

## STATE HEALTH COUNCIL

May 15, 2019

A meeting of the State Health Council was called to order by Vice Chairman Duane Pool at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 in Room 212 of the Judicial Wing, State Capitol, Bismarck, ND.

### Members present:

Genny Dienstmann, Bismarck, Chairman (*teleconference*)  
Duane Pool, Bismarck, Vice Chairman  
Leona Koch, Mandan, Secretary  
Howard Anderson, Turtle Lake  
Darrold Bertsch, Beulah  
Mike Fedorchak, Bismarck (*teleconference*)  
Wade Peterson, Bismarck  
Kristin Roers, Fargo (*teleconference*)  
Dennis Wolf, Dickinson

### Staff members present:

Mylynn Tufte, State Health Officer  
Molly Howell, Disease Control  
Kirby Kruger, Medical Services Section  
Tracy Miller, State Epidemiologist  
Kelly Nagel, Systems Performance  
Nicole Peske, Chief Communications Officer  
Pamela Thompson, Recording Secretary  
Jason Wahl, Medical Marijuana  
Julie Wagendorf, Division of Food & Lodging  
Brenda Weisz, CFO  
Tim Wiedrich, Emergency Preparedness & Response Section  
Dirk Wilke, COO  
Bobbie Will, Primary Care Office

Others present: See ATTACHMENT A

### Minutes

HOWARD ANDERSON MOVED THE APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2019 MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED. SECOND BY DENNIS WOLF AND CARRIED.

### HIN Update

Shila Thorson, ND Health Information Technology Director and Eric Hieb, Technology & Operations Manager presented an update on the North Dakota Health Information Network (ND HIN) (ATTACHMENT B).

## **Legislative Update**

Brenda Weisz presented the 2019 legislative wrap-up (see ATTACHMENT C).

### **Administrative Rules – Cottage Foods**

Julie Wagendorf presented the proposed rules for NDAC Chapter 33-33-10 regarding preparation of cottage food products for sale. She requested approval and to proceed with a public hearing.

DENNIS WOLF MOVED TO TABLE NDAC CHAPTER 33-33-10 TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DIRECTION. SECOND BY LEONA KOCH.

The Vice Chairman requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Anderson, Bertsch, Dienstmann, Fedorchak, Koch, Peterson, Pool, Roers, and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. There were no 'absent' votes.

### **Administrative Rules – Medical Marijuana**

Jason Wahl presented the proposed amendments to NDAC Chapter 33-44-01 regarding medical marijuana. He requested approval and to proceed with a public hearing.

HOWARD ANDERSON MOVED THE APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS FOR AMENDMENTS TO NDAC CHAPTER 33-44-01, MEDICAL MARIJUANA. SECOND BY DENNIS WOLF.

The Vice Chairman requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Anderson, Bertsch, Dienstmann, Fedorchak, Koch, Peterson, Pool, Roers, and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. There were no 'absent' votes.

### **Administrative Rules – Reportable Conditions & Electronic Lab Reporting**

Kirby Kruger presented the proposed amendments to NDAC Chapter 33-06-01 regarding conditions designated as reportable and NDAC Chapter 33-06-02 regarding reporting. He requested approval and to proceed with a public hearing.

DARROLD BERTSCH MOVED TO APPROVE NDAC CHAPTER 33-06-01, CONDITIONS DESIGNATED AS REPORTABLE AND NDAC CHAPTER 33-06-02, REPORTING WITH A CLARIFICATION ON THE DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES TO SAY THAT IT MEANS TESTING NOT PROVIDING A DIAGNOSIS. SECOND BY HOWARD ANDERSON.

HOWARD ANDERSON MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO PROCEED WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS FOR AMENDMENTS TO NDAC CHAPTER 33-06-01, CONDITIONS DESIGNATED AS REPORTABLE AND NDAC CHAPTER 33-06-02, REPORTING. SECOND BY LEONA KOCH. DARROLD BERTSCH AND HOWARD ANDERSON AGREED WITH THE AMENDMENT.

The Vice Chairman requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Anderson, Bertsch, Dienstmann, Fedorchak, Koch, Peterson, Pool, Roers, and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. There were no 'absent' votes.

### **Loan Repayment Applications**

Bobbie Will presented the SLRP funds update.

Ms. Will presented the dental loan repayment applications along with the committee's recommendations to fund three dentists.

HOWARD ANDERSON MOVED THE APPROVAL OF THE DENTIST LOAN REPAYMENT APPLICATIONS FOR: NATHAN BURBACH, DDS; BRANDON COTTER, DDS; AND KEELY GOTER, DDS, EACH FOR \$100,000. SECOND BY WADE PETERSON.

The Vice Chairman requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Anderson, Bertsch, Dienstmann, Fedorchak, Koch, Peterson, Pool, Roers, and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. There were no 'absent' votes.

Ms. Will presented the physician loan repayment applications and gave the committee recommendations to fund three.

WADE PETERSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE PHYSICIAN LOAN REPAYMENT APPLICATIONS FOR: LUCINDA MUNDORF, MD; JENNIFER SHAW, MD; AND RACHEL WANZEK, MD, EACH FOR \$100,000. SECOND BY LEONA KOCH.

The Vice Chairman requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Anderson, Bertsch, Dienstmann, Fedorchak, Koch, Peterson, Pool, Roers, and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. There were no 'absent' votes.

Ms. Will presented the advanced practice providers repayment applications and gave the committee recommendations to fund three.

DENNIS WOLF MOVED TO APPROVE THE ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDERS REPAYMENT APPLICATIONS FOR: KIMBERLY FORD, NP, \$20,000; MELISSA HANSON, PA, \$20,000; AND JENNA THOMPSON, NP, \$8,000. SECOND BY HOWARD ANDERSON.

The Vice Chairman requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Anderson, Bertsch, Dienstmann, Fedorchak, Koch, Peterson, Pool, Roers, and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. There were no 'absent' votes.

Ms. Will presented the behavioral health providers repayment applications and gave the committee recommendations to fund twelve.

LEONA KOCH MOVED TO APPROVE THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS REPAYMENT APPLICATIONS FOR: CRYSTAL ASKVG, LAC, LPC, \$12,000; MARY BURCHILL, LPC, LAC, \$5,086; MIAH DABILL, RN, \$20,000; JENNIFER GOLDADE, LAC, \$18,765; KARISSA KAUTZMAN, LAC, \$20,000; SARA KELNER, LPC, LAC, \$20,000; KELSEY LEBERE, LPC, LAC, \$20,000; STACY LUNZMAN, RN, \$13,457; CASSANDRA SMITH, LAC, \$20,000; DELIA TUCKER, LPC, LAC, \$20,000; JENNIFER WANZEK, LAC, \$20,000 AND ERIN WEST, LAC, LSW, \$20,000. SECOND BY DARROLD BERTSCH.

The Vice Chairman requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Anderson, Bertsch, Dienstmann, Fedorchak, Koch, Peterson, Pool, Roers, and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. There were no 'absent' votes.

### **Primary Care Office Updates**

Ms. Will presented a request from Dr. Clinton Miller, DDS, to continue in the dental loan repayment program even though his location has changed from Harvey to Jamestown since receiving the award. Dr. Miller explained he is the only dental office in Jamestown currently accepting new Medicaid patients. Dr. Miller is one of the top twenty-five dentists in the state of North Dakota in receiving Medicaid funds.

HOWARD ANDERSON MOVED TO ALLOW DR. CLINTON MILLER TO KEEP HIS DENTAL LOAN REPAYMENT CONTRACT IF HE MAINTAINS THE CURRENT LEVEL OF MEDICAID PARTICIPATION. SECOND BY WADE PETERSON.

The Vice Chairman requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Anderson, Bertsch, Dienstmann, Fedorchak, Koch, Peterson, Pool, Roers, and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. There were no 'absent' votes.

Ms. Will presented a request from Jennifer Eberle, MS, LPCC, to continue in the healthcare professional student loan repayment program even though she closed her private practice in Valley City but will be working for a non-profit agency, Catholic Charities in Valley City. Her sponsor, Valley City Development Corporation, will continue with their sponsorship match.

DARROLD BERTSCH MOVED TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYER CHANGE FOR JENNIFER EBERLE, MS, LPCC SINCE SHE WILL STILL BE PRACTICING IN THE SAME SERVICE AREA WITH THE SAME SPONSOR. SECOND BY WADE PETERSON.

The Vice Chairman requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Anderson, Bertsch, Dienstmann, Fedorchak, Koch, Peterson, Pool, Roers, and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. There were no 'absent' votes.

Ms. Will presented a request from Nancy Stute, LSW, to continue in the healthcare professional student loan repayment program even though she switched employers. Her new employer, FirstLight Home Care of Central ND, will provide the sponsorship match.

HOWARD ANDERSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYER CHANGE FOR NANCY STUTE, LSW SINCE SHE WILL STILL BE PRACTICING IN THE SAME SERVICE AREA WITH A DIFFERENT SPONSOR. SECOND BY LEONA KOCH.

The Vice Chairman requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Anderson, Bertsch, Dienstmann, Fedorchak, Koch, Pool, Roers, and Wolf voted 'aye'. Peterson abstained. There were no 'nay' votes. There were no 'absent' votes.

Wade Peterson abstained because he is employed by Good Samaritan Society and Sanford Health. Kristin Roers disclosed that she works for Sanford Health.

### **Section Update**

Tim Wiedrich presented an update of the Emergency Preparedness & Response Section.

### **Health Officer Update**

Mylynn Tufte updated the Council on:

- Legislative Session
- ND Department of Health is working through the strategic plan
- Urged State Health Council members to submit comments regarding advancing the rules on interoperability to CMS and ONC
- NDDoH is working with several entities in collaboration to develop a state health assessment
- Tobacco cessation – ENDS (Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems) Summit
- Health Impact Symposium
- Workforce continues to be a priority for the NDDoH especially around healthcare

### **Other Business**

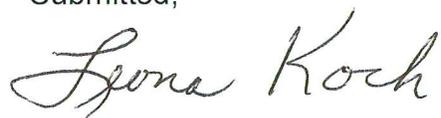
Tim Wiedrich presented the names of Wade Kadrmas and Jody Ward to serve on the two open positions for stakeholders/citizens for the State Trauma Committee. They have been trying to fill these positions for several years.

HOWARD ANDERSON MOVED TO ADD WADE KADRMAS AND JODY WARD TO THE STATE TRAUMA COMMITTEE. SECOND BY DENNIS WOLF.

The Vice Chairman requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Anderson, Bertsch, Dienstmann, Fedorchak, Peterson, Pool, Roers, and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. Koch--absent.

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leona Koch". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Leona Koch, Secretary

## STATE HEALTH COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE SHEET

North Dakota Department of Health  
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Name	Address	Representing
Eric Hieb	Bismarck	ITD - NDHIN
Julie Wogendorf	Bismarck	DOH
Brenda Weisz	Bismarck	DOH
Mike McNeary	Bismarck	Bismarck Tribune
Tara B. Brandner	Bismarck, ND	NDAG - GC
Dirk Wilke	Bismarck, ND	DOH
Nicole Peske	Bismarck	DOH
Tracy Miller	Bismarck	DOH - office of state Epi
Kelly Nagel	Bismarck	DOH
Bobbe Will	Bismarck	ND DOH
LeAnn Harner	Mandan	Self
Reed Christensen	Jamestown	self
Tim Blasl	Bismarck	NDHA
Courtney Koebke	Bismarck	ND med Assn
Kirby Kruger	Bismarck	ND DOH
Molly Howell	Bismarck	ND DOH DC
Marie Wath	Bismarck	Sanford Health
Shila Thorsen	Bismarck	ITD - NDHIN
William Sherwin	Bismarck	NDHA
Tim Wiednick	ND DOH	Bismarck
Jason Wahl	DOH	DOH



## Agenda

- NDHIN Overview
- NDHIN data
- Event Notification
- Care Coordination
- NDHIN Expansion Project
- Usage





## What is the NDHIN

- Public-private partnership of healthcare stakeholders
  - Challenged with expanding the secure exchange of health information in the State of North Dakota.
  - Connects electronic medical records systems to create a longitudinal patient health records
  - Currently contains over 1 million unique patient health records
  - Accessible by health care providers across the state
  - Aids in mandatory reporting to public health and state registries
  - Reduces Provider burden
  - Connects to federal health partners and other state HIEs
  - Allows access to health information anywhere, anytime.



## Types of Info in the NDHIN

- Admission, Discharge, Transfer (ADT)
  - Patient Demographics
  - Encounter History
  - Allergies
  - Diagnosis
  - Procedures
- Observation Results (ORU)
  - Lab Results
  - Radiology Reports/Documents
  - Imaging Studies
- Medical Document Management (MDM) (Clinical Documents)
  - Discharge Summaries
  - H&P's
  - ED Visit Notes
  - Consult Reports
  - Operative Notes
  - Encounter Summaries
- Immunizations (VXU)
- CCD/C-CDA Exchange



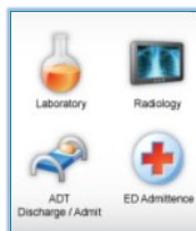


## Event Notifications

Available Event Notifications in NDHIN:

- Inpatient Admission
- Inpatient Discharge
- Pt Admitted to ER
- Final Radiology Reports
- Abnormal Lab Observation
- Critical Lab Observation

Triggers





## Care Coordination

### Care Coordination

Assist with referrals

-ex. social services

Patient risk scores

View clinical & claims data

Enroll patients in pathways or see pathways enrolled in

- ex. chronic disease management

Identify gaps in care

- ex. eye exam not completed, increased blood pressure



## NDHIN Expansion Plans

- Additional data providers
- Care Coordination Module
- Medications (Dr First and PDMP)
- Population Health Analytics Module



## NDHIN Usage

- NDHIN has approximately 2400 registered users
- Usage data for April 2019
  - Patient records accessed: 8742
  - Active users: 456
- Usage data from April 2018
  - Patient records accessed: 6458
  - Active users: 356





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# 2019 Legislative Wrap-up

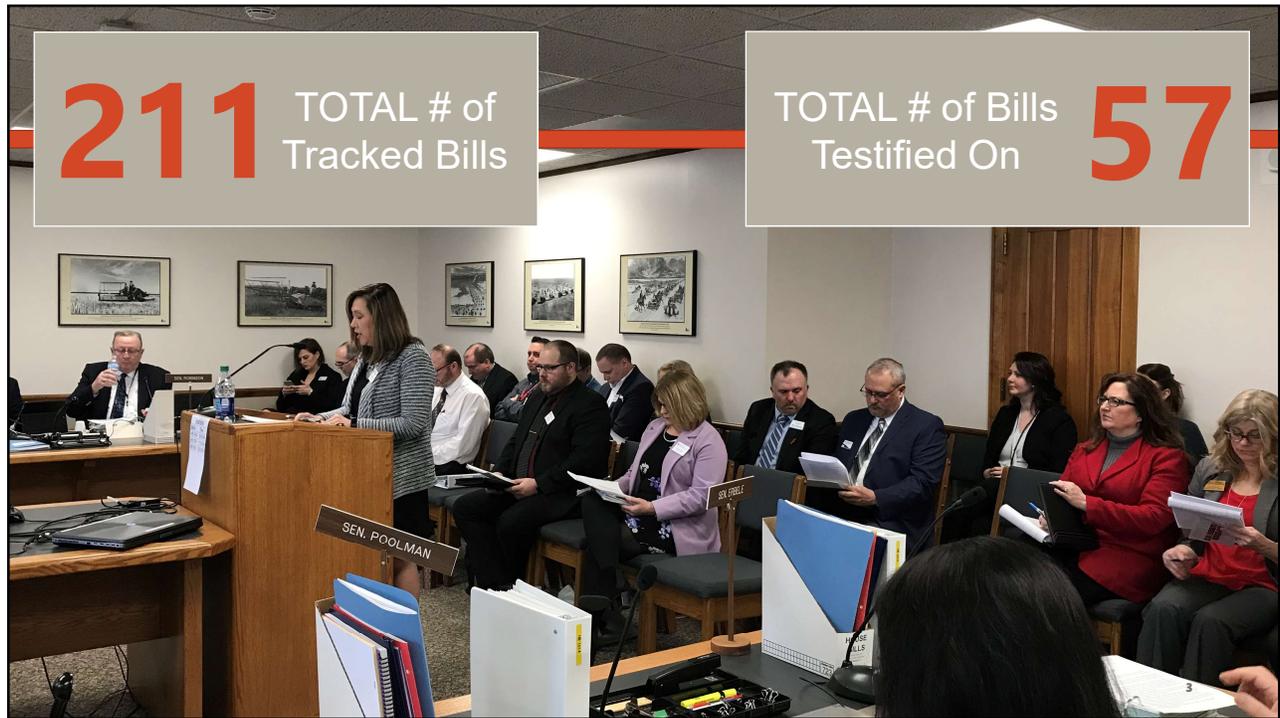
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*Brenda M. Weisz, CPA, Chief Financial Officer*

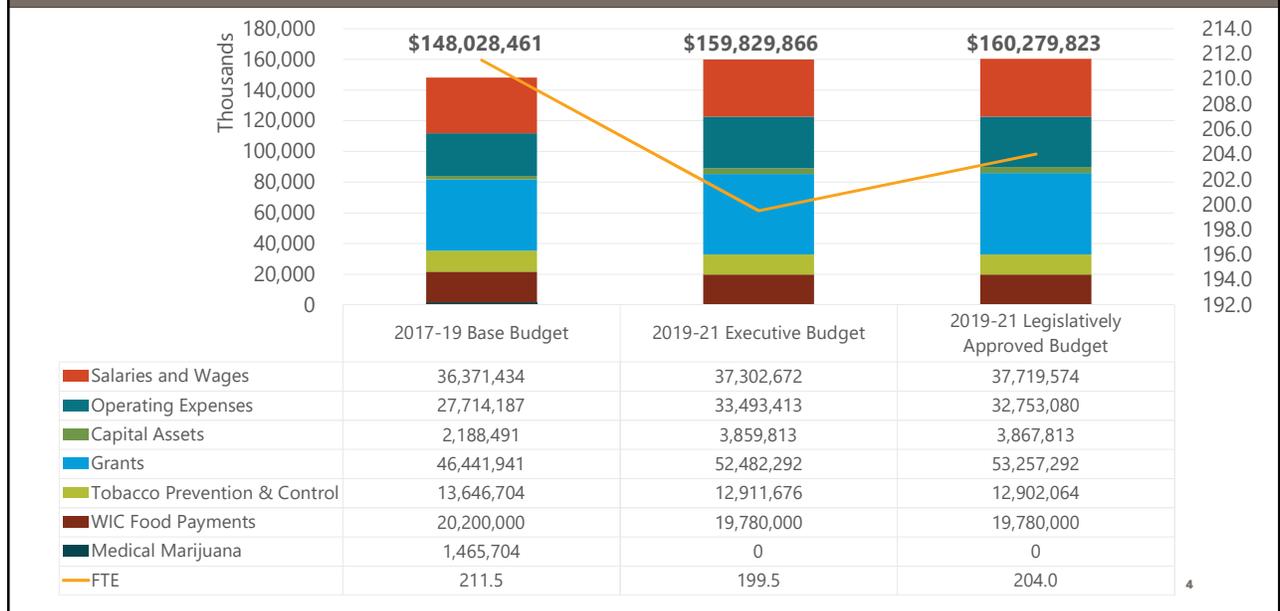
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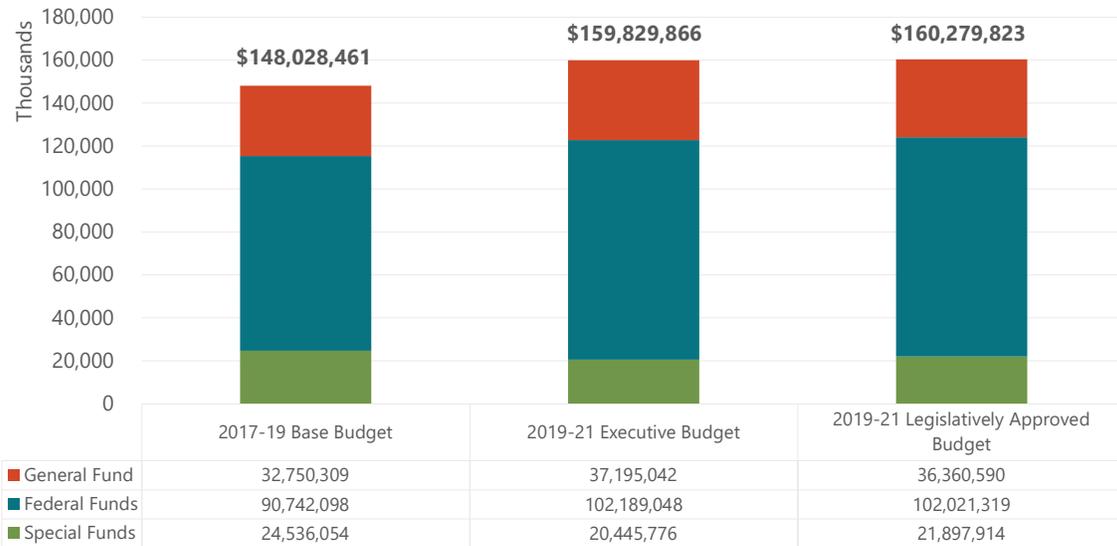
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## OVERVIEW OF BUDGET CHANGES



# OVERVIEW OF FUNDING



# 2019–2021 APPROPRIATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Fees**
  - Includes a fee increase for birth and death certificates, which have remained unchanged since 1983. We will retain those fees in the operating fund to cover the costs of operation and provide for updated technology.
  - Includes a Medical Marijuana Program that will operate fully on the fees generated from the program.
- Capital Projects**
  - Includes funding of \$126,000 to shift EMS data systems from paper to electronic means.
  - Includes funding of \$1.220 million for the Lab Building to update the HVAC system in the south annex and replace the roof in the north building, along with funding of just over \$480,000 to upgrade the Star Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS).
- Grants**
  - Maintains Rural Emergency Assistance Grants at a hold even level of \$6.875 million.
  - Maintains Local Public Health State Aid and Tobacco Grants at a hold even level of \$5.25 million and \$6.5 million, respectively.
  - Maintains domestic violence offender treatment grants at a hold even level of \$300,000, and adds \$200,000 of general fund for sexual violence prevention services. The general fund in this area has not increased since the 2015 Legislative Session.
- Programs**
  - Fully funds the Forensic Examiner’s Office with 3 FTE and just over \$2 million.
  - Shifts funding from the Department of Human Services (DHS) to the Tobacco Program to comply with Synar Program enforcement requirements.
  - Transfers the Suicide Prevention Program, including 1.0 FTE from the DoH to DHS - \$1.8 million.
- FTEs**
  - Adds \$186,000 of funding for a new FTE in Food & Lodging for additional supervision, monitoring and oversight.
  - Adds \$80,000 of funding for temporary salaries in the Life, Safety & Construction Division to assist in reviewing submitted plans.
  - Reflects a reduction of 7.50 FTE as proposed and included in Governor’s Recommended Budget.

# HIGHLIGHTS IMPACTING THE TEAM

## Employee Increases

- An average pay increase of 2% the first year with a monthly \$120 minimum and \$200 maximum.
- An average pay increase of 2.5% in the second year.
- Continuation of the existing health insurance benefits with a monthly premium of \$1,427 being fully paid by the state.

## Other Benefits

- Eliminates the Employee Incentive Program effective July 1, 2019.
- Increases the maximum amount that can be awarded for the employee bonus program from \$1,000 to \$1,500.
- Eliminates the restriction on the number of bonuses that may be granted each fiscal year. Previously was limited to 25% of total number of employees.

## Policy Changes

- HB 1028 allows the ND PERS Board the flexibility to select a self-funded health insurance plan if that is the best option.
- HB 1470 adds the ability to grant family leave of absence due to the death of an employee's child and adds language that legislative management shall consider studying the leave policies.
- SB 2046 allows for the retiree health insurance credit to be placed in the PERS fund rather than being provided to new employees who are hired on January 1, 2020 or later.
- SB 2047 changes the retirement multiplier from 2% to 1.75% for new employees who are hired on January 1, 2020 or later.
- SB 2049 changes language to highest 3 years pay vs. highest 36 months when calculating retirement benefits. Fixes how retirement calculations are completed to eliminate 3 payroll months for bi-weekly paid employees which skew retirement amounts.

# STRATEGY REVIEW MAY 2018 VS. HB 1004 RESULTS

## Ideas Submitted & Supported

- Funding opportunities
- Increase fees charged for birth and death certificates issued from the Vital Records Division. The funding could be utilized toward technology upgrades to create efficiencies and to replace general fund used for overall operation costs.
- Secure Medicaid reimbursement for case management provided within the Department.
- Increase fees to cover cost of licensure which have been held constant for over 30 years.
- Establish a licensure fee for these entities that undergo inspection / licensure but are not charged a fee.

## Ideas Included in our Budget Submission

- Funding opportunities
- The budget was submitted with an increase in fees charged for birth and death certificates.
- Further research was needed to secure funding for Medicaid reimbursement.
- Fees increases to cover cost of licensure was not further explored at this time.
- Additional fees were not proposed for Home Health Agencies, Hospice Agencies, Child Care Facility Inspections, Group Home Inspections, and inspections of non-profit agencies related to food service.

## Final Outcome Included in HB 1004

- Funding opportunities
- Increased fees charged for birth and death certificates adopted. Operation costs will be covered as well as technology projects estimated to be just under \$400,000. Fees in this area have not been increased since 1983.

## STRATEGY REVIEW MAY 2018 VS. HB 1004 RESULTS

### Ideas Submitted & Supported

- Big Idea #1- UND Pathology Department performs all forensic examinations for ND.
- Big idea #2 - ND Board of Nursing Administers the Nurse Aid Registry.
- Big idea #3 - Modify/Shift Regulation of Various Facilities regulated by the department to more appropriate oversight.

### Ideas Included in our Budget Submission

- Big Idea #1 -Budget was submitted with UND Pathology performing all forensic examinations for ND.
- Big Idea #2 – Proposed an FTE reduction as a result of an upgrade to the Nurse Aid Registry.
- Big Idea #3 – Proposed the inspection of funeral homes to shift back to the Board of Funeral Homes.

### Final Outcome Included in HB 1004

- Big Idea #1 - Discussions with UND did not result in sufficient efficiencies to move this idea forward.
- Big Idea #2 – Nurse Aid Registry upgrade along with FTE reduction and cost savings included final budget.
- Big Idea #3 - Inspection of funeral homes will no longer be handled by the department allowing for staff time to be devoted to high risk food & lodging inspections.

## STRATEGY REVIEW MAY 2018 VS. HB 1004 RESULTS

### Ideas Submitted & Supported

- Big Idea #4-Department-wide Strategies:
  - Reduce and if possible, eliminate services currently conducted using paper based systems (i.e. EMT training, testing, certification and licensure) and convert to web based systems resulting in greater efficiencies.
- Continue to evaluate internal processes and find efficiencies to reduce administrative and program costs.

### Ideas Included in our Budget Submission

- Big Idea #4-Department-wide Strategies:
  - Budget was submitted reducing a FTE as a result of shifting EMS data systems from paper to electronic means. (i.e. EMT training, testing, certification and licensure) and convert to web based systems resulting in greater efficiencies.
- Proposed a reduction of 5.5 FTE by evaluating processes and providing the outcomes in a more efficient manner.

### Final Outcome Included in HB 1004

- Big Idea #4 - 4-Department-wide Strategies:
  - Funding was approved to shift EMS data systems from paper to electronic means and reduce 1 FTE.
  - Reduction of 5.5 FTE were adopted as proposed.



## FISCAL & OPERATIONS SECTION

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## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS – FISCAL & OPERATIONS

- The North Dakota Medical Marijuana Program had a number of significant changes beneficial for qualifying patients under House Bills 1119, 1283, 1417, 1519 and SB 2210.
  - Social security numbers will no longer be required and the department will be allowed to accept electronic payment.
  - Physician assistants were added to the list of health care providers who can complete written certifications.
  - The requirement that a health care provider express an opinion regarding the benefit to the patient was eliminated, alleviating a concern identified by the medical community.
  - Twelve conditions were added to the list of debilitating medical conditions. Patients 19 and over are authorized to purchase up to 2.5 ounces of dried leaves or flowers in a 30-day period without special authorization from their medical provider.
  - In lieu of a written certification, a veteran receiving treatment from a federal VA entity may submit a copy of their medical records.
  - A manufacturing facility may grow more than 1,000 plants to sufficiently meet the demand.
- HB 1021 - While not one of the five pilot agencies for IT unification, this allows the department to move forward by taking all work direction through IT Shared Services.
- SB 2143 adds flexibility in the health care professional student loan repayment program regarding the repayment of contracts to better attract workforce in rural and underserved areas.
- SB 2196 establishes the panel members and roles of a drug fatality review panel. The panel will examine deaths due to drugs to better understand root-cause issues related to drug fatalities and other substance abuse disorders.

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## MEDICAL SERVICES SECTION

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### SESSION HIGHLIGHTS – MEDICAL SERVICES

- SB 2170 allows for clinical laboratory personnel exemptions for tests that are exempt by rules adopted by the board.
- SB 2092 relating to rabies control.
- SB 2198 enhances language surrounding the syringe or needle exchange program by eliminating possession of syringes as a basis for charging an individual with drug possession. The bill also establishes the suicide program as part of the Department of Human Services.
- HCR 3054 is a concurrent resolution to study the elimination of HIV transmission in North Dakota.



## HEALTH RESOURCES SECTION



## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS – HEALTH RESOURCES

- HB 1126 relating to end-of-life services in basic care.
- HB 1355 relating to the moratorium on basic care and nursing facility bed capacity.
- SB 2317 allows for flexibility relating to construction and renovation while considering health and safety in the Life, Safety and Construction Division.



## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS – HEALTHY & SAFE COMMUNITIES

- SB 2185 relating to termination of parental rights which increases the Department of Health's eligibility for federal funding from the Department of Justice.
- SB 2355 provides for a legislative management study of the taxation of liquid nicotine and electronic smoking devices.
- SCR 4002 is a concurrent resolution urging Congress to address the rising costs and availability of medications and health care for individuals with diabetes and coverage of those costs.
- SCR 4007 is a concurrent resolution urging Congress and the Food and Drug Administration to end the marketing and advertising of e-cigarettes to youth.
- SCR 4013 is a concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying the distribution and transportation of food in the state necessary to the lives of individuals in rural communities, and the roles of entities in facilitating the movement of food to rural areas of the state.

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## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE SECTION

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## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS - EPR

- HB 1021 adds the State Health Officer as a member of the statewide interoperability executive committee.
- HB 1268 includes methodology regarding the payment of financial assistance for emergency medical services.
- HB 1337 allows the state to enter into the emergency medical services personnel licensure interstate compact.

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