

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE STATE
PROGRAM FOR ORAL HEALTH MEETING

Approved Meeting Minutes

April 17, 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
Ms. Cara Kirby-Lutes
Dr. Robert Talley
Ms. Kelly Taylor
Dr. Prashanti Bollu

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

Board Members Not Present:

Dr. Max Coppes
Dr. Benjamin Prohaska
Dr. Bryce Putnam
Dr. Gillian Barclay

1. Agenda Item	Roll Call	Chair Davenport
Discussion	The State Advisory Committee for Oral Health (AC4OH) meeting was called to order by Chair Cathie Davenport, and roll call was taken. A quorum was reached.	
2. Agenda Item	Approval of December 6, 2019 meeting minutes	Chair Davenport
Discussion	Chair Davenport asked for approval of December 6, 2019 meeting minutes. Ms. Liveratti motioned to approve, Dr. Talley seconded the motion. Motion passed. Public comment: None	

<p>3. Agenda Item</p>	<p>Update on the Oral Health Program During COVID-19</p>	<p>Antonina Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA Nevada State Dental Health Officer, Division of Public and Behavioral Health</p> <p>Chair Davenport</p>
<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Dr. Capurro provided an update to the committee on the February 19th Legislative Committee on Health Care and thanked the group for their participation. The recorded presentations can be accessed at: https://sg001-harmony.sliq.net/00324/Harmony/en/PowerBrowser/PowerBrowserV2/20200219/-1/?fk=6024&viewmode=1#agenda</p> <p>The Oral Health Program budget, the OHP contract with the Nevada Department of Education, and the SFY21 OHP budget were discussed. COVID-19 documents from OHP including the memorandum to postpone elective dental treatment, communication on the situation for public and professional audiences, and expansion of the scope of practice during the pandemic. The Donation Management Task Force and possible expansion of the dental scope of practice to become emergency managers were discussed.</p> <p>Dr. Cappelli raised the question of how the expanded function of dentists and dental hygienists in a medical facility during COVID-19 as approved by Governor Sisolak’s Medical Advisory Committee was being communicated. Dr. Capurro referenced the DPBH flyers located on the OHP website that have been created and include the Battle Born Medical Corps information for volunteer registration. Dr. Talley mentioned that NDA would be distributing the flyers to its members.</p> <p>The OHP history of teledentistry including the Oral Health Program’s 2019 advisory opinion request to the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners, OHP’s submission of possible regulatory teledentistry language, and partnership with Teledentistry.com were presented.</p> <p>Committee members suggested that a teledentistry area be added to the OHP webpage. After some discussion, the Committee advised OHP to seek a prerecorded webinar on teledentistry for inclusion on the teledentistry page. Dr. Bollu suggested that this idea be expanded to include a specialty specific section on the teledentistry page to provide specific resources for different disciplines such as smilesnap and mouthwatch.</p> <p>Dr. Capurro thanked Liberty Dental Plan, Teledentistry.com, and the DHCFP dental team for their work to implement COVID-19 related changes. Next steps for OHP were also presented such a Medicaid dental provider survey and expansion of dental practice to play a role in disaster management.</p> <p>Dr. Collier suggested that the practice act expansion be pursued for the next legislative session. Ms. Chandler advised that vaccination initiatives also be pursued. Ms. Taylor raised a question about any previous discussions to seek vaccination scope</p>	

	<p>of practice expansion. It was discussed as a measure that would need a bill sponsor for the next legislative session.</p> <p>Public comment: Dr. Jade Miller brought up the issue of insurance codes for in-office COVID-19 related testing. The code maintenance committee under the American Dental Association (ADA) recently released two CDT codes for antigen public health testing code and an antibody antigen code.</p> <p>Chair Davenport provided information from the Academy of General Dentistry who is working to ensure that guidance is provided in preparation of the reopening of dental practices to non-urgent care once restrictions are lifted. Chair Davenport read a letter that advises dental offices to proactively review dental practice acts to determine whether administering diagnostic and/or serological COVID-19 tests are permissible. Dr. Capurro discussed the need to expand these conversations and begin to design phase-in plans for the dental community before the April 30th emergency only dental services memorandum end date.</p> <p>Dr. Talley informed the Committee that the NDA is waiting for guidelines from the ADA to resume non-emergency dental services.</p>	
<p>4. Agenda Item</p>	<p>Presentation on Nevada Medicaid Dental Benefits</p>	<p>Robyn Gonzalez – Social Services Program Specialist I- Dental Division of Health Care Financing and Policy</p> <p>Chair Davenport</p>
<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Robyn Gonzalez provided updates on MSM Chapter 1000 changes and public workshops. Two workshops were held—the first on Friday December 20th in Carson City and the second on December 21st in Las Vegas. The chapter clarifies coverage for dental prosthesis, the out-of-state orthodontics policy, updates CDT codes, adds a comprehensive evaluation (CDT D0150) every 36 months for adult members receiving an exam for dental prosthetic evaluation, creates a prior authorization requirement for ambulatory surgical center scheduling for patients under 5 years of age, moves D0350 under orthodontic coverage, and changes D1110 for ages 14 and older.</p> <p>Dr. Collier asked how D1110 should be billed for those under 14 years of age with full adult dentition. Ms. Gonzalez responded that EPSDT could be exercised in that case.</p> <p>Ms. Gonzalez reported that the carve out of dental benefits will continue. The request for proposal will be released in January 2021 for an effective date of January 2022.</p> <p>Ms. Gonzalez also announced that Shauna Tavcar’s position has been filled by Ms. Paula Pence. Chair Davenport welcomed Ms. Pence aboard.</p> <p>Public comment: Dr. Shroff, the current president of the Nevada Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, asked who his members could contact to show support to maintain the dental carve out. Ms.</p>	

	<p>Gonzalez replied that letters could come directly to her at robyn.gonzalez@dhefp.nv.gov</p> <p>Dr. Jade Miller acknowledged Director Whitley for maintaining the dental carve out. He stated that the carve out is in the best interest of patient sand the health of Nevadans.</p>	
<p>5. Agenda Item</p>	<p>Liberty Dental Plan</p>	<p>Amy Tongsiri, DMD, Nevada Dental Officer Liberty Dental Plan</p> <p>Chair Davenport</p>
<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Dr. Amy Tongsiri stated that Liberty has begun offering Teledentistry to Medicaid providers and extended the offer to non-Medicaid patients in the rural Nevada. Liberty is taking all patients calls and offering palliative treatment during this time. 40 calls have come from non-Liberty contracted members and the system is working well. For providers, D9995 and D9996 have been added and will be reimbursed at \$10. The D0140 may be used in conjunction with these codes and will be reimbursed. Frequencies for these codes is being waived during this time to ensure members are able to access care. Referrals are also being waived. Liberty wants to ensure members are seen immediately and without administrative barriers.</p> <p>Liberty is considering offering advancement in pay for providers to assist them in these difficult times.</p> <p>Dr. Brandon asked what platform Liberty is using for teledentistry and how it is working. Dr. Tongsiri provided information on Teledentistry.com and commented that wait times are being managed and staff dentists have been trained to assist in taking calls.</p> <p>Ms. Chandler asked if Liberty would be open to providing a webinar to contracted providers. Dr. Tongsiri said that she would consider the feasibility of providing this resource.</p> <p>Dr. Collier asked if Liberty had any ideas of how to use teledentistry to get patients back in the office or to use teledentistry to connect with patients. Dr. Tongsiri responded that Liberty would be open to using motivational interviewing and other codes open for use with Teledentistry once state restrictions are lifted.</p> <p>Public comment: Dr. Dawn McClennan commented that advanced pay would be a challenge butt asked that current claims be expedited. Dr. Tongsiri responded that teledental claims will be re-batched and claims should be auto adjudicated.</p> <p>Dr. Jade Miller encouraged Liberty to consider the advancement in pay and voiced appreciation for the advancement.</p>	

6. Agenda Item	Presentation of Letter to Support Dental Benefit Administrator	Terri Chandler, RDH, Founder and Executive Director, Future Smiles Chair Davenport
Discussion	Ms. Chandler thanked the members that assisted in writing the letter of support. It is posted as a meeting attachment. Ms. Chandler motioned to accept the letter of support, Dr. Cappelli seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The letter will be submitted to the state and is available for specific organizations to use as a template. Public comment: None	
7. Agenda Item	Board Retreat Proposal Update	Lisa Collier, DDS, Chief Dental Officer, Community Health Alliance Mary Liveratti, Retired, DHHS Deputy Administrator Chair Davenport
Discussion	Dr. Collier asked the group if they would like to move the retreat until next year. Ms. Liveratti motioned to move the board retreat to the spring of 2021. Dr. Collier seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Public comment: None	
8. Agenda Item	Update on Nevada's Invitation to Dr. Ricks, Chief Dental Officer, U.S. Public Health Service	David Cappelli, DMD,MPH, PhD Professor and Chair, Department of Biomedical Sciences, UNLV School of Dental Medicine Cara Kirby-Lutes, RDH,BSDH,MPH, College of Southern Nevada Chair Davenport

<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Dr. Cappelli provided an update that the previously scheduled meeting was cancelled last week due to issues with COVID-19. Dr. Ricks will be in Las Vegas July 15th - 18th for an Academy of General Dentistry meeting. Dr. Cappelli suggested rescheduling the meeting with Dr. Ricks to Tuesday July 19th or July 14th. Dr. Cappelli asked for the Committee's feedback on a July date and suggested that the meeting could be moved into the fall.</p> <p>Ms. Kirby asked for an overview of meeting. Dr. Cappelli mentioned that Dr. Ricks could be hosted by the dental school in July. Ms. Kirby mentioned that CSN's hygiene program will be closed until the Fall. Dr. Brandon suggested that movement of the meeting to the fall would be safer. Ms. Chandler agreed that the visit should be postponed. Chair Davenport suggested that the visit be moved until September or a later date. Dr. Cappelli agreed to discuss a new visit date with Dr. Ricks and report back to the Committee. The Committee expressed thanks for Dr. Rick's patience and offer to visit Las Vegas.</p> <p>Public comment: None</p>	
<p>9. Agenda Item</p>	<p>Report from Legislative Work Group</p>	<p>Chair Davenport</p>
<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Chair Davenport reported that planning for the 2022 Oral Health Legislative Day in February is on hold. Further updates will be presented as available. Ms. Liveratti thanked Chair Davenport for her update. Dr. Talley mentioned that the ADA may also have resources to assist.</p> <p>Ms. Liveratti mentioned that the Division of Aging and Disability has created Nevada CAN which is a resource for the elderly and those with disabilities that need services. Individuals can call 211 or request a social workers to assist them. A dental core will also answer dental questions. Social support with volunteers to check-in with people. Dr. Peter Reed is organizing the medical side. Ms. Liveratti will send a flyer to Committee members. The Committee agreed that it is very important to keep people connected.</p> <p>Public comment: None</p>	
<p>10. Agenda Item</p>	<p>Welcome to New Members to Serve on the Advisory Committee on the State Program for Oral Health</p>	<p>Chair Davenport</p>
<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Chair Davenport welcomed all new members. Dr. Bollu extended her thanks for being added to the team.</p> <p>Public comment: None</p>	

11. Agenda Item	Recommendation for Appointment of Vice Chair to Serve on the Advisory Committee on the State Program for Oral Health	Chair Davenport
Discussion	<p>Chair Davenport 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 June meeting.</p> <p>Public comment: None</p>	
12. Agenda Item	Review of 2020 AC4OH Meeting Dates	Chair Davenport
Discussion	<p>Future meeting dates are 6/5 , 9/11 and 12/4.</p> <p>Public comment: None</p>	
13. Agenda Item	Recommendations for Future Agenda Items	Chair Davenport
	<p>Dr. Jade Miller thanked the Committee and expressed appreciation to Director Whitely for maintain the carve out of dental services and keeping dentistry a priority. Dr. Miller asked that the state consider a single contractor for both the urban and rural market in the next contract for a dental benefits administrator.</p> <p>Ms. Syd McKenzie recognized the work of Terri Chandler and Future Smiles to provided PPE to very vital organizations in the state. Ms. McKenzie also thanked Director Whitely for all that he has done to support dentistry.</p>	
14. Agenda Item	Public Comment	Chair Davenport
	The next AC4OH meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m.	
15. Agenda Item	Adjournment	Chair Davenport
	Dr. Cappelli motion to adjure the meeting. Dr. Bollu and Ms. Chandler seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.	