

**Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Advisory Committee on the State Program for Oral Health
Minutes**

DATE: Friday, February 17, 2023

TIME: 9a.m.

Meeting Locations

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The meeting was called to order at 9:04 A.M.

1.) Call to Order and Roll call – Interim Chair Lisa Collier DDS

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Lisa Collier, DDS, Council Chair
Dr. Whitney Bryant DDS, MBA, Vice Council Chair
Ms. Terri Chandler RDH
Dr. Catherine McCarthy MD, FAAFP
Dr. Bryce Putnam, DMD
Ms. Lynn Short RDH, MPH
Dr. Jose Cucalon Calderon MD, FAAP
Dr. Tara Van Orden, Commander, DMD, MPH
Ms. Jessica Woods RDH, MPH
Mr. Ben Prohaska
Ms. Jennifer Bradley

Excused:

Dr. Tina Brandon Abbatangelo DMD
Dr. Bryce Putnam, DMD
Ms. Breanna Taylor RN, MSN

Department of Health and Human Services Staff:

Dr. Keith Benson- Dental Health Officer, DHCFP
Dr. Antonina Capurro, Deputy Administrator DHCFP
Erin Lynch- Chief III, Medical Programs unit DHCFP

Tanya Benitez- Social Services Program Specialist 2 DHCFP
Ms. Jannette Gomez, RDH, BSDH, Nevada State Public Health Dental Hygienist, DPBH

Public Participants:

Dr. Christina Demopoulos, UNLV School of Dental Medicine
Steve Messinger, Nevada Primary Care Association

2.) **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public testimony under this agenda item may be presented by computer, phone or written comment. Due to time considerations, each individual offering public comment will be limited to not more than **three (3)** minutes.

No public comment

3.) Review and possible approval of meeting minutes from November 18, 2022 - **Action Item**

THERE WAS A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2022, DR. VAN ORDEN.THERE WAS A SECOND TO THE MOTION BY DR. BRYANT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.) Update of Oral Health Program, including the Nevada Oral Health State Plan, the operations plan for the Oral Health State Plan, evaluation of state plan, and current projects. **Informational – Jannette Gomez, Nevada Public Health Dental Hygienist, Division of Public and Behavioral Health**

The state plan is published and posted on the Nevada Oral Health Program website. Thank you for your patience with this process and I am so happy with this accomplishment.

Last meeting I stated that we will need an evaluation plan to ensure that we are tracking progress and our return on investment. This is taking more time than I anticipated, luckily I have Sahira who is contracted with the CDC and she is helping me develop the plan. Surprisingly few states have an evaluation plan to go along with their state plan. It is so important to have an evaluation plan for public health programs. It is used to: Demonstrate impact to funders, suggest improvements for continued efforts, seek support for continuing the program, gather information on the approach that can be shared with others, help determine if an approach would be appropriate to replicate in other locations with similar needs.

By our next meeting we should have this in place. In the meantime, I have spoken with Maternal Child Health about developing pregnancy/early childhood guidelines. We will be creating an informal workgroup with MCH to begin addressing this population. If you would like to join please let me know in the chat or email me. This was an objective listed in the state plan under prevention and screening objectives. d) Develop practice guidance on oral health care during pregnancy

The 3rd grade basic screening is underway. I have screened Yerington ES, Winnemucca Grade School with the help of Breana and Doral Academy here in Reno. The rest of the schools in the north and rurals

are scheduled to get screened this school year and the south in collaboration with Dr. Deomopoulos at UNLV is in the process of being scheduled for the 2023-2024 school year.

Another big project we are working on with DHCFP is the expansion of dental benefits for intellectual and developmental disabilities. For this project we hired Cyndy (who helped us develop the state plan) to create a website, bring awareness to providers and the community about the oral health needs of this population. She is also conducting research and data analysis over the next year. The name of this program is “Every Smile Matters”. I am very excited that the OHP gets to be a part of this and that the content being created is going to be a part of the OHP goals. This also aligns with the state plan to improve access for children and adults with disabilities. Through this project we will have a desensitization event and will offer CE courses to providers. Please check out the website, it has a lot of great information for patients, caregivers and providers. I will include it in the chat.

The HRSA Oral Health Workforce grant funding has been approved at IFC and we are in the process of addressing the goals. I am working with TMCC to develop dental assisting curriculum that will be used in rural Nevada high schools for the Dental Assisting Pipeline project. We will be training school nurses on oral health screenings, fluoride varnish application and the use of an intraoral camera. Steps are being taken to open the Tonopah Dental Clinic that will be funded through this grant. The Dental Public Health Collaborative is also funded through this grant. This program aims at educating dental professionals about public health opportunities and will aid in increasing the dental public health workforce in our state.

Dr. Benson and I are attending the Tonopah Remote Area Medical Event on March 3rd through 5th to provide dental services to Tonopah residents and we will be screening Round Mountain Elementary school on the 6th for the Basic Screening Survey.

Sahira Kahlid presented the draft of the evaluation plan.

5.) Presentation on Nevada Medicaid Dental Benefits. Informational – Dr. Benson, Dr. Antonina Capurro

1115 Waiver- Provide expanded services to persons with diabetes that are treated at CHS, NHC, waiver is awaiting approval. Questions back from CMS, timeline pushed back. Approval will be in summer or fall of 2023. ARPA funds – through ID waiver we have been able to deliver expanded services for persons over 21 on the ID Waiver that includes extensive dental benefits for the next year. Maximum of \$2,000 benefit, for PT 22 provider. It is exciting to get it going and working with other divisions to do so. HRSA grant- trying to start the Tonopah Dental Clinic through sub-award funding. RAM event in Tonopah- still looking for dentists and an optometrist to attend event.

6.) Update on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Informational- Dr. Antonina Capurro

We amended the ID/DD waiver dental benefits. We are going to provide \$2500 worth of benefits. Increase FFS rate by 10%. Carry on into the future. Codes available, also codes for behavior management. General anesthesia under medical benefits. Finding providers is difficult. \$2.7 million of ARPA funding will be available to start up or existing sealant programs to purchase equipment and expand school-based services.

Dr. Capurro- the funds that are awarded for the school-based sealant program had to be specific. Supplies and equipment- a lot of it is one time cost that an organization may have or if they are starting up or expanding. Considering providing sub awards to use to build or expand. Purchase equipment by end date of October 19, 2023. We would need the commitment from awarded entities to monitor information. We were directed by legislators to monitor this program, so we will have a data component. The contract we have now with schools so schools can bill Medicaid.

7.) Organized dentistry update from the Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association. **Informational – Fei Yu**

My name is Fei and I am the President of the Nevada dental hygienists' Association 2022-2023.

The Association had its HOD meeting on Oct 22nd in Reno. During the meeting, we elected our new board members and there was no vacancy. Also, according to the ADHA's policy, due to the membership increase, we were able to have three delegates this year instead of two.

On Dec 5th, the new crew had our first strategic meeting. And just this Monday we had our first quarter BOT meeting.

This year the NDHA cobranded with the American Cancer Society. We worked together and made educational flyers to distribute to clinics to increase awareness of the link between HPV and oral cancer, also encourage vaccination.

The major event that our legislative committee working on is the Modernization of Dentistry Bill. We have a lobby day scheduled for April 6th and will be promoting the bill. We will have dentists, hygienists, public health hygienists, and dental hygiene students in attendance. We will have the training, one on one meetings with the legislators, the ability to sit on the floor as guests of key policymakers, and a social event upon the conclusion of the day.

We are collaborating with the Nevada Dental Association on the Modernization of Dentistry bill that includes the following key points:

- Teledentistry
- Definition of a dental home
- Mandated dental screenings upon school entry
- Adding dental hygienists to the Nevada Statutes as a recognized primary care provider
- Immunizations by DDS and RDH

The Association was also working on the continue education events. This year, we try to do something new, something easier and more casual. We are planning of hosting a series of CEs. Hopefully at least

one each month and hopefully on Saturday mornings. More of a forum, and more Q and A than just the lecture

- 8.) Organized dentistry update and report from the Nevada Dental Association. Oral Health Day at the capitol, April 6th and legislative update. **Informational – Michele Reeder**

Tonopah Clinic- infection control passed, this NDF is a board of volunteers- it is moving forward. Legislative update: insurance reform bills, expanded DA function bill, modernization of dentistry, oral health day- main sponsor Liberty Dental. In collaboration with NVDHA, dental and dental hygiene students.

- 9.) Update on key initiatives including our asynchronous Teledentistry program, our BRUSH value-based program, and some key community partnerships. **Informational – Lindsay Littlefield, Dr. Afshin Arian**

Teludentistry update: asynchronous teledentistry developed propriety platform that allows members to engage us. Through interaction we can obtain valuable information for risk of caries and navigate to dental home. After hours teledentistry- ER diversion program. Also using teledentistry for chronic non utilizing members. Outreach programs update, we have developing population health strategy, understanding the needs of those with Medicaid. Using utilization data, where is lower utilization geographically, demographics. How to engage 0-3 age population. Evaluation steps we took last year. Right now, running bonus program for bringing in long term non utilizers. Trying to get providers to focus on outreach through bonus program.

Dr. Arian: Value based programs, and work in anesthesia area. Propriety value-based program called Brush, this program offers rewards for the sedation and challenges that there have been. Hospitals are cutting back days causing members and providers to have long waits. We have pilot program with contracted anesthesiologist in southern Nevada so that a child can have treatment done in an office instead of a hospital. Finding a solution to accommodate Medicaid members to have access to proper care. We are aware of the issues and hopefully we can find a solution.

- 10.) Discussion and possible approval of the 2019 Nevada State Board of Dental Examiner Advisory Opinion regarding application of Silver Diamine Fluoride by dental hygienist who hold public health endorsement. **Action Item.**

Dr. Bryant: Understand Silver diamine fluoride but is concerned about glass ionomer.

Dr. Collier- I don't think the advisory opinion was clear. The intent was that the DH PHE could place SDF and then place glass ionomer – to help seal off caries.

Terri – history, was at board meeting. Intent to have SDF and potentially to IRT , light layer over SDF. Glass ionomer to keep food debris from packing in area. Dental board acknowledged that SDF and IRT could be placed and that there be training and that it be added to PHE DH protocol.

Dr. Capurro- That is accepted methodology in other states. It was something the board approved pending a training course by the OHP. We were not able to create course. Part of HRSA grant- that we will provide this training.

Jessica Woods- I was the one PHE DH that reached out. Training does not have to be from OHP. Jessica interested in developing course. I am certified in restoration to put program together with collaboration of OHP.

Collier- the problem is that the advisory opinion is not clear.

AC4OH- put in paper to dental board requesting SDF and ITR as sperate- amendment to existing protocols

Dr. Collier- that will require separate opinion from board, advisory opinion was very specific

Dr. Benson- suggested we develop a new advisory opinion

Taskforce to develop new Advisory Opinion on SDF and SMART: Jessica Woods, Terri Chandler Dr. Collier, Dr. Capurro, Dr. Benson and Jannette Gomez.

THERE WAS A MOTION THAT THE AC4OH ESTABLISH A TASKFORCE TO ADDRESS THE SDF AND GLASS IONOMER 2019 ADVISORY OPINION AND CREATE LANGUAGE FOR THE ORAL HEALTH PRGORAM TO GO BEFORE THE DENTAL BOARD AND REQUEST AN ADIVOSRY OPINION BY TERRI CHANDLER.THERE WAS A SECOND TO THE MOTION BY JESSICA WOODS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.) Nevada dental, dental hygiene, and dental assisting school updates. Informational.
Dr. Demopoulos-

We get about 1600 applications every year for 80 slots. So 80 students are enrolled in the first year. We do also have our DDS program, which is our international program. So candidates are individuals are licensed in another country.

They apply to our program they attended 2 year program. When they graduate they actually have a DDS degree. So we actually have DMD and a DDS degree which is unique. We don't have that very much across the country.

Our ortho program, which is a three-year program where our ortho residents attend for three years. They have to complete a thesis and then they get a master's degree. We do also have a PhD approved program so they can also attend for three years, but this time they would actually get a PhD in oral biology, which

is also very unique in the ortho field. We have our pediatric program, which is our two year program, which is a certificate program, but each of our pediatric residents that graduate do have to complete a project that they submit for publication.

We have a wonderful GPR program where they provide a lot of services for the more complex cases that we cannot see within our pre doc program. We do also have what we call fast track programs so our DMD students can actually apply to the Graduate College UNLV to either get an MPH or an MBA within their degree.

The very last one, which we just got approved is our dental public health residency program. So we do have initial accreditation and we'll start to accept students as of July 1st. I've been approved for five students, so three full time and two-part time. I think across all the spectrums, we have some wonderful specialty programs and under the laws leadership or new interim Dean, he is looking to see what other specialty programs we can get approved through CODA for the dental school.

**12.) Discussion and possible approval of letter to Governor introducing the AC4OH committee.
Action Item.**

Dr. Benson- at the state we have a chain of command. In this chain of command, it is important to not go around the chain. The committee is to inform the Administrator of DPBH, to go around the chain of command to the governor would leave out the director of DHHS and could be catastrophic of the committee. Intention is to say we are here, that would have to go through command to director Whitley. Communications from this committee to legislator would be a misstep. I want to bring to everyone's attention.

Dr. Van Orden- Suggested to table the letter and think about it more. The letter itself- as introduction- too comprehensive. We need to rethink our approach.

THERE WAS A MOTION THAT THE AC4OH TABLE THE LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR BY LYNN SHORT. THERE WAS A SECOND TO THE MOTION BY TERRI CHANDLER MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13.) Discussion of recommendations for future agenda. Action Item.

No recommendations.

14.) PUBLIC COMMENT

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15.) Adjournment Dr. Lisa Collier – Chair

THERE WAS A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING BY LYNN SHORT AT 10:59AM.
THERE WAS A SECOND TO THE MOTION BY DR. BRYANT. MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY.

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