



ADH – Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission (ATSC)
Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2024

Commissioners Attending:

Cristy Sellers, Commissioner; Mary Franklin, Commissioner; Martha Hill, Commissioner; Nick Fuller, Commissioner, Dr. Ken Knecht, Commissioner, Jerri Clark, Commissioner

Staff Attending:

Matt Gilmore & Zsanica Ervin, ADH - ATSC

Guests:

Stephanie Loveless, UAMS East; Amy Leigh Overton-McCoy, UAMS-COA; Emily Lane, Rhonda McClellan, Jacqueline Rainey, UCA; Jimmie Jarry, ABI; Kenya Eddings and Este Frazier, ADH - AMHC; Joy Gray, ADH - TPCP; Liz Gates, COPH; Mansour Mortazavi, UAPB; Michael Bynum, Assistant Attorney General; Amy Jo Jenkins, UAMS

Minutes Recorder:

Zsanica Ervin, Administrative Analyst

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order/Quorum/ Introduction of Attendees	Commissioner Martha Hill called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. due to the absence of Chair Andrea Allen. Zsanica Ervin called the roll for the Commission. A quorum was established. Attendees introduced themselves and gave their organizational affiliation.
Review/Approval of November Minutes	Commissioner Hill asked for a motion to approve the November 8, 2023 minutes for the Commission. Commissioner Cristy Sellers made a motion to approve, and it was seconded by Commissioner Mary Franklin. The motion passed unanimously. The Commission's November 8, 2023, meeting minutes were approved.
Director's Report	Matt Gilmore began with the financial report. He stated things were good with the financial report and he went on to explain that the treasury report for October 2023 was on track. He stated the Commission is within the budget. Matt Gilmore stated in June the UCA contract will expire and he would like to renew for another two-year time period. Commissioner Hill asked for a motion to approve the UCA Contract for two-years. Commissioner Cristy Sellers made a motion to approve, and it was seconded by Nick Fuller. The motion passed unanimously. Emily Lane (UCA) added they are asking for an increase in the UCA contract budget for the evaluation of tobacco settlement-funded programs. The increase requested would make the annual total \$185,000 which accommodates a 5% salary increase for evaluators, Co-PIs, and the project director. Emily Lane and Commissioner Hill asked if there were any questions. Commissioner Hill asked for a motion to approve the proposed increase in the UCA contract for evaluation of tobacco settlement-funded
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	programs. Commissioner Cristy Sellers made a motion and Commissioner Mary Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Matt Gilmore gave a brief explanation of the Control Self-Assessment (CSA) Review. He explained the CSA looks at potential risks associated with agencies, and it is completed on a two-year cycle by every department. He asked if there are any questions. The Commission discussed and reviewed the CSA Report. Matt Gilmore explained the expense approval request and stated it was voted on every year by most boards, commission, and business areas. He stated the approval of the expense request would cover mileage reimbursements and parking expense for commission members who live outside the area and travel for the ATSC meetings. Commissioner Hill asked for a motion to approve the expense request. Commissioner Nick Fuller made a motion and Commissioner Cristy Sellers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The expense request was approved. Emily Lane began by giving a brief overview of the programs' work over the last quarter. She discussed challenges that some programs were experiencing and gave updates on where they are. She stated there was increase in numbers from various programs. She stated that overall, the programs were meeting their goals and progressing with their indicators. Emily Lane and Commissioner Hill asked if there were any questions. Commissioner Hill asked for a motion to approve the July - September 2023 quarterly report. Commissioner Cristy Sellers made a motion to approve, and it was seconded by Commissioner Nick Fuller. The motion passed unanimously. The July - September 2023 quarterly report was approved.
ATSC Program Updates	Mary Franklin (TSMEP) began by stating for this quarter their Medicaid Expansion Program provided services for 10,483 eligible pregnant women, seniors, hospitalize adults, and persons with disabilities. They saw an increase of recipients over the previous quarter. Also, TSMEP leveraged \$25,870,150.70 in federal matching funds. She asked if anyone had any questions. Commissioner Martha Hill thanked her for her report and asked if there were any questions. Jimie Jarry (ABI) began by stating they have set the dates for their fall symposium for September 18-19, 2024, in Jonesboro Arkansas. She stated this year they will be partnering with Dr. Travis Marsico, director of ABI at Arkansas State University (ASU) in Jonesboro for their 20th anniversary of the Arkansas Biosciences Institute. She stated they will be hosting this year's anniversary and symposium as a two-day celebration in Jonesboro Arkansas. The first day will be a celebration that will include the Governor, state legislators, the ABI Board, ABI members and directors and their respective research investigators, and the ASU campus leadership visiting and touring the facility. The second day will be the ABI Symposium. There will be five presentations that will discuss ABI funded research projects that includes a Q & A in the morning

and an interactive poster session in the afternoon. She stated they are currently working on gathering information for the FY23 annual report and hope to have it complete in a couple of months. Jimmie Jarry and Commissioner Martha Hill asked if anyone had any questions.

Joy Gray (TPCP) began by stating they are trying to make sure they are informing the community about Be Well Arkansas and that it is a free program. She stated their program is different than other states. They allow patients to self-enroll in their program and by doing this they are seeing better results. She stated their Project Prevent program has ninety-two chapters around the state and they are looking to expand the program in rural southeast and southwest. She stated Coral's Reef Episode 2 was available in the fall and they have received great feedback. Episode 3 has recently been sent out for approval and will focus on refusal skills. She stated they are already booked for spring conferences. She stated their Tobacco Treatment Specialists Training for February is currently in progress and the next training will be in October. This is a free training and if anyone is interested, please get in contact with her. She asked if anyone had any questions. Commissioner Hill asked if anyone had any questions and thanked her for the report.

Amy Leigh Overton-McCoy (UAMS-COA) stated they will receive a national award from the American Aging Association in San Francisco on March 26th for the Gloria Cavanaugh award for Excellence in Training and Education. She stated over the past 20 years they have trained over 1.6 million older adults, families, caregivers, healthcare professionals, and students across the state of Arkansas. She stated their virtual reality co-creation grant is partnering with the UAMS Office of Digital Health & Innovation. The virtual reality co-creation will be released at the end of March. She stated they have also made wondering kits that first responders can give to a caregiver of a person who has dementia. The kit contains a map and a bracelet that includes the dementia person's personal information which can be obtained upon scanning. She stated they are still having some challenges such as vacancies in their geriatric department. She asked if anyone had any questions. Commissioner Hill asked if anyone had any questions and thanked her for her report.

Kenya Eddings (ADH - AMHC/MHI) began by stating AMHC/MHI serves the entire state of Arkansas and their outreach continues around the state. She stated they are looking to partnership with UCA's Culinary Medicine Teaching Kitchen and have already met with the director and toured the kitchen. They would like for the dietary students to use their Southern Ain't Fried Sunday cookbook recipes to educate the community. She stated their partnership continues with UAMS Culinary Medicine Teaching Kitchen; however, they are short staffed and looking to hire a Southern Ain't Fried Sunday coordinator. She stated along with themselves, UAMS Culinary Medicine Teaching Kitchen and Potluck has partnered with the 12th Street Sub-Station to provide cooking demonstrations and no cost farmer's markets for individuals in the 12th Street community. She stated outreach through "Ask the Doctor" continues. She stated they have partnered with the Department of Health's Chronic Disease branch to launch their CPR program. They will

be offering CPR classes around the state and their pilot class in Pine Bluff will be over at end of this month. She stated they are also hoping to partner with the Arkansas Department of Health, Office of Homeless to do outreach and education with the Arkansas homeless population. She asked if there were any questions. Commissioner Hill thanked her and asked if there were any other questions or comments.

Liz Gates (COPH) began by stating Odell Johnson, a research fellow in the Southern Public Health and Criminal Justice Research Center (S-PAC), is leading a Universal Basic Income (UBI) pilot study related to the Second Chance Pell Experiment. This is a federal initiative that gives justice-impacted individuals a chance to obtain a postsecondary education. This study is through a partnership with Shorter College and Philander Smith University for African American males aged 18-45, who participate in the Second Chance program. She stated Alice Gardner, MPH, one of their doctoral students in the College of Public Health's Promotion and Prevention Research program obtained entry into the Southern Region Education Board (SREB) Doctoral Scholars Program. SREB's goal is to improve public health from early childhood through the doctoral stage, the scholars program award goes to a pair of minority doctoral students who aspire to become college faculty members. She stated Richard Tatum, one of their research clinical coordinators launched a food pantry in June for his community. The food pantry is conducted out of his front yard. The food pantry is available 24/7 and includes mostly nonperishable food as well as a few hygiene products. Since June they have received nearly \$7,000 in donations, numerous food contributions from individuals, schools, ministries and nonprofits. She asked if anyone had any questions. Commissioner Hill thanked her and asked if there were any questions.

Stephanie Loveless (UAMS East) began by stating in December they had a cancer navigator, Sharon Martin join their team. She stated their mobile van is currently doing preventive biometric screenings in their area and they are hoping to offer medical services out of their mobile van. She stated recently they used the mobile van for the water crisis in Helena. They delivered pallets of water to senior centers, local daycares, and to the Boys and Girls Club. She stated their mobile food distribution is partnering with Corporate Extension service to offer mobile food distributions to those in Helena who can't get to the actual food bank. She stated they set up in their community at different churches at different locations to provide food boxes, preventive health screenings and giveaways of hygiene products at the events. She stated they continue to offer first aid/CPR classes and they have trained 88 community members in Helena and healthcare providers as well. She stated the Good Food RX program is entering its first year and they have had wonderful feedback. They have 18 participants who made it through every class. The second year of this program will focus on biometrics. She stated their Living Well diabetes class with the extension in Helena had great results. She stated they are still working toward chronic disease prevention and medicine. She stated the number of Family Medical Clinic clients increased and they did a project through their clinic by providing farmers with safety kits and training. She stated they recently had an open house for the UAMS Kidney and Liver Transplant Satellite Clinic in Helena for Dr. Lyle Burdine. Stephanie Loveless asked if

there were any questions. Commissioner Hill thanked her and asked if there were any questions. Commissioner Hill asked Stephanie Loveless if she would contact Amy Jo Jenkins from UAMS relating to their NCI Cancer program. Commissioner Hill then asked Amy Jo Jenkins if she would share her contact information with Stephanie Loveless. Amy Jo Jenkins stated she would add her contact information in the message part of the Zoom. Commissioner Hill asked if there were any other business and called for the meeting to be adjourned.

Meeting Adjournment Commissioner Martha Hill called for an adjournment and the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.