

Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission (ATSC)
Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2020



Commissioners Attending: Dr. John Henderson, Chair; Tom Chilton, Vice Chair; Andrea Allen, Commission Executive Committee Member; Nick Fuller, Commissioner; Dr. Ken Knecht, Commissioner (By Phone); Renee Mallory, Commissioner

Staff Attending: April Robinson, Administrative Specialist

Guests: ShaRhonda Love, MHI; Becky Hall, UAMS East; Charles Saunders, Assistant Attorney General; Joe West, Assistant Attorney General; Amy Leigh Overton-McCoy, UAMS-COA; Liz Gates, COPH; Emily Lane, UCA; Autumn Sanson, State Treasurer; Joy Gray, TPCP; Leslie Humphries, ABI; Kristie Hayes, TS-MEP (By Phone); Appathurai Balamurugan, ADH

Minutes Recorder: April Robinson

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order/Quorum/ Introduction of Attendees	Chair Henderson called the meeting to order at 10 am. Attendees introduced themselves and gave their organizational affiliation.
Review/Approval of November Minutes	Chair Henderson asked for a motion to approve the November minutes with the correction of the word disciples to be changed to disciplines. Commissioner Andrea Allen made a motion to approve and Commissioner Tom Chilton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The November meeting minutes were approved.
Director's Report	Chair Henderson discussed the treasury and financial reports for the months of November through January. Chair Henderson explained the loose page was a correction in the amount of the total interest for the last quarter. Chair Henderson stated the quarterly income for the last quarter was \$484,000. The Treasurer's office is still doing a great job at investing those funds. The commission is well below budget. The investment income is created from the Tobacco Program Pool and it does not include the annual MSA (Master Settlement Agreement) payment. Chair Henderson asked if anyone had any questions. Commissioner Nick Fuller asked April if they were getting a copy of the updated investment income as well and does

	<p>the treasury report show the investment income quarterly.</p> <p>April responded yes, she sent out an email this morning to the commissioners and the treasury report shows the income monthly, not quarterly.</p> <p>Chair Henderson stated we must approve the projected expenses for the Commission and staff annually.</p> <p>Chair Henderson asked for a motion to approve the expenses for the Commission and the staff. Commissioner Renee Mallory made a motion and Commissioner Nick Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The annual expenses for the Commission and staff were approved.</p> <p>Chair Henderson asked for a motion to approve the 2020 Control Self-Assessment.</p> <p>Commissioner Tom Chilton asked if the moneys used to pay the staff are being transferred to the Department of Health to be distributed to staff.</p> <p>April responded it will as of this year. Officially it has not been moved and the Department of Health is just now looking at the budget. It will officially start this year. The main thing we are doing right now is the procurement part as in paying bills.</p> <p>Chair Henderson asked if all the expenses right now are being paid by the agency. Will it begin at the beginning of the fiscal year.</p> <p>April responded yes sir, then at the beginning of the fiscal year, the salaries and other monies will be officially under the Department of Health.</p> <p>Commissioner Renee Mallory agreed with April.</p> <p>Commissioner Tom Chilton made a motion and Commissioner Andrea Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The 2020 Control Self-Assessment was approved.</p>
<p>April-June 2019 Quarterly Report</p>	<p>Chair Henderson presented the quarterly report. Chair Henderson stated all the programs continue to operate according to the goals they have set. TPCP (Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program) is making great progress and complimented Joy Gray and her team on a great job. MISRGO (Minority Initiative Sub-Recipient Grant Office) have not reached a lot of their goals and the commission is looking forward to more information from them in the next quarter.</p> <p>Chair Henderson asked if anyone had any questions or comments about the quarterly report.</p> <p>Chair Henderson asked for a motion to approve the quarterly report. Commissioner Nick Fuller made a motion and Commissioner Renee Mallory seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The quarterly report was approved.</p>
<p>ATSC Program Updates</p>	<p>ShaRhonda Love (MHI) stated they are preparing for their 6th Biennial Summit on April 17th and the opening reception will be at the Clinton Presidential Center. They will have Judge Glenda Hatchett as the keynote speaker during the luncheon for Maternal Mortality. They are looking for additional sessions and if any of the programs are interested in presenting, they are happy to add them to the agenda. The registration fee is \$15 for this year.</p> <p>Chair Henderson asked if the summit will be at the Clinton Presidential Center as well.</p> <p>Ms. Love responded; the summit will be at the Four Points Sheraton.</p>

Chair Henderson responded, Thank you.

Ms. Love stated they released their first Minority Health Workforce Scholarship that closed at the beginning of February. They received over 100 applicants. They have been encouraging minorities to apply for scholarships in a health-related profession. They have completed over 6,500 health screenings in their Mobile Health Unit serving 886 adults and 240 children. They reached 60 counties in nine months with 17 counties receiving services multiple times. They are currently scheduled well into the summer. MHI is currently working an app for their Southern Ain't Fried Sundays Program. Participants will be able to journal their meals and physical activity on an individual basis. They are still in the testing phase and the app should be available in March. Camp I-CAN will be held in four locations this summer: Lake Village, Pine Bluff, Jonesboro, and Fort Smith. They are finalizing their 2020 issue of Bridge Magazine and the topic will be Health Equity Versus Equality. They have their Minority Health Sponsorship Award opens and it closes on February 15th in hopes of funding help initiatives in the month of April for Minority Awareness Month. Chair Henderson asked if there were any questions and thanked Ms. Love for her report.

Liz Gates (COPH) stated they are still working on their college strategic plan. Dr. Ben Amick has become the new Associate Dean of Research as of January 15th. He will focus on growing the colleges research portfolio and mentoring their junior faculty. They are working with the Institute for Digital Health headed, by Curtis Lowery, on an app that is to increase the communication ability between patients and clinicians. It will also allow them to gather health related data from patients in order to better guide their care. The search for the search of the Director of the Obesity Center McMath Chair is ongoing. The Center for Dietary Supplements Research is doing research on CBD oil and other uses for it and it has been ongoing and will be publishing soon. Ms. Gates stated they recently had Bo Ryall, President/CEO of the Arkansas Hospital Association, speak at their Master of Health Administration annual alumni luncheon. He spoke on the state of hospitals in Arkansas, the vulnerability they face, and the public health implications created in the rural areas of Arkansas. They currently have around 390 active students. They are working with the College of Medicine to develop the Near Miss Program who almost make the cutoff to start medical school. The program will include modules to help those applicants move forward to be accepted into medical school.

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

Leslie Humphries (ABI) stated for 2019 they had five patented awards and 11 patented filings. Since 2003 they have had more than 200 patent filings and 53 patented awards. They have some new faces to report for their ABI institutions: Dr. Mei Ho is serving as the Vice Chancellor of Research and Innovation at UAMS, Dr. Dan Sui is the Vice Chancellor of Research and Innovation at University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and Dr. Rick Barr is the Interim President of the Arkansas Children's Research Institute at Arkansas Children's Hospital. They had 19 new researchers recruited in 2019. For 2019 they had about 351 full-time equivalent supported jobs with ABI funding and related outside funding. Seventy-nine of those jobs were supported by ABI funding. They almost \$51 million in outside funding for ABI research in 2019. That is about \$4.26 in outside funding for ABI dollar they received. Their 2020 data will be available

in August. The next ABI board meeting will be in the spring. They don't have a date for the fall symposium, but it will likely take place at the end of October and it will be at UAMS.

Commissioner Andrea Allen stated that was a good return on dollars.

Chair Henderson stated yes, and they have continuously done that.

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

Joy Gray (TPCP) stated they have enrolled 3,376 people in cessation counseling. They hope to have their preliminary evaluation report showing their quit rates. Be Well Baby should launch April 1st starting with 10 sites in their local clinics. There have been 360 vaping presentations since school started in August with a total of 20,334 attendees with 19,235 being youth. They have reached 33 counties. Presentations have already been created for the new emerging products coming out. TPCP was asked to create a toolkit for schools that shows them how to create model policies, so schools know what to do when they catch students vaping. They combined CDC's (Center for Disease Control) best practices and some model policies from other states in the booklet. Every school has the capability to use them. Ms. Gray stated to let her know if anyone needs one and it is also available in PDF form.

Chair Henderson asked if the data they will be reporting for the call center be for three months or nine months.

Ms. Gray responded it will be for four-month data and they are now being able to collect for seven months and a little bit of 13-month data. They do CDC best practices four and seven month and added the 13 months. They wanted to check the one-year quit rate because that is the true marker. Next year that evaluation will have 4, 7, and 13-month data. Emily Lane asked how to do they decide where to do vaping presentations at schools.

Ms. Gray responded they have 63 PPYC (Project Prevention Youth Coalitions) chapters in 44 counties and they rely on them. They also have a button they send to people and it sends them to a survey asking what they need. People can also go to the Be Well Arkansas website to request information. They give information to anyone who reaches out and ask for it. They have been looking at maps to see where they have not been doing the presentations, so they can start. Some places have not been receptive.

Chair Henderson asked if they had any data on the vaping rate in youth under 18 that shows vaping is decreasing now that we have all this decreasing publicity.

Ms. Gray responded the APNA (Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment) data goes annually. The APNA data they have now is from 2018. They have been collecting surveys, but they would have to go through the long epidemiological process for them to be measured. The problem is the data always follows a much slower pace, especially once the approval process is completed. The presentations have been an eye-opener for parents and other adults. It's too early to tell if their efforts have made a dent in it. Hopefully, the passing of T21 will help it get out of their hands.

Dr. Bala stated one downside is the sub reported data and it will be an underestimate of what is happening in the community. They are working on trying to get real time data, at least quarterly, with the APNA survey. They have a meeting in a few weeks to discuss that. It is a possibility since it is housed in the Department of Education and the Department of Human Behavioral Health at the DHS (Department of Human Services).

Chair Henderson asked how does APNA data get their data.

Dr. Bala responded they have a contractor, a vendor who connects the schools survey. It is a good data source because they are housed at the Department of Human Behavioral Health. They are trying to establish some inter-agency data.

Chair Henderson asked if that is self-reported data.

Dr. Bala responded it is, but it is a more anonymous reporter. It is not sampled. They have a youth behavioral survey which is a sample. APNA is pretty much completed by all. It gets a little closer to the reality, but it will be all the way self-reported. The samples sites are much better than just a small group of four or five thousand people asked in the youth behavior survey compared to the APNA where the connects class completes the survey.

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

Chair Henderson stated he works with residents at Unity Health and there is a resident who is 46 years old who had a four-vessel bypass at the age of 38. She continued to spoke five years after that. It's a horrible addiction. It is just frustrating.

Becky Hall (UAMS-East) stated for the first six months of the fiscal year they saw an average of 305 patients a month. They are averaging about 19 new patients a month. Since July they have had a total of 133 new patients. They have extended their operating hours and are opening at 7:30 two days a week. They are now a part of the PCMH (Patient-Centered Medical Home) Program. They are providing free blood pressure checks at the clinic and in the community. They have hired a telehealth license practical nurse that is funded by a grant. They have a telehealth AIDS clinic. They recently installed tele retina equipment. Dr. Ewing has been trained in medicated assistant therapy (MAT) for opioid addiction. They work with local midsouth health systems for referral of patients. They have no funding or coordinator for their Opioid Task Force. Therefore, it falls on Ms. Hall and the Health Department to get the meetings together. Kurt Lane wrote them a Believe in You grant. Now first responders and school nurses in Phillip County are carrying Narcan. UAMS is expanding their residency programs and they hope to get a specialty program at the hospital in Helena to become a residency program. Ms. Hall stated they are working with the other regional programs to have their residencies come over for one-month rotation in Helena. They hope to start before the new fiscal year. They are working on a project with Partners for Inclusive Communities, a part of the University of Arkansas, to open an Autism Diagnostic Clinic in Helena on April 1st. They have been chosen to participate in the Comparative Effectiveness of Family DSMES in Standard DSMES Among Diverse Population research study. There have been two Day in the Life programs for 70 high school students. They have developed a program to have health educators go to the school to discuss vaping.

Chair Henderson asked what their participation in their MAT program with Dr. Ewing has been.

Ms. Hall responded he is seeing about 12 patients. He is pleased with the success rate.

Chair Henderson asked if it will be ongoing.

Ms. Hall responded yes. They lost patients when the clinic first started because they were not prescribing medication as

the patients desired as well as asking some to leave. Now, they are building again because of patients who really want help.

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

Amy Leigh Overton-McCoy (COA) stated in 2016 the state of Arkansas was 50th in food and securities for older adults. Now, the state is 42nd and has been reduced by 30%. They are working with the Arkansas Department of Health with the Walk with Ease program in trying to get older adults more active and managing their pain through non-pharmaceutical methods. Dr. Angie Norman is continuing to lead the efforts in our state to help reduce the use of opioids in older adults and preventing falls. Hopefully, in the next year they can show an economic impact because of less falls. They are focusing on family caregiving in addition paraprofessional of caregiving. They have implemented SUCCESS, a one on one caregiving coaching that is nurse and social work led. It has started Little Rock and Union county. They are making a push to assess safety with the indivual living with dementia and the family. They are making sure individuals are referred to the appropriate community resources, so they are taught to be able to stay in their homes. They obtained a grant in Fort Smith from the First United Methodist Church to do some seed money to start the program there. They plan to start taking it across the state. They will now be able to open a new Centers on Aging in the Delta centering on five counties. The King Foundation provided funding for them to maximize into the clinical aspect. This will also allow more opportunities for students of COPH with their clinical aspects of their education as well as helping COA with some evaluation data.

Chair Henderson stated everything sounds very exciting and needed. He said he read where it was estimated 65,000 seniors above age 65 died from falls. So many of these programs tie together.

Ms. Overton-McCoy responded they are working with a large retail, Arkansas owned and operated, to work with pharmacies across the state. They are going to use this as a pilot in the state of Arkansas to get pharmacists to help older adults identify fall risks with over the counter and prescription medications. Hopefully, they are closing the gap on this opportunity.

Chair Henderson asked if there were any questions and thanked Ms. Overton-McCoy for her report.

Kristie Hayes (TS-MEP) stated she will give updates on the five indicators. The results are for quarter July-Sept 2019. They expanded access to health benefits and services to 7,853 eligible pregnant women, seniors, hospitalized adults, and persons with developmental disabilities. This is a decrease of 501 recipients over the previous quarter. They leveraged \$10.1 million in federal Medicaid matching funds. They served 1,294 pregnant women. This is a decrease of five recipients over the previous quarter. They provided hospital benefits to 497 adults ages 19 to 64, which is a decrease from the previous quarter. Due to changes in their data reporting warehouse, they are still validating this number to be exact. They provided expanded Medicaid coverage to 5,683 seniors and this is an increase of 99 recipients from the previous quarter. A total of 434 individuals received services in the support waiver program.

Chair Henderson asked does she think the number of maternity cases you help are down because the overall maternity

	<p>rate is down. Ms. Hayes responded yes, but five is not a big decrease for them. Their numbers vary all the time and it is on target for where they usually are. Chair Henderson asked if there were any questions and thanked Ms. Hayes for her report.</p> <p>Chair Henderson commented the reports were very good and thorough. He wonders what will happen over the next two to three years as we have more people uninsured cause there are less people insured now than four years ago. He works in a Christian health ministry clinic on Sunday afternoons. They used to see 30 patients of whom were not insured and needed medical care. Now they are only open one afternoon a month and seeing seven or eight people. This is because people have insurance now under extended Medicare or being in one of the metallic plans. They thought about closing the clinic but have decided to keep it open because they are afraid the numbers will go back up.</p>
Other Business	<p>Chair Henderson asked if any had any new business. Chair Henderson announced the proposed upcoming meeting dates for 2020 are April 8th, July 8th, and November 11th. Commissioner Andrea Allen stated the November 11th is a holiday. Chair Henderson asked April if the 11th was a Wednesday. April responded it is and Veterans Day is on the 11th. Chair Henderson stated we will move the November meeting to the 10th.</p>
Meeting Adjournment	<p>Chair Henderson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Renee Mallory made a motion and Commissioner Tom Chilton seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.</p>

Meeting adjourned at 11:14 am