PREVENTIVE HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (PHHSBG) ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 18, 2010 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Commissioner's Conference Room

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Loren Robertson, M.S., R.E.H.S., Interim State Health Commissioner Mohammad Torabi, M.D., Indiana University Cindy Murphy, Boone County Health Department Steve Duket for Joe Pekny, Purdue University

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Isaac Randolph, Office of Faith Based Initiatives

INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STAFF PRESENT

Dawn M. Adams, Operations Manager Kim Rief, Public Health and Preparedness Commission

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dawn Adams introduced everyone in attendance.

UPDATE ON STATE HEALTH COMMISSIONER POSITION

Dawn Adams gave an update of the State Health Commissioner Position. Loren Robertson is the Interim State Health Commissioner until April 1, 2010, at which time Gregory Larkin, M.D. will become State Health Commissioner.

Dr. Torabi asked about form State Health Commissioner Judith A. Monroe new role at CDC. Per Loren Robertson, Dr. Monroe has a dual role at CDC. She will be the Deputy Director of CDC; the other part of her role is evolving at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dawn Adams request approval from the advisory committee to use block grant funds out of the State Health Data Center section of the grant to receive direct assistant through the CDC STEPPS program to build Chronic Disease EPI Infrastructure, Matt Ritchey would be working on this project. The Object of the State Data Center is to build infrastructure to allow for an increase in the quantity of quality of public health data obtained.

- Dr. Torabi was in support of this action.
- Cindy Murphy stated she has seen some of Matt Ritchey's work, and is very impressed.
- Loren Robertson stated he has worked with Matt on special projects and the product was excellent

The Advisory Committee supported Dawn's request.

- 2. Dawn Adams requested approval to re-allocate funds as needed to ensure adequate funding for the STEPPS program and for the PHSQIP project. Additional information supplied to the committee at this time was:
 - Kristin Adams has come on as a state employee to oversee Accreditation and IQ efforts for the ISDH and LHDs.
 - Some cushion was built in to the Social Marketing and State Health Data Center and Dawn would like to adjust the budgets to ensure funding is designated to cover for both positions under the current work plan.

Cindy Murphy asked if PHSQIP can continue as planned with this change. Dawn Adams replied that with these changes they would be able to continue and move forward into next year.

The Advisory Committee gave permission for Dawn to move forward with this endeavor.

Doctor Torabi asked if Dawn had any insight about the future of the Grant. Dawn replied that she had not received any indication of potential changes.

Dawn Adams adjourned the meeting.