
From: Haley, Nikki
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2014 9:52 PM
To: Schimsa, Rebecca
Cc: Patel, Swati
Subject: Re: Decision needed on PDAP Council Extension

The extension is fine. Dr. Costa said that he also requested a meeting.

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On Sep 16, 2014, at 2:08 PM, "Schimsa, Rebecca" <RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Governor,

After much discussion, your Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Council – under Dir. Toomey, Dr. Costa, and Dir. Pisarik – has requested an extension for the due date of its final report, which is set for October 1st per the Executive Order, because they are still running reports, compiling data, and getting fiscal impacts. Swati and I recommend that you extend the due date to December 1st. Please reply with your decision to either grant or deny the request. Below is some additional background information if you need it.

The Council has already held seven full meetings, an average of one meeting every three weeks, as well as one Data Committee meeting. All meetings have an average attendance of 20 outside participants, in person and via conference call, as interest has steadily grown, including at least one paper or TV reporter in attendance. Our office has had attended almost every meeting and held two status-check meetings with Directors Toomey and Pisarik. We have been well pleased with the progress but agree that more time is needed for this complex work:

- The Council has identified the types of data benchmarks and measurables *but has not run many of the reports and compiled all of the data.*
- The Council has identified approximately eight subject areas to make up the State Plan, tasking each to its appropriate agency or group, *but has not fully written or formatted all of the chapters.*
- The Council has flagged some recommendations that might have a fiscal impact *but has not gotten back all fiscal impact statements.*
- The Council has involved professional and stakeholder groups for input throughout the process in hopes to receive the endorsement of as many outside groups as possible *but has not confirmed support of many groups* – because some groups, including the Medical Board, are not set to meet again until November.

If you have questions or need additional information to help with your decision, please let us know.

Thank you,

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