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Minutes
NDSNO Executive/Legislative Committee Meeting
Videoconference
Date: 02/17/06
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Participants Present: Cindy Omdahl, Kathy Mack, Nancy Leith, Wanda Rose, Deb Watne, Mary Ann Delisle, Kim Senn, and Lorie Martel.

Purpose of meeting: To discuss strategies to sustaining School Nursing statewide.

Discussion:

1. Legislative history reviewed.
2. Discussed benefits/barriers to a tobacco tax or to draft a bill requesting state general fund dollars for 2007 Legislative Session to sustain school nursing. The group decided that the better of the two options was to draft a bill requesting state general fund dollars and include in this bill a 1:1 match (general fund dollars matched with school/LPHU dollars).

Deb Watne volunteered to speak with Senator Tom Fischer regarding his thoughts on the above approach. If Senator Fischer is supportive, then he can take our written request (draft bill) to the Legislative Council, who will begin to meet on May 1, 2006, so they can begin to put it into Bill form.

3. Data resources to support school nursing: DMF Model School Nurse Program data, 2004 Profiles (School Health Services Survey), and School Nursing Services Survey (2004-05). Deb Watne stated that a staff member at DMF could assist in evaluating specific pieces of the Profiles data. Lorie will get this information to Deb. The data needed to be collected is a baseline from the school districts as to which ones have nursing services, how much time the school nurse spends in each school, along with the source of funding.
4. Points to making this successful:
 1. Press Releases will increase awareness. May is School Nurse Week!
 2. Eight Regional meetings to increase awareness – these should occur before August 2006. (August is when the legislators go on the campaign trail). Suggestion made to have them the 1st part of June.
 3. Requesting TV stations to play the School Nursing PSA, it is being played on Fargo TV stations, but not elsewhere.
 4. Deb Watne will work to put together a fact sheet on school nursing data and success stories.
 5. Update the frequently asked questions about school nursing.
 6. Work with Healthy North Dakota.
 7. Need a Champion in the majority party!

***Next Videoconferencing SN Legislative Meeting is on March 28, 2006 at 2:00 to 4:00 pm**