



North Dakota Tobacco Prevention and Control Executive Committee

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**TO: House Appropriations Committee Human Resources Division
Representative Chet Pollert, Chair**
FROM: Jeanne Prom, Executive Director
RE: House Bill 1024, additional requested information
DATE: February 11, 2015

1 -- Quentin N. Burdick Job Corps Center, Minot -- population, demographic and tobacco use information

Renae Byre, First District Health Unit (FDHU), provided the following information on the Quentin N. Burdick Job Corps Center in Minot:

- Quentin N. Burdick Job Corps Center in Minot offers free education and career and technical training to help young people age 16 to 24 learn a career, earn a high school diploma or GED.
- Students must be at least 16 years of age and qualify as low income.
- There are approximately 200 students enrolled at Job Corps.
- Historically, Job Corps catered to North Dakota students, but due to the economic climate, it now serves many out of state students, many from Mississippi and Texas.
- Job Corps is now a very diverse population.
- According to Ms. Byre, 60 of 200 students, or 30%, identified themselves as everyday smokers. Those 60 students went through the FDHU KickStart smoking cessation introductory class and were referred to NDQuits to help quit. However, there are more students that consider themselves "occasional" smokers.
- Through work with FDHU, the counselor at Job Corps sends NDQuits information in the pre-enrollment information packet sent to potential students. This information is meant to encourage those considering becoming students at Job Corps to seriously consider – and even start the process of -- quitting tobacco use before enrolling as student. The advance information may increase the student's success in quitting by allowing more time to dedicate to quitting, and therefore, allowing the student to focus more on school. It is evident that the counselor understands that this there is a high rate of smoking among this population if tobacco cessation materials are sent in advance to potential students.

Kelli Ulberg from the N.D. Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control Policy, noted that when she discussed Job Corps with Ms. Byre at First District Health Unit, they discussed how this comprehensive tobacco-free policy has been a wonderful policy change for the school. Job Corps students are a high smoking population and the students need this tobacco-free environment to reduce the rate of smoking, protect the health and safety of all students, staff and public, and to establish a standard of healthy, tobacco-free behavior. Ms. Byre is happy to answer any additional questions if the House Appropriations Committee Human Resources Division needs more information. Ms. Byre can be reached at 701.721.0530.

2 -- Additional information on IT data processing line item – below and attached

Information on costs on IT services, based on an email from ITD February 3, 2015:

“Here are service benefits that we have laid out in a type of brochure that was included in the budget instructions way back in March/April 2014.

Benefits of Service:

Full-time trained professional providing the service

(faster deployment, fewer problems after deployment, quicker problem resolution)

Device will be setup and maintained with proper security; protect agency data and only allow authorized access into network

Computers / software will be kept current with technology and security changes

End users will be more efficient because the computers will perform with fewer problems

Technical staff will receive the required training and will be able to provide back-up for each other

This estimated the install and monthly costs based on your machines that were in service. It would be difficult for me to compare this service to what you receive from NRG as I am not very familiar with their service.

Greg Hoffman
Information Technology Dept.”

3 – Professional services detail – attached

4 -- Copy of rental lease agreement – attached

5 -- Information on testimony from Dr. Eric Johnson that stated: “We know the tobacco industry has calibrated the nicotine and other ingredients in tobacco to be even more addictive and harmful than before.” – attached