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Sent:

Monday, April 21, 2003 4:24 PM

To: Cc: Newhouse, Chris Volz, David

Subject:

Re: Tobacco Control Board Info

Importance:

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Proposed Budget Amendment Related to Transfer of Tobacco Control-Related Responsibilities to The Department of Health and Family Services

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Joint Legislative Audit Committee Members State Capitol Madison, Wisconsin 53702

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The enclosed document highlights the key elements of a proposed amendment, including creation of a Tobacco Control Advisory Group. Please review its contents and respond with any suggested revisions before April 25, 2003. We hope that you will endorse these proposals and build upon the findings and recommendations included in both the Audit Bureau's report and the April 1st hearing.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Enclosure

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Janice Mueller, State Auditor Pam Shannon, Legislative Council April 21, 2003

Secretary Helene Nelson Department of Health and Family Services 1 West Wilson Street, Room 650 Madison, Wisconsin 53702

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From:

Maureen Busalacchi [mbusalacchi@smokefreewi.org]

Sent:

Wednesday, April 23, 2003 3:37 PM

To:

Asbiornson, Karen

Subject:

RE: Re: Tobacco Control Board Info

Karen.

One question that we may want to ask the Department. Right now the Wi Wins program is funded separately from the tobacco control board activities. If they move into the tobacco control program, does money follow them or will that come out of the budget for tobacco control programs. Then, if so, how are decisions going to be made to cut other programs by apx. \$600,000-\$700,000 (what we believe it takes to run WINS on an on-going basis.)

I'm still waiting for feedback additional, but thought that was a good question.

Maureen

----Original Message----

From: Asbjornson, Karen [mailto:Karen.Asbjornson@legis.state.wi.us]

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State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services

Jim Doyle, Governor Helene Nelson, Secretary

April 25, 2003

The Honorable Senator Carol A. Roessler Wisconsin State Senate Room 130 South, State Capitol P.O. Box 7882 Madison, WI 53707-7882 The Honorable Representative Suzanne Jeskewitz Wisconsin State Assembly Room 314 North, State Capitol P.O. Box 8952 Madison, WI 53708-8952

Dear Senator Roessler and Representative Jeskewitz:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to respond to your questions concerning the integration of Tobacco Control Board functions into our Department.

The following is in response to your questions:

How does the Department plan to organize and integrate its existing tobacco control and prevention programs with those assigned to the Tobacco Control Board?

The Tobacco Control Board (TCB) functions and the current Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) tobacco control programs will likely be aligned and administered within the Division of Public Health's Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

Which position in the Department will have primary responsibility for the transition, oversight, and implementation of tobacco control and prevention programs?

To ensure that the Department's tobacco control efforts receive high priority and visibility, the Administrator of the Division of Public Health will have primary responsibility for transition oversight and implementation of all tobacco control programs in DHFS. The additional staff resource (1 FTE) assigned to DHFS in the Governor's budget will be the primary spokesperson for our vigorous, highly focused effort.

How would the Department staff a Tobacco Control Advisory Group and consider the advice and guidance it would provide?

The current Tobacco Control Board represents a good mix of stakeholders from the private sector, business, health care and academia. We believe an advisory committee is essential to continue the momentum of existing activities and would work to establish a committee with a similar range of expertise and skill. This advisory committee will provide oversight of all tobacco programs and will be the primary source of advice for the DHFS Secretary and the DPH Administrator. We would be pleased to work with you regarding desirable categories of membership and an appropriate appointment process.

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How will the Department ensure that the strategic plan developed by the Tobacco Board will be implemented if the programs are transferred to its control?

The strategic plan developed by the TCB is well reasoned and is consistent with the federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention model. While the new advisory committee will review the plan and existing programming for effectiveness, we support and will continue to implement the strategic plan developed by the TCB.

I hope that we have answered these questions to your satisfaction. We are enthusiastic about this opportunity to build upon past tobacco control successes and look forward to working with you to alleviate the harmful effects of tobacco use.

Sincerely,

Helene Nelson

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Secretary



Joint Audit Committee

Committee Co-Chairs: State Senator Carol Roessler State Representative Suzanne Jeskewitz

April 29, 2003

Joint Finance Committee Members State Capitol Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear JFC Members:

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Successes to Date

Youth Prevention

- Smoking among high school students has decreased from 33% in 2001 to 27% in 2002, meaning almost one-in-five fewer high school smokers.
- 80,000 fifth graders across Wisconsin and 10,000 kids were reached by the anti spit tobacco program sponsored by the Wisconsin Dental Association, Milwaukee Brewers, Division of Public Health, and the Department of Public Instruction.
- 5,000 youth leaders across the state are educating their peers and adults about the tobacco industry marketing strategies through FACT, Wisconsin's youth movement.
- Almost 19,000 students have received peer-to-peer services from youth trained in peer tobacco education programs

Cessation

- Cigarette consumption dropped by 5% between 2001 and 2002, compared to 1% nationally.
- The Quit Line has received over **33,000 calls**, and helped over 17,000 of those callers set quit dates. The quitting success for a smoker that quits "cold turkey" is about 5%. Smokers who use telephone counseling services, such as the Quit Line, are five to six times more likely to quit.
- Over 5,000 health care providers have been trained to provide cessation support and counseling through the UW Medical School Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention.

Specific Populations

- The UW Oshkosh launched a campus-wide effort that decreased smoking from 34% to 24% in just one year. The effort included a marketing campaign, increased promotion of cessation resources, and the establishment of smoke-free dorms and facilities.
- The First Breath Program, run by the Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation in partnership with the Division of Public Health, has 15 sites statewide that provide intensive cessation counseling and support for over 320 pregnant smokers on public assistance programs. Over 40% of participants reported quitting, compared to 18% of a control group from the same populations.
- Diverse populations including Wisconsin's African American, Native American, Latino, and Southeast Asian populations have come together and formed the Wisconsin Ethnic Network Collaborative to combat tobacco use and influence of the tobacco industry in their communities.

Additional outcome and program information will be available in the 2002 Annual Report available on the Wisconsin Tobacco Control Board's website at www.wtcb.state.wi.us.



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Representative Jeff Stone Room 320 East, State Capitol Madison, Wisconsin 53702

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Representative G. Spencer Coggs Room 210 North, State Capitol Madison, Wisconsin 53702

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