

Commission to Study Environmentally-Triggered Chronic Illness

HB 511

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10-6-17

I. Call To Order:

A: Chairman Pearson called the meeting to order at 10 am and introduced Rep. William Ohm as a replacement for Rep Kotowski. (Revise minutes. Adjourned at 12:17 PM. Spell Messmer)

II. Rep. Pearson reviewed access to the committee web site.

Rep. Pearson reviewed his conversation with Dr. Sherman. He linked this to the charge to the committee.

Next meeting 10-20-17 at 10 am. Rep. Pearson asked Mr. Bates to begin drafting an interim report. Following meeting will be Monday, Nov. 13th. Final meeting will be Friday, Dec. 8th.

III. Amy Costello - Director of Health Analytics and Informatics at the Institute for Health Policy & Practice at UNH. Ms. Costello provided a demonstration of how data is used for the accountable care project. Data is broken down by county moving to Integrated Delivery Network. Data is available for commercial insurers, Medicare and Medicaid. Uninsured are missing from the data. The data base reports diagnosis and associated treatments.

Rep. Pearson asked if there were chronic diseases we wanted to target.

Dr. Wold asked about diagnosis specificity.

Rep. Salloway asked about total disease burden per county. He recommended looking at neoplastic disease, metabolic disease and neurologic disease.

Dr. Wold noted the difficulty of identifying exposure.

Rep. Ohm asked for the definition of "hot spots."

Mr. Dumond mentioned Dartmouth's data base on arsenic in water.

Rep. Messmer spoke to the need for an initial grasp at "hot spots."

Rep. Salloway spoke to the issue of exposure.

Beverly Drouin of DHHS does lead poisoning surveillance of DHHS. She described the lead testing results.

Sen. Innis asked about half-life of lead and elevated levels in New Castle.

Rep. Ohm asked if data is broken down into census tracts. Ms. Drouin said "Yes!"

Mr. Dumond introduced Michael Wimsatt of Waste Management Division of DHHS. He reported on our ability to report on regional water quality. He recommended looking at "hot spots" for disease. But the number of potential contaminants is huge. A primary route is ground water.

IV. Committee discussed its next steps.

Sen. Innis and Rep. Salloway reviewed the choice of precautionary principle when there is no demonstrated causality.

Dr. Wold noted that we can link some risks with specific diseases. He suggested developing a list of disease outcome.

Mr. Dumond will bring Ms. Bush back to demonstrate The Wisdom System.

Rep. Salloway will invite Professor Woodward to testify.

Meeting adjourned at 12:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rep. Jeffrey Salloway, Clerk