

Colorado Health Care Community Board

Minutes

Conference Call

February 19, 2009 (1:30 pm MT)

Board Members Present: Brooks, Evetts, Holloway, Prado-Gutierrez, West and Wilroy

Others Present: Tindall

I. Update on Board members

Both Toloa Pearl and Randy Evetts were reappointed by Governor Ritter to the Colorado Health Care Community Board. David West from Grand Junction was also appointed to the board. The term for these three individuals will expire on November 20, 2011.

The board is currently at 10 members per legislation.

II. Update on House Bill 09-1111

Ross Brooks provided an update on the status of HB-1111 which moves the administration of the State Health Care Loan Repayment Program to the Primary Care Office within the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. In addition HB-1111 expands the board membership to include the mental health care professional, oral health care professional and a member from a foundation that funds health care initiatives. Overall the bill was well received and it is anticipated that state appropriates committee will review the bill in late March at the earliest. Several organizations testified in favor of the new bill including Colorado Rural Health Center. The bill would also eliminate the requirement that CollegeInvest be able to acquire the loans before a health care provider could receive loan repayment.

III. Definition Full-Time Health Care Provider

Several sites have expressed concern that the current definition used by the loan repayment program eliminates some of their health care professionals. Especially, OB/GYN's from the perspective that time "on-call" cannot be counted toward the 40 hour work week.

There was discussion around looking at from a monthly perspective versus weekly. There was discussion on regarding if we allowed "on-call" hours to count toward the 40 hours per week that a health care provided could meet minimum requirements over a 3 day weekend.

It was requested that the current full-time definition be sent to all board members for review. This topic will be an agenda for the next meeting.

IV. Budget FY09

The program will have available \$107,000 in federal grant for this year. The state loan repayment fund will have matching dollars of \$60,000 state appropriations, \$50,000 CollegenInvest and earnings of \$1,788. CollegenInvest is requesting an administrative fee of \$15,000. This will provide \$193,576 in loan forgiveness this year (50/50-federal/state).

CollegenInvest has made a formal request to HRSA regarding \$60,000 that was not used from funds awarded the state in 2006-2007. No action from HRSA at this time.

The Board discussed attempting to raise \$10,212 so that we could maximize the federal allocation of \$107,000. Several organizations were mentioned as possible sources to contact. The Chairman requested volunteers to head up a fund raising effort. Wilroy, Evetts and Holloway volunteered.

HRSA is also anticipating the receipt of funds from the recent stimulus package passed by US Congress and signed in to law by President Obama. CollegenInvest has been in contact with HRSA and expressed interest in being considered for additional funding.

Motion:

- Evetts moved that the proposed budget be accepted
- Holloway seconded the motion

Vote on Motion:

- Passed unanimously

V. Review Awarding Process

The list of applicants was reviewed. The applicants were split into two groups. The first worksheet represents those applicants for which CollegenInvest can acquire the loans and the paper work is in order except where noted on the worksheet. The second group was determined ineligible primarily because CollegenInvest cannot acquire the loans.

The Board discussed awarding philosophies for this year and opted to review additional information. Suggestions were offered in enhance the program but currently the funds are limited and the number of applicants are narrowed due to the requirement that CollegenInvest own the loans.

The Board requested that the personal statements submitted by the applicants be reviewed by the Board. ColleagueInvest will send the personal statements by email in a PDF format.

The Board will review the awarding process at the next scheduled meeting.

VI. Proposed Bylaws

The bylaws were reviewed and recommendations were made to clarify several sections. The following is a brief summary:

- Expand the notion that the Health Board will work in cooperation with all state interested parties and not just the HSC
- Clarify that board meetings can be conducted via telecommunications
- Remove references to Board having authority on personnel issues and purchasing of property
- Remove option for proxy vote
- Incorporate more general language around provider awards under Duties of Board

ColleagueInvest will make changes and circulate before next meeting.

VII. Board Minutes

Motion:

Approve minutes of the 11/24/08 Board meeting

- Evetts moved that the minutes be approved
- Wilroy seconded the motion

Vote on Motion:

- Passed unanimously

VIII. Next Board meeting to be scheduled for early April 2009. Request will be sent to Board members.

IX. Adjourned at 3:00 pm