

Texas Health Care Policy Council

Teacher Retirement System of Texas, 5th Floor Boardroom
1000 Red River Street, Austin, Texas 78701

PARTNERSHIP MEETING

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2008

9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stacey Silverman (Chair), Theresa Cruz, Rick Danko, Larry Jones, John Monk, Larry Phillips, Ken Shine

MEMBERS ABSENT

Alexia Green (Vice Chair), Maureen Milligan

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting is called into order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Stacy Silverman. Chair Silverman asked Mr. Tony Gilman, executive officer of the Texas Health Care Policy Council, to take roll. Chair Silverman also welcomed Dr. Ben Raimer and other members of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) who were invited to participate in the meeting. She also noted that Ms. Lisa Kirsch was representing Maureen Milligan and the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). Ms. Kirsch is a Senior Advisor in the Office of Health Services at HHSC.

REPORTS, UPDATES AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS

Approval of minutes from the October 3, 2006 meeting

Chair Silverman asked members to review the minutes of the October 3rd meeting of the Texas Health Workforce Planning Partnership Subcommittee. Dr. Larry Phillips made a motion to pass the minutes. Mr. Larry Jones seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Briefing and Discussion of the 2008 Work Plan

Chair Silverman asked Mr. Gilman to brief members on the work plan. Mr. Gilman advised members that the 2008 work plan organizes the Partnership Workforce Subcommittee's work for 2008. He reviewed the goals, objectives, tasks and schedule outlined in the plan, and noted that the plan includes three objectives, including: (1) the completion of a physician workforce study on Graduate Medical Education pursuant to Senate Bill 10, 80th Texas Legislature; (2) monitoring implementation of nursing legislation and initiatives, and coordinating with the Texas Board of Nursing and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on the development of innovative nursing strategies; and (3) implementation of the health workforce strategic plan adopted by the Council in 2006.

Mr. Gilman briefed members on the physician workforce study, including the legislative charge and an information request that staff will be submitting to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas Medical Board, Texas Board of Nursing, Texas Department of State Health Services, and Office of the State Demographer. He also noted that staff had been working with the Texas Medical Association on a joint forum in April to solicit input from stakeholders on the study. Mr. Gilman also advised members that staff would analyze the information received from state agencies and stakeholders, and prepare a draft report for the Partnership Workforce Subcommittee to review during the July 18th meeting.

Mr. Gilman also discussed the SHCC's participation in the Partnership meeting and reviewed the SHCC's work plan for 2008.

Partnership members, as well as the members of the SHCC that participated in the meeting, reviewed, discussed, and provided input to staff on the information presented.

Chair Silverman thanked Mr. Gilman for his presentation and noted that the Council would recess at 10:40 a.m. and resume work at 10:56 a.m.

Presentation by the Texas Board of Nursing

Chair Silverman invited Ms. Kathy Thomas, Executive Director, Texas Board of Nursing (BON) to provide a presentation to the Partnership Workforce Subcommittee on innovation in nursing education. Ms. Thomas discussed the BON's efforts to encourage innovation in nursing education and development of the BON's statewide plan on innovative models of nursing education. She also discussed the BON's efforts to inventory current partnerships between academic institutions and partnerships between academic institutions and hospitals. Ms. Thomas also provided the Partnership with information on advance practice registered nurses.

Partnership members discussed the information presented by Ms. Thomas. Chair Silverman thanked Ms. Thomas for her presentation.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Chair Silverman asked members if there were any questions or concerns about future meeting dates.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURN

Chair Silverman asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Ms. Theresa Cruz and seconded by Dr. Ken Shine. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.