

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE STATE  
PROGRAM FOR ORAL HEALTH MEETING

**Approved Meeting Minutes**

July 24, 2020

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**Board Members Present In Person and Via Phone:**

Ms. Cathie Davenport

Dr. Tina Brandon-Abbatangelo

Ms. Terri Chandler

Dr. David Cappelli

Dr. Lisa Collier

Ms. Mary Liveratti

Dr. Robert Talley

Dr. Prashanti Bollu

Dr. Max Coppes

Dr. Bryce Putnam

**Board Members Not Present:**

Ms. Kelly Taylor

Dr. Benjamin Prohaska

Dr. Gillian Barclay

Ms. Cara Kirby-Lutes

**Division of Public and Behavioral Health Staff:**

Dr. Antonina Capurro, State Dental Health Officer, DPBH

Ms. Paula Pence, Policy Specialist DHCFP

Ms. Robyn Gonzalez, Policy Specialist DHCFP

**Public Participants:**

Dr. Amy Tongsiri, Nevada State Dental Officer, Liberty Dental Plan

Ms. Syd McKenzie, Secretary, Oral Health Nevada

Ms. Jessica Woods, President, Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association

Ms. Minette Galura-Boquiren, President-Elect, Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association

Mr. Phil Su, Attorney, Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners

Dr. Jade Miller, Past President of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Vilas Sastry, CEO, Teledentistry.com

Dr. Sulabh Shroff, President, Nevada Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Ron Lemon, NSBDE Board Member

<b>1. Agenda Item</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Antonina Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA Nevada State Dental Health Officer, Division of Public and</b>
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		<b>Behavioral Health For Chair Davenport</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	The State Advisory Committee for Oral Health (AC4OH) meeting was called to order by Dr. Capurro at 9:06am. A roll call was taken. A quorum was reached.	
<b>2. Agenda Item</b>	<b>Approval of April 17, 2020 meeting minutes</b>	<b>Antonina Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA Nevada State Dental Health Officer, Division of Public and Behavioral Health For Chair Davenport</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Dr. Capurro asked for approval of April 17, 2020 meeting minutes. Ms. Liveratti motioned to approve, Dr. Cappelli seconded the motion. Motion passed.  Public comment: None	
<b>3. Agenda Item</b>	<b>Update on the Oral Health Program During COVID-19</b>	<b>Antonina Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA Nevada State Dental Health Officer, Division of Public and Behavioral Health For Chair Davenport</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Dr. Capurro reviewed the following topics and associated attachments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covid-19 related health literacy documents, media reports, and presentation from OHP</li> <li>• Overview of the 31st Special Session</li> <li>• COVID-19 decision tree for dental practitioners</li> <li>• NSBDE Advisory opinion for waive testing in dental offices</li> <li>• Northern Nye County Hospital District letter to serve Tonopah</li> <li>• Medicaid survey to inform RFP process</li> <li>• Revised OHP legislative initiatives</li> <li>• Draft teledentistry policy</li> <li>• DHHS face covering flyer</li> </ul> Dr. Capurro provided updates on outreach activities and the cancellation of the Tonopah Social Services Fair  Ms. Liveratti raised the question of what the timeline of approval for in-office waive testing. Ms. Chandler mentioned that Henry Schein is creating testing kits. Ms. Liveratti suggested that this issue not be dropped if dental offices believe this is needed. The dental board cannot put forward administrative codes unless it is an emergency. Dr. Collier mentioned that waive testing is needed for blood glucose testing as well. Ms. Chandler informed the group that the dental board is meeting every Tuesday.  <b>Ms. Liveratti made a motion to write a letter to the NSBDE</b>	

	<p><b>and the Board of Health in support of inclusion of dental professionals into NAC 652.397. The motion was seconded by Dr. Collier. Motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p>Public Comment: Mr. Su informed the group that Dr. Capurro has provided information to the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners (NSBDE) in May. The Board will be meeting every two weeks. This item is on the Board’s list of tabled agenda items. Dr. Miller suggested bringing these items to the Board of Health prior to the next legislative session.</p>	
<p><b>4. Agenda Item</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation on Nevada Medicaid Dental Benefits</b></p>	<p><b>Paula Pence Social Services Program Specialist III- Dental Division of Health Care Financing and Policy</b></p> <p><b>Robyn Gonzalez Social Services Program Specialist I- Dental</b></p>
	<p>Ms. Gonzalez provided the following updates:</p> <p><u>AB3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bill originally removed all optional dental services for recipients: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Emergency services only 21+</li> <li>○ Pregnant women</li> <li>○ Children – Dental services for recipients under age 21 are limited to a monetary cap per year. Additional dental benefits for recipients under the age of 21 will be covered if deemed medically necessary under an EPSDT evaluation.</li> <li>○ Funding for the services were found so the cuts were not made.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• NO reduction in dental services were made, but a 6% cut to provider reimbursement rates across the board was approved, however we do not know when the decreased rates will be effective.</li> </ul> <p><u>DBA Contract</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contract with LIBERTY has not been terminated.</li> <li>• Contract is extended through December 2021</li> <li>• Executive leadership are reviewing the carve-in/carve-out options for dental, but a decision has not been made as of yet.</li> </ul> <p><u>Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 1000 Dental Changes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No new changes have been made to the policy. Proposed revisions from the December workshops went to public hearing and was affective April 1, 2020.</li> </ul> <p><u>Orthodontic Medical Necessity Form</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Division opted the AAO’s auto-qualifiers for orthodontia services, so the OMN form was updated as well. The revised form should be posted on the Medicaid website.</li> </ul>	

Provider Relief Fund for Medicaid Dental Providers

- Last Friday, (July 17) the Division posted Web Announcement 2250 – dentists are now eligible to apply for payments from the US DHHS Provider Relief fund. Providers must apply by August 3rd.

Ms. Chandler asked how orthodontic services are provided. There are children in Future Smiles that have phase 1 orthodontic care but then do not follow through with treatment.

Ms. Gonzalez explained that orthodontic services must be medically necessary. There are specific auto qualifiers or the provider can submit approval under EPSDT. Providers have the option to discontinue services but must refund Medicaid. If patient is non-compliant, they would be eligible for debanding and would not be eligible for services at another time.

Ms. Chandler explained that the patient had radiographic calculus and asked if Future Smiles should report the patient to Medicaid. Ms. Gonzalez explained that it would not be necessary, but Ms. Chandler could provide her with the specific details. Dr. Bollu additionally asked if there were any other accommodations for children that have not been seen by their general dentists. Good oral health has been affected by not being able to go to the dentist due to the pandemic. Ms. Gonzalez reiterated that no changes have been made to extend treatment timelines.

Dr. Bollu asked if there have been any changes to the approval process for orthodontics due to the pandemic. Ms. Gonzalez reviewed the approval process. Dr. Bollu asked if there is a peer-to-peer review. Ms. Gonzalez did not know the qualifications of the specialists but would provide an update at the next meeting.

Public Comment:

Dr. Miller asked what was the timeframe for the decision of the carve in/out of dental benefits for the MCO. Ms. Gonzalez explained that the comment period for the MCO RFP has been closed. The development of the RFP will be released in January 2021. About 75 letters of support have been submitted to Medicaid leadership from those that want dental benefits to remain carved out. The MCO contract will be awarded in March 2021. Dr. Miller mentioned that he would like the Division to include other professionals in the development of the RFP. Ms. Gonzalez agreed to ask leadership if this would be possible.

Dr. Miller asked if there are allowances for patients to receive services earlier than the listed service limits. Ms. Gonzalez responded that yes. Providers can submit an exemption for services under EPSDT.

<p><b>5. Agenda Item</b></p>	<p><b>Liberty Dental Plan</b></p>	<p><b>Amy Tongsiri, DMD, Nevada Dental Officer Liberty Dental Plan</b></p>
<p><b>Discussion</b></p>	<p>Dr. Tongsiri stated that Liberty has begun partnering with community food banks to provide oral health education and oral hygiene supplies. Liberty is exploring opportunities to ensure members have care.</p> <p>Liberty Dental Plan has launched the Community Smiles Program, July 1st to help recipients address barriers to health, connect to free and low-cost community resources, and to improve “whole person” health.</p> <p>There are several ways to access the Community Smiles Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Texting LDPSMILES to 22925</li> <li>• Calling our Member Services Department at 866-609-0418</li> <li>• Inquiring with assigned Wellness Advocate (if applicable)</li> <li>• Meeting a Health &amp; Literacy Coordinator at a community event</li> <li>• And those with internet access, can utilize a Self Service Tool <a href="http://www.communityresources.libertydentalplan.com">www.communityresources.libertydentalplan.com</a></li> </ul> <p>Public comment: None</p>	
<p><b>6. Agenda Item</b></p>	<p><b>Coalition Update and Report from Oral Health Nevada</b></p>	<p><b>Syd McKenzie, RDH, BSDH Oral Health Nevada, Secretary</b></p>
<p><b>Discussion</b></p>	<p>Ms. McKenzie thanked the group for their work on AB3. She stated that the Oral Health Community could have lost so much more, but thanks to the efforts of many dedicated individuals and organizations, our most vulnerable only took a 6% loss. However these rates are 1999 rates and will be tragically low.</p> <p>Ms. McKenzie reminded the group that legislative day will take place in six months. Greater impact can be made with more positive results if we join together for the benefit of all. We can find a common ground. We must work together.</p> <p>Ms. McKenzie asked organizations to submit their logos and infographics for packets as part of the legislative day. Normally, there have been twenty logos but this year’s goal is fifty. Please submit logo to <a href="mailto:syd@oralhealthnevada.com">syd@oralhealthnevada.com</a> by October 1, 2020 along with any pertinent information, comments, description and numbers of members in your organization, numbers</p>	

	<p>of clients you have served, your mission, objectives and focus, challenges. Indicate what you would like to have included in packet on your behalf. This will not be a carte blanc permission to use your info, simply an inclusion of support for improved oral health for Nevadans. Please feel free to note any reservations or restrictions you feel important for the use of your Logo or information.</p> <p>Please submit Infographic or White Page information (100 copies) you want included in the Educational Booklet by January 31, 2021.</p> <p>Dr. Collier asked if Ms. McKenzie could send an example of what the logos might look like. Ms. McKenzie presented the packets information over zoom.</p> <p>Ms. McKenzie also explained that Oral Health Nevada is in the process of updating the Interactive Map Resource Guide and the Snapshot Resource Guide on their website. Nevada 211 and Nevada CAN resources are excellent resources.</p> <p>Ms. McKenzie asked that members volunteer. She mentioned that Nevada 211 is a great base but she receives calls from the public who do not have a dentist and are hopeless.</p> <p>Public comment: None</p>	
<p><b>7. Agenda Item</b></p>	<p><b>Organized Dentistry Update and Report from Nevada Dental Association</b></p>	<p><b>Robert Talley, DDS, CAE Executive Director Nevada Dental Association</b></p>
<p><b>Discussion</b></p>	<p>Dr. Talley provided information on the Nevada Dental Association (NDA)'s work to update information during the pandemic and mentioned that the NDA has worked with Dr. Capurro on messaging.</p> <p>Dr. Talley provided information that 65% of Nevada office report 75% of normal volume. The NDA has hired the Griffin Company for the 2021 legislative session.</p> <p>The NDA office will be moving to Carson City and Dr. Talley will be retiring in September. Dr. Talley explained that he will remain on staff until a new Executive Director is hired. Dr. Talley's hopes that AC4OH will offer a board position to the new executive director.</p> <p>Public Comment:</p> <p>Dr. Miller acknowledged Dr. Talley and his years of service to the state.</p>	

<p><b>8. Agenda Item</b></p>	<p><b>Organized Dentistry Update and Report from Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association</b></p>	<p><b>Jessica Woods, RDH, MPH President, Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association</b></p> <p><b>Minette Galura-Boquiren, RDH,BS President-Elect, Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association</b></p>
<p><b>Discussion</b></p>	<p>Ms. Galura-Boquiren began by discussing the pandemic and the fact that Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association (NDHA) has received concerns.</p> <p>She discussed the pandemic timeline and the NDHA has been attending Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners (NSBDE) meetings. The NSBDE adopted CDC guidelines from June to supersede DHHS Memo. There is great concern surrounding contact tracing and hygienists are concerned as to how cases can be mitigated without contact tracing. Hygienists are concerned that there is still a lack of PPE in our community.</p> <p>The NDHA is working to implement SB366. Waiting for NSBDE to appoint members to the public health committee to create legislation.</p> <p>NDHA is willing to assist in creation of a contract tracing form for offices to complete if that is needed.</p> <p>Dr. Collier commented that additional burdens should not be placed on providers to complete any new forms. There is so much to remember right now.</p> <p>Public comment: None</p>	
<p><b>9. Agenda Item</b></p>	<p><b>Update on Nevada's Invitation to Dr. Ricks, Chief Dental Officer, U.S. Public Health Service</b></p>	<p><b>David Cappelli, DMD,MPH, PhD Professor and Chair, Department of Biomedical Sciences, UNLV School of Dental Medicine</b></p> <p><b>Cara Kirby-Lutes, RDH,BSDH,MPH, College of Southern Nevada</b></p>
<p><b>Discussion</b></p>	<p>Dr. Cappelli provided an update on Dr. Ricks' visit. Dr. Ricks is interested in coming back in the fall. With the status of the pandemic, his visit is on hold. No date yet set. Once we have a date, we can put together an agenda. We have discussed having him spend time at the dental school and with AC4OH. With the status of the pandemic things are on hold.</p> <p>Public comment: None</p>	
<p><b>10. Agenda Item</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation of Nevada Oral Health Program Formation of Nevada Action Network to Coordinate Preventive Dental Services and Outreach Measures</b></p>	<p><b>Antonina Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA Nevada State Dental Health Officer, Division of Public and Behavioral Health</b></p>

**Discussion**

Dr. Capurro began by explaining that the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a series of interconnected crises which will be compounded by the recently proposed alternative learning environment for the 20-21 school year. This will result in a disruption to school-based health services which is an opportunity for creative solutions and alternative service delivery methods particularly focused on the Medicaid population. Dr. Capurro discussed creating the Nevada Action Network to increase value-based care and disparity reversal activities and deliver preventive services that prioritize reaching vulnerable and underserved children. Dr. Capurro provided an overview of innovative outreach efforts underway in other states. The idea of virtual exams through teledentistry, fluoride varnish through at-home application, and sealant placement at drive-through events were presented.

Dr. Capurro commented that the Oral Health Program is committed to partnering with community dental providers and stakeholders to improve oral health throughout the State and specifically supports partners that are able to meet the needs of underserved vulnerable children.

Ms. Chandler provided background information on the re-opening plan for the Clark County School District (CCSD). All CCSD classes will be online for the first 90 days. Future Smiles has been informed they cannot go into the schools this year. They are considering reaching children through churches, boys and girls clubs, and food distribution centers. A care mobile was discussed. Ms. Chandler mentioned that teledentistry.com provides care to Medicaid enrolled children but asked how the uninsured could be reached.

Dr. Collier explained that as an FQHC, CHA has a sliding fee schedule. They depend on HRSA grants and Medicaid and have had to limit services because of financial constraints. She mentioned that there is a balance between providing care and not closing the clinic. She said that for CHA, teledentistry would work well if Medicaid was willing to reimburse. The CHA school-based sealant program has shuttered indefinitely. It was not sustainable. The CHA dental bus will also discontinue services. It was simply too difficult to provide services with COVID-19 guidelines. The van may reopen in the 2021-2022 school year.

Dr. Coppes offered that a resolution be submitted to the Nevada State Medical Association House of Delegates. He explained that since this is an issue that affects Nevada's children and not just a dental issue, the Medical Association might be supportive. The House of Delegates can approve the resolution which would provide strength to any future work on this issue. The resolutions would need to be submitted by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Dr. Putnam commented that every county is responsible for their school re-opening plan. Elko has a comprehensive plan



	<p>but it may not be approved. The oral health of the rural will be impacted and there is a shortage of dental practitioners. He voiced concern about future funding and sustainability. Without dental professionals to provide these services we will have a nightmare on our hands.</p> <p><b>Dr. Collier made a motion that Dr. Capurro submit the resolutions to Dr. Coppes for the Nevada State Medical Association House of Delegates. Ms. Liveratti seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p>Public comment: Dr. Sastry discussed conversations with Dr. Capurro around a direct mailer of single unit fluoride varnish to families and a teledental visit. He explained that Teledentistry.com provides after hours services to all of Liberty's members across their network. The goal is to provide teledentistry services to people in pain to access a licensed dentist and get a non-opioid pain killer and coordinate care for definitive treatment. This would be an expansion of what we have done nationally. When kids cannot even get to school, where do we find a concentration of ways to reach kids but through Medicaid.</p>	
<b>11. Agenda Item</b>	<b>Recommendation for Appointment of Vice Chair to Serve on the Advisory Committee on the State Program for Oral Health</b>	<b>Antonina Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA Nevada State Dental Health Officer, Division of Public and Behavioral Health For Chair Davenport</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Dr. Capurro stated that the vice chair position remains vacant and asked for volunteers. Members stated that there was no interest in the position at the moment. This item will be added as an agenda item for the September meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Capurro asked for a volunteer to lead the September meeting. Dr. Collier volunteered to chair the September meeting.</p> <p>Public comment: None</p>	
<b>12. Agenda Item</b>	<b>Review of 2020 AC4OH Meeting Dates</b>	<b>Antonina Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA Nevada State Dental Health Officer, Division of Public and Behavioral Health For Chair Davenport</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Future meeting dates are 9/11 and 12/4.</p> <p>Public comment: None</p>	
<b>13. Agenda Item</b>	<b>Recommendations for Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>Antonina Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA Nevada State Dental Health Officer, Division of Public and Behavioral Health For Chair Davenport</b>

	<p>Dr. Capurro mentioned that there are two open seats on the Board and asked that letters of interest and CVs be submitted. This item will be added to the September agenda.</p> <p>Dr. Capurro also asked the group if a special meeting should be held to discuss the annual letter. Dr. Collier volunteered to write the annual letter and the group asked that this item be added to the September agenda.</p> <p>Public Comment: Dr. Miller asked the Committee to consider asking the Division for professional input in the RFP process. He also requested that a commitment be made from the state to support Medicaid dental benefits.</p> <p>Ms. Syd McKenzie discussed the history of the UNLV School of Dental Medicine. She asked if they had plans or a protocol to address the uninsured. She mentioned that they are overburdened and asked how the Committee could work with them to incorporate more students and post graduates in the rurals.</p> <p>Dr. Cappelli explained that in his new role, he realizes that UNLV School of Dental Medicine does not express all that is being done. UNLV SDM sees early and head start children throughout the state, they have a sealant program, and free clinics for veterans, children, and the homeless. UNLV SDM has a big reach. He voiced appreciation for the question and explained that the University is planning for the future.</p> <p>Dr. Lemon added a comment about the endodontic program at UNLV School of Dental Medicine. He mentioned that through his work with Liberty, the dental school has one of the largest programs reaching the underserved. He is working with well-known dental companies on vital pulp therapy research. The dental school is very involved but positive press is lacking.</p> <p>Dr. Shroff commented that the Nevada Pediatric Association would like to make comments on the dental carve out. Ms. Gonzalez replied that she would bring this to leadership.</p>	
<p><b>14. Agenda Item</b></p>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>	<p><b>Antonina Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA Nevada State Dental Health Officer, Division of Public and Behavioral Health For Chair Davenport</b></p>
	<p>The next AC4OH meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m.</p>	
<p><b>15. Agenda Item</b></p>	<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p><b>Antonina Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA Nevada State</b></p>

		<b>Dental Health Officer, Division of Public and Behavioral Health For Chair Davenport</b>
	Dr. Cappelli motion to adjure the meeting. Dr. Collier seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:08am.	