ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE STATE PROGRAM

FOR ORAL HEALTH MEETING

**Approved Meeting Minutes**

February 1, 2019

**In Person Meeting Locations Throughout Nevada:**

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| Division of Public and Behavioral Health  Bureau of Child, Family & Community Wellness  4150 Technology Way, Ste. 204  Carson City, NV 89706  (775) 684-4285 | Division of Public and Behavioral Health  Oral Health Program  3811 W. Charleston Blvd., Suite 205  Las Vegas, NV 89102  (702) 486-0068 | Division of Health Care Financing and Policy  1010 Ruby Vista Dr, Ste 103  Elko, Nevada 89801  (775) 753-1191 | |  | | --- | | Division of Health Care Financing and Policy  745 W Moana Lane #200  Reno, Nevada 89501  (775) 687-1908 | |  |  |

**Teleconference**:

Dial -In Toll Free Number: 1-415-655-0002.

Conference Number: 809 623 141 followed by the # symbol.

**Board Members Not Present:**

Bryce Putnam  
Chris Elaine Mariano

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

Christine Wood

Christine Garvey

David Cappelli present via phone

Judith Skelton

Julie Stage-Rosenberg

Kelly Taylor

Keith Clark present via phone

Mary Liveratti  
Robert Talley

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

Dr. Julie Kotchevar, Administrator, DPBH

Dr. Ihsan Azzam, Chief Medical Officer, DPBH

Dr. Antonina Capurro, State Dental Health Officer, DPBH

Beth Chartier, Interim Public Health Dental Hygienist, DPBH

Shauna Tavcar, Social Services Program Specialist III – Dental, DHCFP

**Public Partners Present In Person and Via Phone:**

Dr. Amy Tongsiri, Liberty Dental Plan via phone   
Dr. Chandler Hyer, Medical and Dental Center of Nevada

Dr. Dodd Hyer, Medical and Dental Center of Nevada

Dr. Daniel Shalev, SNDS

Dr. Ed DeAndrade, Periodontist

Dr. Mark Rosenberg, Summit Surgery Center   
Dr. Sulabh Shroff, Pediatric Dentist

Cara Kirby, College of Southern Nevada via phone

Chris Ferrari, Nevada Dental Association

Corey Enus, Southern Nevada Water Authority

Gina Hernandez, Sun Valley Surgical Center via phone

Jessica Woods, Southern Nevada Health District via phone

John Packham, Associate Dean, Office of Statewide Initiatives, University of Nevada, Reno via phone

Larry Hurst, Perrori PA

Laurie Curfman, Liberty Dental Plan

Terri Chandler, Future Smiles via phone

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| **Agenda Item** | **Roll Call** | **Presenters: Chair Davenport**  **Antonina C. Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA, State Dental Health Officer** |
| **Discussion** | The State Advisory Committee for Oral Health (AC4OH) meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Dr. Antonina Capurro, and roll was taken. A quorum was reached. |  |
| **Agenda Item** | **Approval of September 7, 2018 minutes** | **Presenter: Chair Davenport** |
| **Discussion** | Chair Davenport asked for changes to the September 7, 2018 meeting minutes. There were no changes. Dr. Robert Talley motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Kelly Taylor seconded the motion. \* The motion passed unanimously.  **Public Comment**: Dr. Mark Rosenberg stated that the May, 2018 meeting minutes do not reflect his testimony on the issue of access to surgery center dental care for the very young and the adult special needs patient population. His testimony is as follows: “Last April, I was notified by multiple administrators of Reno’s ambulatory surgery centers (ASC) and multiple pediatric dentists that the reimbursement rate for providing "Oral Rehabilitation procedures”, CPT code 41899, to very young children and special care patients (developmentally disabled, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, etc.) was to be decreased by about 50% (49.8%) The reimbursement rate has decreased from $1194 to $595 per case. This change in reimbursement rate has already greatly negatively impacted access to needed hospital care for our very young patients with Severe Early Childhood Caries, medically compromised young, adolescent and adults, and for our adult developmentally disabled population. Only one ASC in Reno and one ASC in Las Vegas will accept these patients. Previously, there were 5 facilities in Reno. I then reviewed the history of a similar incident which occurred in 2008, which after causing a crisis in access to care, was reversed, with AC4OH involvement. I requested the assistance of AC4OH and NV Medicaid’s Jack Zenteno, in dealing with this issue. Additionally, Chris Garvey’s request to Mr. Zenteno, that he look into the above problem and report back to AC4OH on progress resolving it”  To this comment, Dr. Capurro introduced Ms. Tavcar from the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, Medicaid Contract monitor, to address this issue. Ms. Tavcar stated that as of January 2017, there was an ambulatory rate change and provided the committee with a background of the rate change. It was recommended by Ms. Tavcar that all interested parties attend the Medicaid Dental Workshop on Tuesday February 5, 2019 that will address this issue.  Ms. Garvey stated that if AC4OH members attend the Medicaid meeting that you cannot designate yourself as a member of AC4OH  Several public partners were present at the meeting and further discussed and clarified the problems faced by the surgical centers in Nevada.  Ms. Garvey reiterated that this issue cannot be deliberated on at this time because it is not an agenda item.  **Comment from DPBH:**  Dr. Kotchevar stated that funding is available for the Oral Health Program through fiscal year 2021. However, additional funding will need to be found to sustain the program beyond that date. A sub-grant has been completed and UNLV SDM will administer the program. The State Public Health Dental Hygienist position has been posted and an interim dental hygienist has been approved and been placed within the program. Dr. Kotchevar notified the committee that Ms. Judy White will not be applying for the full-time position. |  |
| **Agenda Item** | **Presentation of Water Fluoridation Awards to Southern Nevada Water Authority and City of Henderson** | **Presenter: Antonina C. Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA, State Dental Health Officer** |
| **Discussion** | The 2017 CDC Water Fluoridation Quality Award was presented to Mr. Kevin Fisher from Henderson Water Authority and Mr. Corey Enus from the Southern Nevada Water Authority. |  |
| **Agenda Item** | **Introduction of New Appointee(s) to Serve on the Advisory Committee on the State Program for Oral Health.** | **Presenter: Chair Davenport** |
| **Discussion** | Dr Capurro presented a certificate of recognition and letter of reappointment for Ms. Mariano (not present) in recognition of her service to the committee and a reappointment to the committee for 2018-2020 term.  Dr. Brandi Dupont has stepped down from her position and her seat on the board is currently vacant. Dr. Capurro presented a certificate of appreciation that will be mailed to Dr. Dupont.  Dr. Capurro stated that there are several positions that will be expiring in June of 2019 and asked that interested parties provide their resume or CV to request reinstatement.  The committee discussed potential board members, that nine positions will lapse in June, and that a resume or cover letter will be needed to renew a board position.  Ms. Garvey made a motioned that the Oral Health Program email all members whose membership will expire in June with information to resubmit their CV’s if they would like to be reinstated and to add the review of board member resumes, CVs, or cover letters as an agenda item for the March 1, 2019 meeting agenda.The motion was seconded by Ms. Taylor**.** \* The motion passed unanimously. |  |
| **Agenda Item** | **Discussion of Nevada Oral Health Legislative Day for the Nevada Dental Association and Nevada Dental Hygienist’s Association** | **Presenters: Antonina C. Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA, State Dental Health Officer**  **Robert Talley, DDS, CAE**  **Nevada Dental Association, Executive Director**  **Syd McKenzie, RDH Nevada Dental Hygienists’ Association**  **Chair Davenport** |
| **Discussion** | Dr. Talley stated that the Nevada Dental Association Legislative day will take place on February 27th at 9am and will focus on oral health awareness, access to care, adopt a vet program.  Dr. Capurro provided an update on behalf of Ms. Syd McKenzie of the Nevada Dental Hygiene Association. A flyer on the Nevada’s Oral Health Matters Legislative Day was included in the meeting packet and was posted as an attachment to this AC4OH meeting. The Nevada’s Oral Health Matters Legislative Day is scheduled for March 22nd at 8am. The Nevada Oral Health Coalitions will meet in the Legislative building Room 3100 and the Nevada Dental Hygiene Association will be meeting in the front foyer of the Legislative building. Members were encouraged to contact Ms. Syd McKenzie for further details and information.  Dr. Capurro stated that the Oral Health Program will provide an annual report and Medical Miles for Rural Smiles flyer for inclusion in the legislative packets. |  |
| **Agenda Item** | **Discussion and Possible Advisory Committee Recommendations of Initiatives and BDRs for Nevada’s 80th Legislative Session to open February 4, 2019** | **Presenters: Antonina C. Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA, State Dental Health Officer**  **Robert Talley, DDS, CAE**  **Nevada Dental Association, Executive Director**  **John Packham, Ph.D Associate Dean for the Office of Statewide Initiatives, University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine**  **Chair Davenport** |
| **Discussion** | Dr. John Packham provided an update on BDR 54-514. This bill is being sponsored by Senator Hardy. The proposed bill will utilize the licensure renewal process to collect additional workforce information.  Ms. Garvey made a motion to discuss the draft bill language at the March agenda if the language is available. Ms. Taylor seconded the motion. \* The motion passed unanimously.  Dr. Talley stated that the Nevada Dental Association is working to get additional funding for the Adopt-a-Vet and other veterans programs. Nevada Dental Association is also supporting expansion of Medicaid dental benefits this session.  Dr. Capurro stated that a summary of the bill proposed by the Nevada Dental Hygiene Association and sponsored by Senator Ratti is included in the meeting packet. The BDR is number 661. The Nevada Dental Association and Nevada Dental Hygiene Association will be meeting to discuss possible compromises to the bill language. Dr. Talley stated that access to care is the underlying issue.  Dr. Capurro presented an overview of BDR -38-544 which is being sponsored by Assemblywoman Neal and proposes to expand Medicaid dental benefits for adults with diabetes. The proposed bill draft language was read and the clinical appropriateness of services provided was discussed. |  |
| **Agenda Item** | **Public Comment** | **Presenter: Chair Davenport** |
| **Discussion** | A lively discussion on the ambulatory surgical centers in Nevada, the impact of the rate realignment on 41899, and alternative payer mixes for surgical centers was discussed by committee members and public individuals present at the meeting. Ms. Tavcar presented a history of the rate realignment and provided specific dates on public workshops in 2016 that were held to gather feedback from the community. No dental providers were present at these DHCFP workshops. Dr. Capurro assured the committee that the Oral Health Program had been and continues to play an active role in the internal discussion and is searching for creative solutions to avoid a public health crisis. Ms. Garvey made a motion that during the March 1st AC4OH meeting Ms. Tavcar will provide a verbal report on the outcome of the February 5, 2019 public dental workshop to identify possible solutions. Ms. Taylor seconded the motion. \* The motion passed unanimously.  Ms. Garvey suggested that the chair lead the agenda planning and members who would like items added to future agendas route those suggestions through the OHP then onto the chair. Dr. Capurro stated that it is a challenge due to staffing restraints to change agenda items at the last minute. It was suggested by Ms. Taylor that there be standing agenda items which Dr. Capurro confirmed are always a part of the AC4OH meeting agendas. This led to a discussion about the confusion that this meeting was a special meeting to primarily discuss legislative items.  Ms. Garvey stated that it was a surprise that an Interim Public Health Dental Hygienist had been hired and hopes that OHP and DPBH Administration will improve communication with AC4OH. Ms. Garvey asked that this to be added to the March agenda, but the committee did not move forward to vote on this item.  A discussion took place regarding the timing of the departure of Ms. Judy White and the placement of the Interim Public Health Dental Hygienist. Members of the committee requested timelier reporting of program personnel changes. Dr. Capurro reassured the committee that to the best of her ability and as her position allows, she provides the committee with timely and relevant information.  Chair Davenport reviewed the quarterly meeting dates for 2019 which are the first Fridays of each month. March 1st, June 7th, September 6th, and December 6th. The meeting is normally scheduled to begin at 1pm and runs until 4pm. |  |
| **Agenda Item** | **Public Comment** | **Presenter: Chair Davenport** |
| **Discussion** | Ms. Garvey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Talley. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm. \* The motion passed unanimously.  Meeting is adjourned until the March 1, 2019 Advisory Committee on the State Program for Oral Health Meeting. |  |