

**Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission (ATSC)
Conference Call Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2019**



Commissioners Attending: Dr. John Henderson, Chair; Alex Johnston, Vice Chair; Andrea Allen, Commission Executive Committee Member; Jerri Clark, Commissioner; Dr. Ken Knecht, Commissioner; Stephanie Loveless (Designee for Commissioner Dr. Nate Smith), Commissioner; Dr. Roddy Lochala, Commissioner; Mary Franklin, Commissioner

Staff Attending: April Robinson, Administrative Specialist

Guests: ShaRhonda Love, MHI; Stephanie Loveless, UAMS East; Charles Saunders, Assistant Attorney General; Jacquie Rainey, UCA; Amy Leigh Overton-McCoy, UAMS-COA; Dr. Angela Norman, UAMS-COA; Liz Gates, COPH; Emily Lane, UCA; Cristy Sellers, TPCP; Leslie Humphries, ABI; Rhonda McClellan, UCA

Minutes Recorder: April Robinson

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order/Quorum/ Introduction of Attendees	Chair Henderson called the meeting to order at 10 am. Chair Henderson had April Robinson to call roll for the Commissioners. Chair Henderson had the attendees introduce themselves and give their organizational affiliation.
Review/Approval of February Minutes	Chair Henderson stated with respect to Matt Gilmore’s resignation and choosing a replacement that after speaking with the Governor’s Chief of Staff and the Department of Health, it is best to wait until after the Transformation Bill is passed. Chair Henderson asked for a motion to approve the February meeting minutes with the correction. Commissioner Stephanie Williams made a motion to approve and Commissioner Andrea Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The February meeting minutes were approved.
Director’s Report	Chair Henderson briefly discussed the financial report. Chair Henderson explained the difference in the salaries for the month of March and April. Chair Henderson stated overall expenses are down and the master settlement deposits have now totaled over a billion dollars. The investment income was \$126,000 for the last quarter. Chair Henderson asked if there were any questions or comment about the report.
July-September 2018	Chair Henderson stated although UAMS East had changes in personnel, they still met over 90% of their indicators.

Quarterly Report	<p>Chair Henderson asked if anyone had any questions or comments about the quarterly report. Chair Henderson asked for a motion to approve the quarterly report. Commissioner Mary Franklin made a motion and Commissioner Andrea Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The quarterly report was approved.</p>
ATSC Program Updates	<p>Leslie Humphries (ABI) stated their annual report will be in our mailboxes this week. Ms. Humphries stated this year they had children working in the laboratories. The next ABI Symposium will be Wednesday September 25th at ASU Jonesboro Arkansas State University in the Student Union building. ABI now has 10 projects approved in the All Payers Claim database. ABI supports this partly with \$200,000 a year for the next four years. The ABI website is under reconstruction. Ms. Humphries stated she has already been asked about the preliminary amount for the master settlement payment and if anyone has any inside please let her know.</p> <p>Chair Henderson asked if there were any questions and thanked Ms. Humphries for her report.</p> <p>Liz Gates (COPH) stated they have hired a new Dean and he will start July 1st. His name is Mark Williams and he is from Florida International University. They are working on developing a partnership with the Occupathic medical school in Fort Smith to create a form of residency or inclusion of Public Health with their residency development or likely a DO/MPH concurrent degree program. A current faculty member just received an award from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, a Telehealth counseling pilot study for individuals on probation or parole who have behavioral health issues. That will be based in the West Memphis area for \$350,000. There is possible funding to help develop and expand a health network for the LGBT individuals, particularly transgender individuals throughout rural Arkansas. They had several events for Public Health week, and they were well attended. COPH had a career fair and about 65 students were in attendance as well as 11 vendors.</p> <p>Chair Henderson stated he was glad to hear about the new dean and asked when he will start.</p> <p>Ms. Gates responded July 1st.</p> <p>Chair Henderson asked what his background was.</p> <p>Ms. Gates responded his degrees are primarily in political science, health policy management, HIV policy, and new treatment policy. He was interim dean at Florida International for about two years.</p> <p>Chair Henderson asked if anyone had any questions and he thanked Liz for her report.</p> <p>Chair Henderson asked if one of the professors was doing a faith-based project in respect to obesity.</p> <p>Ms. Gates responded yes, and it is going well, they reached about 95 different religious churches in five counties in the Delta. She doesn't have all the data, but the feedback has been very positive.</p> <p>Chair Henderson stated it's such a huge problem and it intrigues him that it may be a way to reach out to a population that has high obesity and try to reduce that. He looks forward to hearing more about that project.</p> <p>ShaRhonda Love (MHI) stated their next Commission meeting will be April 19th at 8am, followed by a public comment meeting for their bylaws, and the State of Minority Health Luncheon. They met their registration goal of 100 participants within two days. During the luncheon, their Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Survey results will be provided. The 2019 Bridge magazine will also be available at the luncheon, but everyone will receive a copy. They have</p>

partnered with six additional organizations and collected 1100 preventive screenings and 3,000 health education encounters that will impact individuals that reside in eight counties. They sponsored four organizations for Minority Health Month. The mobile health unit is officially on the road and they recorded their first commercial.

Chair Henderson asked if the mobile health unit will be on a regular route or go to certain places each week or each month.

Ms. Love responded it will not follow a regular route. It will go out three days a week, alternating days every week. It is scheduled based on a first come, first serve basis. Individuals can schedule the unit by going to the website or contacting the mobile unit director. We have started working locally, then head south, and work their way north during the summer months.

Chair Henderson asked how many patients they are seeing per day when the unit goes out.

Ms. Love responded it varies and that will be a consistency depending on the area. They will have to continue to monitor it.

Chair Henderson asked who staff the unit.

Ms. Love responded a driver, mobile health coordinator, volunteer nurses, and nursing programs throughout the state to collect the screenings. They are also working on a partnership with the Department of Health to secure a part-time nurse to go out regularly. They hoped to get this finalized in the next month or so.

Chair Henderson commented we have a number of residency programs across the state in family medicine and internal medicine and it might be a good thing to see if we can recruit some of those residencies maybe once a month to work with the clinic.

Ms. Love responded we would love to. They currently have agreements with multiple schools to give hands on experience to students to work in the field and they would like to continue to do that.

Chair Henderson asked if there were any questions for Ms. Love and he thanked her for her report.

Mary Franklin (TS-MEP) stated for the October through December quarter they served 7,250 individuals. That was an increase of 557 recipients over the previous quarter. They were able to leverage \$5.1 million in federal matching dollars for those individuals served during the quarter. Ms. Franklin said as of December 31st, 417 out the 500 community and employment support waiver spots have been allocated. Of the 417, 306 individuals have had claims paid with tobacco settlement funds. The Department of Human Services (DHS) has opened the Blue Umbrella store that was created to support individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities in the employment support program. The shop has arts and crafts created by artisans who are either in their human development centers or they are a part of the community support waiver. The store is open from 10 to 2 Monday through Friday and she encouraged everyone to stop by if they are in the downtown area. They are excited to show their support and encourage others to consider working with individuals who have developmental and intellectual disabilities.

Chair Henderson asked where they are located downtown.

Ms. Franklin responded their central office is at 700 Main Street. The store is in the main lobby. The manager is a part of the employment support program.

Chair Henderson stated was there anything to report on the developmental disabilities list.
Ms. Franklin responded as of December 31st, they had awarded 417 of those 500 slots and getting closer to the 500 they were allocated.

Chair Henderson asked if there were any questions and thanked Ms. Franklin for her report.

Cristy Sellers (TPCP) stated They just finished up the 5th month and 21st week Be Well Arkansas. In this time, they have had 8,394 calls, completed 2,217 intakes, and referred 507 to private insurance. They also enrolled 1,007 into the Be Well Arkansas program. They've had 73 requests for diabetes information and 172 requests for hypertension information. Since the TIPS campaign started, there has been a 46% increase in the calls. They are still working with their subgrantees about e-cigarettes and usage by youth will be their focus for right now.

Chair Henderson asked if Ms. Sellers had the call volume for March.

Ms. Sellers replied she did have that separated, but she would send the information.

Chair Henderson asked for a comparison to the volume of Be Well Arkansas and the Quitline being out of state.

Ms. Sellers stated she would send him the information.

Chair Henderson asked if there were any questions and thanked Ms. Sellers for her report.

Dr. Amy Leigh Overton-McCoy (UAMS-COA) stated Dr. Angie Norman stepped down as director will be the associate director. Effective March 1st she will be the director of Centers on Aging. Dr. Wei and Dr. Azar received a large multi-year grant to lead statewide initiatives in reducing the opioid crisis with older adults and their healthcare providers. They are finalizing a new database. They are doing beta testing to analyze and make sure they are capturing all their indicators. They are developing a new evaluation plan of our program to also explore health outcomes and how to capture the financial impact they are having on the state. They are continuing to pursue grant opportunities to continue their work on falls. They are going to continue to expand their current programs. They are partnering with UAMS East regional program and working very hard to get more outreach with geriatrics institutes into that area. They have a new position posted for an Advanced Practice Nurse to help in the clinic and do community education in the five Delta counties. They are in discussion with the College of Public Health (COPH) for a grant opportunity for faith based chronic disease management and self-management classes. In the past quarter they reached 65 of the 75 counties and leveraged over a million dollars. They are finalizing the upcoming year strategic plan.

Chair Henderson congratulated Dr. McCoy on her new position and thanked Dr. Norman for her work.

Chair Henderson asked if there were any other questions and thanked Dr. McCoy for her report.

Stephanie Loveless (UAMS East) stated over the last quarter they provided over 35,000 encounters. UAMS East along with over 50 community partners have created an opioid task force. They meet monthly with an average of 40 members per meeting and have organized a community forum for the opioid crisis. They are continuing their Cooking Matters programs partnership with Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance. They partnered with local businesses as well as city and county to provide some employee wellness programs. In that program biometrics health screenings and followed with

	<p>educational information. When they go out into the community, they are always recruiting for their different programs they offer. They have been providing a lot of CPR classes for the local high school students. There is a new requirement for them to receive CPR certified classes before they can graduate. Ms. Loveless stated they now have a master's Prepared worker is there West Memphis office. They will be providing their healthy smiles dental project again this year. They are going to partner with the Minority Health Commission (MHI) and the Cooperative Extension Service to provide an I-CAN summer camp for 30 youth ages 10 to 12 in June.</p> <p>Chair Henderson asked if there were any questions and thanked Ms. Loveless for her report.</p> <p>Chair Henderson asked if Charles Saunders had anything to add.</p> <p>Charles Saunders stated they are in the process of finalizing the amount. The amount will be less than last year around \$54 or \$55 million, and the payment will be received around the 18th of this month.</p> <p>Chair Henderson thanked Mr. Saunders for the information.</p>
Other Business	Chair Henderson announced the proposed upcoming meeting dates are July 9 and November 12.
Meeting Adjournment	Chair Henderson asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mary Franklin made a motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Roddy Lochola. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 am