HB 490 – COMMISSION TO STUDY TESTING ON LYME AND OTHER TICK-BORNE DISEASES

Agenda 12-9-20

Opening with reading of the justification for a virtual meeting

Roll call

Approval of minutes –will need roll call

Need a volunteer as notetaker

Review/discussion of the charge of the commission

1. Two parts
    a. Status of testing
    b. Status communication/education
2. Final report due Nov 1, 2021
3. Limitation r.e. being virtual and associated technical demands

Starting point ----what we know

1. Assume tick borne diseases are a problem currently and rising
2. Testing is inadequate and poorly understood

Going forward --- what we need to know

1. Spectrum of tick-borne diseases
    a. Specific dx
    b. Demographics of each
2. Tests currently available
    a. For which specific diseases
    b. Reliability false (+), false (-)
    c. Applicability/reliability early vs late in disease course
    d. Recommendations: CDC, NH DHHS, ILADS, IDSA
    e. New tests on the horizon
        i. Tick-borne Disease Working Group
        ii. Lyme Innovation
        iii. LymX
3. Educational programs
    a. Content
    b. Sponsors
        i. NH DHHS
        ii. NH Medical Society
        iii. NH Hospital Assoc.
        iv. NAMI

Going forward ---- how we proceed

1. Presentations
    a. Commission members
    b. Non-commission presenters
2. Subcommittees (subject to availability of technical support)
    a. Testing
    b. Education
    c. This would allow simultaneous efforts in these two areas and could potentially ease the pressures of the Nov 1, 2021 deadline
    d. Commission members could elect to be on one or both subcommittees
    e. Informal small (2-3 persons) group gathering information with presentation to full committee for discussion/decision.
3. Information for the web site.
    a. Technical constraints
    b. Rigorous focus on specific topics considered by the Commission.
    c. Approval mechanism

Other discussion from Commission members

Public comments

Next meeting

Adjourn – roll call