

**Tobacco Use Prevention & Control
Commission Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2022
Lucas State Office Building and Zoom Meeting
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

<p>Voting Members Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chad A Jensen – Chair • Dr. Robert Nichols – Vice Chair • Lorene Mein, ARNP • Dr. Teresa Aoki • Abi Harmison • Chase Willis • Dr. George Belitsos 	<p>Non-Voting Members Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Herman Quirnbach • Donn Stanley, Attorney General’s Office • Melissa Walker • Courtney Sweet • Becky Blum, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise
<p>Voting Members Not Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willow Johnson 	<p>Non-voting Members Not Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Julian Garrett • Representative Tom Jeneary • Representative Kristin Sunde • Dale Woolery, Off of Drug Control Policy
<p>Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Staff: Jerilyn Oshel, Sheri Stursma, Jane Larkin, Tabetha Gerdner, Adam Shanks; Garin Buttermore, Joann Muldoon, Laura Bell</p> <p>Guests: Erin Heiden, University of Northern Iowa; Jessica Ekman, Alcoholic Beverages Division; Kris Bell, Iowa Legislative Services; Kelly Dawson, Alcoholic Beverages Division; DeMario Luttrell, Alcoholic Beverages Division; Threase Harms, Emilee Harris</p>	

- I. Introductions & Welcome** Chad Jensen
10:04 AM
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes** Chad Jensen
- A. November 30, 2021 Minutes: Dr. Robert Nichols motioned. George Belitsos second. Unanimous approval.
- III. Old Business**
- A. **History of Attorney General’s Office regarding tobacco** Donn Stanley
Donn Stanley gave an update on the history of how dollars came in to the state from the Master Settlement Agreement. Dr. Nichols asked how the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations are calculated.

Jerilyn Oshel stated that she would send the breakdown out. Dr. Nichols asked how much funding is received from the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) per year. Stanley responded that Iowa receives around \$52 million a year now. Stanley stated that 78% of the funds go to pay bond holders for securitization and the other 22% comes to the state. Stanley reported that since 1998 the state has received more than \$1.4 billion. Jensen asked what the budget is for the Tobacco Division and Oshel responded that the Division receives a little over \$4 million from the general fund.

Jensen stated that he would like to know where the funding for the Healthcare Trust Fund is going.

Belitsos asked about the letter that was sent to the Governor regarding funding and asked if all Legislators received the letter. Jensen reported that it had been received, but has gotten no response.

IV. Legislative Report/Update

Legislators
Iowa Tobacco Prevention Alliance

Sen. Quirmbach: Senator Quirmbach reported that the Senate Democratic Caucus had a virtual meeting with Kelly Garcia and talked about the merger between Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Iowa Department of Human Services (IDHS) and it appears that the merger will be happening. Quirmbach reported that he stressed the importance of boards and commissions during this meeting. Quirmbach stated that statutory changes will be needed for this to occur and Quirmbach feels people need to stay engaged.

Quirmbach stated that there may be need of a special meeting prior to the March 25, 2022, meeting, if there are developments in the DPH/DHS merger that adversely affect the Tobacco Division.

Quirmbach expressed that he feels we need to be afraid of funding cuts, due to cutting taxes.

Iowa Tobacco Prevention Alliance (ITPA): Threase Harms stated that she was representing Café Iowa. Harms shared that they have been part of the merger conversation as well. Harms stated that they expressed concern at the public meeting, as well as submitting a joint letter from the ITPA partners to Director Garcia and have a meeting scheduled with her at the end of January to further discuss and outline concerns regarding the Tobacco Division. Harms asked Oshel to share the letter with the Commission.

Harms reported that ITPA has been working with policy makers to increase funding, tobacco taxes, casino loophole and retailer licensing fees.

Belitsos asked what the Commission could do to help and Harms stated that engaging Legislators is the best way.

V. New Business

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Chad Jensen

Belitsos nominated Dr. Robert Nichols as Chair. Nichols accepted the nomination. Belitsos motioned to close nomination. Dr. Aoki seconded. Unanimous approval. Belitsos motioned to approve nomination. Dr. Aoki seconded. Unanimous approval.

Belitsos nominated Dr. Teresa Aoki as Vice Chair. Dr. Aoki accepted the nomination. Belitsos motioned to close nomination. Dr. Nichols seconded. Unanimous approval. Belitsos motioned to approve nomination. Dr. Nichols seconded. Unanimous approval.

VI. Division Director's Report/Update

Jerilyn Oshel

A. Budget: Jerilyn Oshel gave an update on the budget. Oshel stated that reversionary letters will start going out to contractors for the first round.

Oshel reported that Joann Muldoon will be retiring.

VII. TUPC Program Update:

A. Iowa Students for Tobacco Education Prevention (ISTEP)

ISTEP Youth

Courtney Sweet reported that there are 68 chapters in 43 counties and 10 of the chapters are new. Sweet stated that the virtual leadership series was held just this week. Sweet reported that on April 1, ISTEP will participate in a National Day of Action, along with My Life My Quit with an event. Sweet reported that planning is beginning for the ISTEP Summit, which will hopefully be held in the Spring of 2022.

VIII. Other Attendee Reports

A. Attorney General's Office

Donn Stanley

See update above.

B. Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP)

Dale Woolery

Not in attendance.

C. Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

Becky Blum

No updates.

D. Department of Education

Melissa Walker

No updates.

E. Alcoholic Beverages Division (ABD)

Jessica Ekman

Ekman reported there is a budget handout through the month of October.

IX. Public Comment

There was no one from the public that wished to comment.

X. Next TUPC Commission Meeting Agenda Topics

Chad Jensen

A. Next Commission Meeting March 25, 2022

- B. Discussion of Healthcare Trust Fund from Donn Stanley
- C. Talk about taking a position on the merger as a commission.
- D. Heather Adams Lobbying Vs Advocating Guidelines

XI. Adjournment

Dr. Robert Nichols motioned to adjourn. Dr. Aoki seconded. Unanimous approval. Adjourned at 11:32 AM.