel (with personnel, 60-80 tests per month could be performed); does the committee want to request federal support to increase capacity- formal request to be made to the Federal Delegation- letter to be drafted by subcommittee at today's meeting.
3. NH specific data relating to drinking water history and habits (potentially collected through future TrACE study questionnaires, BRFSS, or new data collection method)- to be able to directly connect serum levels to drinking water history- specifically for those who get blood testing. As a next step- to guide this, we should review the ATSDR questionnaires.
4. Breastfeeding guidelines- Mindi Messmer brought up the MN study re: breastfeeding and whether or not updated/revised guidelines may need to

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be considered. Karen Craver will ask Dr. Ali for specific references in regards to breastfeeding guidelines.

Rep. Woods talked about natural variation and that we have to be careful not to interpret natural variation as a signal of a problem.

Items that we are waiting for a response on:

1. Response from ATSDR about establishment of a CAP (or something similar) in southern NH.
2. State agency correspondence- need definition to comply.

Mindi Messmer suggested continuing with health subcommittee meetings every other week- with the next ones being on the February 3<sup>th</sup>, February 10, and March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Whole commission meeting is on February 7.

Mindi Messmer suggested we finalize the letter to federal representatives the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 (Motion- Councilor Harrington, Second: by Rep. Woods).