

# ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

## NOVEL CORONAVIRUS SOUTHWESTERN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

### Minutes of the Meeting

March 15, 2024

10:00 A.M., SHR 1

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#### Members Present:

Senator Janae Shamp, Chair

Senator Frank Carroll

Representative Steve Montenegro

Dr. Peter McCullough

#### Members Excused:

Congressman Eli Crane

Congressman Paul Gosar

#### Staff:

Michael Madden, Senate Research Analyst

Kaytie Sherman, Senate Research Assistant Analyst

Ahjahna Graham, House Research Analyst

Chairman Shamp called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. and attendance was noted.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Senator Shamp stated that without objection, the Novel Coronavirus Southwestern Intergovernmental Committee minutes of October 20, 2023 stand approved.**

#### OPENING REMARKS

Senator Shamp offered opening remarks and explained the Committee Rules of Decorum.

#### INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Senator Shamp asked the Committee Members and panelists to introduce themselves.

Senator Shamp offered comments and requested a moment of silence for the patients' deaths that have occurred from the COVID hospital protocols.

Senator Shamp read a letter from a friend who died from the ongoing hospital protocols of COVID-19.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Contraindicated: Remdesivir & Ventilator Protocol**

**Dr. Peter McCullough, M.D., MPH**, testified regarding the COVID vaccine, origin, effects and hospital protocol during and since the pandemic.

Senator Shamp offered comments.

### **You Are Not a Horse: What is the Agenda? Apter, et. al vs Dept. of Health & Health Services**

**Dr. Robert Apter, M.D.**, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "What is the Agenda?" (Attachment A).

Senator Shamp offered comments and asked questions of the Committee.

Dr. McCullough offered comments.

Senator Shamp offered comments.

Dr. Apter answered questions posed by the Committee and offered comments.

**Dr. Stephen Hale, M.D.**, offered comments.

Dr. Apter offered additional comments.

Senator Shamp offered additional comments.

**Dr. Mary Talley Bowden, M.D.**, explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Pandemic Lessons Learned and Fighting Back" (Attachment B) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

Dr. Talley Bowden, M.D. played a video.

Dr. McCullough and Dr. Hale offered additional comments.

Dr. Talley Bowden continued with the PowerPoint presentation and testified regarding the petition that is being circulated to pull the COVID vaccine shot off the market.

Senator Shamp stated that she would sign the petition.

Dr. McCullough offered comments and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

Dr. Hale read a disclaimer reflecting his representation at the Committee.

Dr. McCullough offered additional comments.

### **Arizona Physician's Perspective: COVID-19 Hospital Protocol**

**Dr. Stephen Hale, M.D.** shared his experiences as a front-line worker in a hospital during the pandemic, drugs that were administered and medical safety information that was shared with the public.

Dr. McCullough offered comments.

Senator Shamp posed a question to the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

Dr. McCullough offered additional comments and answered questions posed by Senator Shamp.

Senator Shamp offered comments.

The Committee offered additional comments.

Senator Shamp explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Novel Coronavirus Southwestern Intergovernmental Committee" (Attachment C).

### **DISCUSSION**

The Committee offered closing comments.

Senator Shamp announced that there would be additional meetings in the future.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Gardner  
Committee Secretary

(Audio recordings and attachments are on file in the Secretary of the Senate's Office/Resource Center, Room 115. Audio archives are available at <http://www.azleg.gov>)