

Alaska SHARP Advisory Council
Meeting August 14, 2013 – Summary

1. Roll Call:

Present: Members: Dan Robinson, Delisa Culpepper, Jeannie for Dennis Murray; Diane Barrans, John Riley, Betty Prentiss (replacing Margaret Baker for Alaska Dental Society), Nancy Davis, Nancy Merriman, Pat Senner, Randi Sweet, Thomas Chard, Pat Carr, William Hogan. Council staff: Robert Sewell

Absent: National Association of Social Workers representative, Alaska State Medical Association Representative, Doug Miller (was at Frontier Building)

2. Public Comment – Mr. Altland with Whale Tail Pharmacy provided public testimony in support of the Whale Tail Pharmacy as an eligible site.

3. Program Status: Dr Sewell provided status on SHARP I and II programs. Council members agreed to

- To have the next candidate selection meeting on October 16, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30
- Confirmed the need to have the November 16, 2013 Quarterly Business Meeting for continued policy issues deliberations and recommendations.

4. Department Staff Identified Issues/Attachment 4 –

Item 1 – Can a sole proprietorship’s request to be designated as a very hard to fill

Discussion included current requirements for a facility and how those may relate to a sole proprietorship. One Council Member indicated the length of time the practice was for sale as an indication of VHTF.

Item 2 – Issues related to application of ID-217-EJ

a) Contractor eligibility – Discussion included:

- The intent of the law to increase access and being able to support community innovation.
- Employee vs. contractor status and whether this should be a factor in selection
- Council members concurred that provider should meet minimum part time requirements.

b) Site of other entity – not addressed, rescheduled to 11/13/13 Quarterly Business Meeting

c) Definition of Work-Week– not addressed, rescheduled to 11/13/13 Quarterly Business Meeting

Item 3 – What Constitutes a “Clinical Social Work” Under SHARP-II– not addressed, rescheduled to 11/13/13 Quarterly Business Meeting

Item 4 – Comprehensive Services as Site Requisite – Extensive Discussion

Council members recommended that the regulation be changed to include a description of entities that work as part of a community care system. Discussion included having letters of support from the community.

Council members concurred that for the purposes of facility eligibility determination community pharmacies and others who might be considered under primary medical should apply and provide supporting evidence meeting 7AAC 24.020 with their application.

Follow up by staff: Dr Sewell will create a form to be used to document supporting evidence which will be available for the current SHARP II Solicitation.

5. Funding Carry Forward not addressed, rescheduled to 11/13/13 Quarterly Business Meeting

6. Council Member Additional Policy Issues – Same as Item 3

7. Process Issues

1. How we solicit and incorporate public comment – addressed in part, continue discussion at 11/13/13 Quarterly Business Meeting.

- **Council Members agreed to the following** protocol for routing written public comment to the Alaska SHARP Advisory Council to the Council members.
 1. All Public comments will be routed to the SHARP Program Manager for tracking.
 2. The SHARP Program Manager will assign a tracking number and route public comments to council members.
 3. The SHARP Advisory Council Chair will include the written public comments in the Quarterly Business Meetings.
- **Public Comment in the 8/14/13 Quarterly Business Meeting -**
 1. Opportunities for public comment were provided at beginning of meeting and at end of meeting.
 2. Council members also engaged directly with members of the public to receive information and convey information

8. Public Queries

- SHARP - query on Speech Pathologists - as plausibly eligible occupation

9. Public Comment (10 minutes)

- Mr. Altland from Whale Tail Pharmacy asked clarifying questions and received feedback from Council. Guidance was for Mr. Altland to resubmit application with evidence to support 7AAC 24.020 for the facility and for the provider to resubmit in current solicitation.

10. What Went Well and What Could be Improved with the Meeting (5 minutes)

11. Next Meet October 16, 2013 – Selection and recommendation of SHARP-II candidates

12. Other

- Council Members are asked to go to SHARP website and provide feedback to <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/HealthPlanning/Pages/sharp/default.aspx>
- **Council Members are asked to disseminate information about the current SHARP-II Solicitation 2 to their constituents.**
- **Staff Work.** Members of Health Planning and System Development Team are meeting on a periodic basis to work program issues. Staff includes Pat Carr, Alice Rarig, Jill Lewis (as needed) Triptaa Survey, Eric Peters, Mary McEwen and Robert Sewell.
- **Future discussion on recruitment vs. retention.** Members briefly discussed strategies, i.e., retain first then recruit; need to stop loss of current providers and also have a supply of providers (spigot and plug). Eric Peters mentioned a study underway by the University of North Carolina surveying site representatives which will help inform the council on current how well SHARP recruiting and retention efforts are working. A Council Member had a question about recruiting and retention distribution in applicants and if that could be provided in applicant listing. Also suggested that time in position may give some indication of newly recruited vs. retention candidate.
- **Revisit Full and Part Time program requirements** vis a vis some nurse schedules that are considered full time at 3 twelve hour shifts or 36 hours per week.