DISCLOSURE BY ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OF TRAVEL EXPENSES SERVING A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE AS REQUIRED BY 930 CMR 5.08(2)(d)2.

	ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
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Write an X to confirm each statement.	I am filing this disclosure because: X I am going to engage in an activity that serves a legitimate public purpose, i.e., it is intended to promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality; and X A non-public entity (but not a lobbyist) has offered to reimburse, waive or pay travel expenses and costs worth more than \$50.
	ACTIVITY THAT SERVES A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE
Describe the activity which is the reason for traveling.	I have been invited by the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) to attend the NCSL Health Fellows Alumni Meeting on Opioid Policy and Maternal and Child Health.
Describe your participation in the activity.	I will be participating in trainings on behavioral health related to substance use and maternal and child health and how to improve public health systems. I will be attending expert panels and meeting with public health and behavioral health officials, other state legislators, and staff.
Date, time and location of activity.	The NCSL Health Fellows Alumni Meeting on Opioid Policy and Maternal and Child Health will take place on Sunday, December 4 th , 2022 and Monday December 5 th , 2022 at the Westin San Diego Gaslamp Quarter (90 Broadway Circle, San Diego, CA 9210).
Please explain how the activity will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality.	As a Senator, understanding evidence-based behavioral health responses to the opioid epidemic as well as issues surrounding maternal and child health and working with experts to better implement these responses in the Commonwealth's public health system is an important part of improving the Commonwealth's health care infrastructure. Doing so will give me the tools to better draft health legislation and better support my constituents.

	TRAVEL EXPENSES
Identify the person or organization that offered to reimburse, waive or pay your travel expenses.	The National Conference of State Legislatures
Address of person or	7700 East First Place, Denver, CO 80230
Provide information in as much detail as possible:	Itemization and explanation of amounts offered:
Transportation:	Air, train, bus, and taxi fare and rental car hire, etc. Roundtrip airfare to the Institute and back home – \$657.19
Lodging:	Ovemight accommodations. I do not have this information at this time but will submit a reconciliation form once I have the final amount.
Meals:	Breakfast, lunch, dinner, special events. I do not have this information at this time but will submit a reconciliation form once I have the final amount.
Admission:	Registration, admission, tickets, etc. I do not have this information at this time but will submit a reconciliation form once I have the final amount.
Other (please list):	Refreshment, instruction, materials, entertainment, etc. I do not have this information at this time but will submit a reconciliation form once I have the final amount.
Total:	\$657.19 for airfare, other amounts will be added in a reconciliation form that I will submit once I have the final amount
Write an X beside any relevant statement.	I have attached the relevant itineraryX I have attached the relevant agenda.
For the exemption to apply, check off both statements.	Having disclosed the facts above, I determine that: X_ Acceptance of the reimbursement, waiver or payment of travel expenses will serve a legitimate public purpose i.e., it will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality; AND X_ Such public purpose outweighs any special non-work related benefit to me or to the person providing the reimbursement, waiver or payment.
Employee signature:	John C. Velis
Date:	12-02-2022





2022 NCSL Budget Working Group Preconference

DEC. 4-5, 2022 • WESTIN SAN DIEGO GASLAMP QUARTER • 910 BROADWAY CIR.

Preliminary Agenda

Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022

6:30-9 p.m.

Welcome Reception / Dinner

Greystone Prime

Steakhouse & Seafood

658 Fifth Ave.

San Diego, Calif. 92101

Monday, Dec. 5, 2022

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Breakfast

Sierra Ballroom, Level 2

8:30-9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Sierra Ballroom, Level 2

9:30-9:45 a.m.

Budget Working Group Objectives and Timeline

9:45-10 a.m.

Break

10-10:45 a.m.

Session 1—Tools for Assessing and Addressing Budget Risk

Moderator: Jeff Chapman, director, State Fiscal Health, The Pew

Charitable Trusts

• Speaker: Montana State Representative Llew Jones

• Speaker: Washington State Senator Christine Rolfes

10:45 a.m.-11:30 p.m.

Session 2—Long-term Liabilities

• Speaker: Greg Mennis, director, Public Sector Retirement Initiatives, The

Pew Charitable Trusts

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Lunch

12:30-1:15 p.m.

Session 3—Planning for Natural Disasters and Other Emerging Risks

• Speaker: Peter Muller, officer, Fiscal Federalism Initiative, The Pew

Charitable Trusts

1:15-1:30 p.m.

Break

1:30-2:45 p.m.

Strategic Planning and Discuss Next Steps



NCSL Health Fellows Alumni Meeting Opioid Policy and Maternal and Child Health

The Westin San Diego Gaslamp Quarter December 4-5, 2022 | San Diego

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Attendees will have breakfast on their own before the meeting.

8:15 - 9 a.m.

Registration Open

9 - 9:15 a.m.

Welcome and Overview

NCSL will welcome Fellows alumni and open the meeting.

Moderator: NCSL

9:15 - 9:45 a.m.

Introductions and Share-outs

Alumni will introduce themselves and share one action they are proud of since

graduating from the program.

Moderator: NCSL

9:45 - 11 a.m.

Shifting Landscape: 2023 Priorities

Fellows will hear from experts and discuss how opioid and MCH issues have shifted in

recent years, as well as current state priorities.

Moderator: NCSL

Speakers:

Keith Humphreys, PhD, professor, Stanford University

Sanaa Akbarali, senior director, Maternal and Infant Health, Association of State and

Territorial Health Officials

Eirian Coronado, Title V director, New Mexico Department of Health

11 - 11:15 a.m.

Break

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Telehealth and Workforce after COVID: What's Working, Staying, and Going?

COVID-19 has altered the landscape for health care delivery. This session will explore state policy options for legislators to maximize and expand the current health workforce during COVID and beyond. Alumni will discuss opportunities to apply lessons learned from the pandemic to address persistent workforce issues, including policies on

telehealth, scope of practice and licensure.

Moderator: NCSL

Speaker: Sydne Enlund, NCSL Health Program

12:15 - 1:45 p.m. Discussion: Opioid Use Disorder Among MCH Populations

Fellows will discuss intersecting issues and network across programs over lunch.

1:45 - 2:15 p.m. Optional Fitness Opportunity and Break

2:15 – 3:30 p.m. **Break Out Sessions – Separate OPF and MCHF Rooms** (OPF) Opioid Prescribing: An Update on CDC's Guidance

Many states have limited opioid prescriptions in light of evidence linking prescriptions to long-term use and addiction. This has raised concerns in many patient communities that some patients who could benefit from opioid therapies for pain have been neglected. This session will provide an update from the CDC on their prescribing guidelines and how states can use them to prevent addiction.

Moderator: NCSL

Speaker: Dr. Chris Jones, CAPT, US Public Health Service, acting director, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, CDC

(MCHF) Maternal Mortality and Morbidity

This session will discuss options available to states and key considerations to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity, including leveraging Medicaid to improve maternal health. Speakers will share implementation considerations for major current trends in reducing maternal mortality, including postpartum coverage and doula care.

Moderator: NCSL

Speakers:

Tobi Adeyeye Amosun, MD, FAAP, director, Division of Family Health and Wellness,

Tennessee Department of Health

Anoosha Hasan, research analyst, National Academy of State Health Policy

Legislative Respondents

3:30 – 3:45 p.m. Break and Transition to Joint Session

3:45 - 5 p.m. Office-Based Treatment Programs

This session will provide alumni with an overview of office-based opioid treatment programs with no wrong door policies and program logistics. Alumni will have the chance to hear from practitioners and fellow legislators who have worked in this space.

Moderator: NCSL

Speakers:

Jeffrey Norris, MD, chief medical officer, Father Joe's Villages, San Diego

Mishka Terplan, MD, MPH, FACOG, DFASAM, medical director/senior research scientist,

Friends Research Institute

Andrew Whitacre, officer, Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Initiative, Pew

Charitable Trusts

5 – 6:30 p.m. Reception and Dinner

NCSL acknowledges the Pew Charitable Trusts for their generous support of the prior session and dinner. Fellows will have the opportunity to unwind and reflect on the day

with one another during a reception and dinner.

Monday, December 5, 2022

Attendees will have breakfast on their own before the meeting.

9 - 10:15 a.m. Mini Sessions

Experts will provide a brief update on resources and policies on four topics.

Moderator: NCSL

Speakers:

Maternal Mental Health: Dawn Levinson, Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal

Services, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, HRSA

Opioid Settlement Funds: Sara Whaley, research associate, Johns Hopkins University Fentanyl and Harm Reduction: Ryan Greenstein, associate director of advocacy,

Overdose Prevention Initiative

Home Visiting and Family Supports: Jenna Bannon, associate director, NCSL Children and

Families Program

10:15 - 10:30 a.m. **Break**

10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Policy Roundtables

Alumni will participate in small group conversations with experts.

Maternal Mental Health: Dawn Levinson and Lee Wilson, Division of Healthy Start and

Perinatal Services, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, HRSA

Opioid Settlement Funds: Sara Whaley, research associate, Johns Hopkins University Fentanyl and Harm Reduction: Ryan Greenstein, associate director of advocacy,

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11:15 - 11:45 a.m. Wrap Up and Closing

Moderator: NCSL

Attendees will have lunch on their own following the conclusion of the meeting.