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MEMORANDUM

May 8, 2012

TO: Idaho Workforce Development Council

FROM: B. J. Swanson, Chair, Idaho Health Care Workforce Planning Partnership

SUBJECT: Appointment of Primary Care Experts

ACTION REQUESTED: Appointment of Primary Care Experts to the Health Care Workforce Planning Committee

BACKGROUND:

In September 2010, the Workforce Development Council was awarded funds from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for health care workforce planning. At that time, the Idaho Health Care Workforce Planning Partnership was established; the Partnership has since functioned as the Workforce Development Council's health care committee.

The initial goal of the Health Care Workforce Partnership is the establishment of a sound health care workforce supply and demand information system - consistent and uniform across primary care disciplines. The purpose is to provide a solid foundation to inform policy decisions at a variety of levels. Idaho's approach involves the expansion of the Idaho Nursing Workforce Data Center, currently operated and maintained by the Idaho Department of Labor, to additional primary care disciplines, thus creating a primary care workforce data center.

The Idaho Primary Care Workforce Data Center encompasses the following:

- Physicians (includes family medicine, general internal medicine, pediatrics, ob/gyn, physician assistants);
- Nurses (includes nurse practitioners, RNs, LPNs);
- Dentists(includes dental hygienists);
- Mental Health Professionals (includes psychiatrists, social workers, psychologists, psychiatric nurse specialists and marriage and family therapists).

Committee Membership: As a condition of the Health Care Workforce Planning grant, a steering committee consisting of Workforce Development Council members representing health care, education, labor and government was appointed. Under my chairmanship, the steering committee consists of the following members:

Dr. Mike Rush, Executive Director
State Board of Education

Tom Luna, Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Idaho

Dr. J. Anthony Fernandez, President
Lewis-Clark State College

Dick Armstrong, Director
Idaho Dept. of Health and Welfare

Dr. Gerald Beck, President
College of Southern Idaho

Roger Madsen, Director
Idaho Department of Labor

Dave Whaley, President
Cindy Hedge, Sec.-Treasurer
Idaho AFL-CIO

RECOMMENDATION:

The Idaho Health Care Partnership proposes the addition of the following primary care experts representing physicians, nursing, dentistry and the mental health professions (social workers, psychologists, counselors and marriage and family therapists).

Dr. David Schmitz
Family Medicine Residency of Idaho
Idaho Workforce Development Council

Kara Besst, President and CEO
Gritman Medical Center
Idaho Workforce Development Council

Dr. Dan Watt, Dental Director
Terry Reilly Health Clinics

Carolyn Brammer
Idaho Association of Dental Hygienists

Delmar Stone, Executive Director
National Association of Social Workers - Idaho Chapter

Margaret Henbest, Executive Director
Idaho Alliance of Leaders in Nursing

Sandra Evans, Executive Director
Idaho Board of Nursing

Dottie Spenner, Board Member
Idaho Board of Professional Counselors/Marriage and Family Therapists

Dr. Linda Hatzenbuehler, Dean
Division of Health Sciences
Idaho State University

Deborah Katz, Executive Director
Idaho Association of Psychologists

Katrina Hoff, Workforce Development Director
Idaho Primary Care Association

Robert Payne, Board Member
Board of Social Work Examiners

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