

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE STATE PROGRAM FOR ORAL HEALTH (AC4OH)**

**MINUTES**

**December 2, 2016**

**1:00 P.M.**

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Christine Garvey  
Kelly Taylor, Chair  
Dr. Christina Demopoulos  
Mary Liveratti  
Cathie Davenport, Vice-Chair  
Dr. Tyree Davis  
Julie Stage-Rosenberg  
Dr. Robert Talley  
Dr. Judith Skelton  
Dr. Brandi Dupont  
Keith Clark

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

**DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF**

Cody Phinney, Administrator  
Julia Peek, Deputy Administrator  
Dr. John DiMuro, Chief Medical Officer  
Dr. Antonina Capurro, State Dental Health Officer  
Judy White, State Public Health Dental Hygienist  
Beth Handler, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Child, Family and Community Wellness (BCFCW)  
Cailey Hardy, Administrative Assistant, BCFCW  
Virginia Lee, Administrative Assistant, BCFCW  
Jean Broughton, Administrative Assistant, BCFCW

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Chuck Damon, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)  
Sydney McKenzie, Oral Health Nevada  
Wendy Madson, Healthy Communities Coalition  
Teri Chandler, Future Smiles  
Tina Drago, First Person Care Center  
Priscilla E. Howell, Director of Utility Services, City of Henderson  
Rick Giltner, Treatment Manager, Southern Nevada Water Systems  
Chris Mariano, Public

Chair Kelly Taylor called the Advisory Committee on the State Program for Oral Health (AC4OH) meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. Chair Taylor indicated the meeting was properly posted at the locations listed on the agenda in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law (OML).

**1. ROLL CALL**

Roll was taken and it was determined a quorum of the Advisory Committee on the State Program for Oral Health (AC4OH) was present.

**2. PRESENTATION ON THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DIVISION**

Cody Phinney informed the members the Division of Public and Behavioral Health is focused on completing the integration of various aspects of health on a population based health. There has been great success in behavioral health in Southern Nevada moving populations into Medicaid and Health Maintenance Organization (HMOs) and increasing the availability of choice for the consumers. These efforts are continuing and expanding across all of the sectors of health care and are the major efforts from the Division. With Medicaid's expansion over the last two (2) years an additional 200,000 Nevadans have health insurance and are moving into expansion of the Medicaid managed care programs for additional providers. Medicaid is also moving forward with their dental contract which will bring many more changes and gives this Advisory Committee a critical foundation in which to be engaged.

Ms. Phinney informed the members the work force development issue is also ongoing and intends to see more discussion in the upcoming legislation session. The work force development spreads across all aspects of health care including oral health, behavioral health, loan repayment programs and programs to simplify and modernize credentialing practices within the state to make it reasonable for providers to come work in the state. Ms. Phinney encouraged feedback from the Advisory Committee on these topics moving forward.

Christine Garvey asked the amount of Medicaid recipients and if the numbers are still growing. Chuck Damon stated there are close to 610,000 individuals in Nevada enrolled in Medicaid and the pace of the growth has slowed down. Ms. Garvey asked regarding work force development if the different boards are engaged or if a new law will be established in legislation. Ms. Phinney stated she is involved in boards for the mental health profession and is assisting at the state level to provide infrastructure ensuring the boards can function. Ms. Phinney stated anything the Division can do to support the Dental Board is shared with Dr. DiMuro as he is helping more on the dental health side. The Primary Care Office (PCO) will also be providing information and analysis to help Nevadans access dental health services. Ms. Phinney stated her main interest is to ensure Nevadans have access to appropriate health care and finding ways the Division can support the Boards in the current form, or the form established after the Legislative Session, to assure the Boards have the proper resources needed. Ms. Phinney thanked the Advisory Committee for their feedback.

**3. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2016 AC4OH MEETING**

Chair Kelly Taylor made two corrections. On page three (3) in the last paragraph to add “be” in the second sentence to state “Mr. Damon will be...” and to add “Dental” to state “School of Dental Medicine...”

**CHRISTINE GARVEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2016 AC4OH MEETING. DR. JUDY SKELTON SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. DISCUSS AND APPROVE 2017 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING DATES AND THE INTEREST IN HAVING GUEST SPEAKERS**

Cailey Hardy proposed 2017 meeting dates to the Advisory Committee for consideration: March 3, 2017, June 2, 2017, September 8, 2017 and December 1, 2017.

**CHRISTINE GARVEY MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED 2017 MEETING DATES FOR THE AC4OH. DR. CHRISTINA DEMOPOULOS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. PRESENTATION OF THE CENTERS OF DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) WATER SYSTEMS IN NEVADA QUALIFIED FOR THE 2015 WATER FLUORIDATION QUALITY AWARD**

Dr. Antonina Capurro stated water fluoridation is the single most effective public health measure to help protect against dental decay. Since 2000 fluoride has been added and maintained at optimal levels in the water supply in Southern Nevada. This spring Nevada was recognized for maintaining consistently optimal water fluoridation levels over 90% of the adjusted water systems in 2015. Dr. Capurro presented the City of Henderson and Southern Nevada Water System the 2015 Water Fluoridation Quality Awards.

**6. MEDICAID, DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING AND POLICY UPDATES**

Chuck Damon informed members the Dental Managed Care will be called the Dental Benefits Administrator (DBA), the Request for Proposal (RFP) number 3290 is available on the State’s Purchasing website. There have been two (2) amendments on RFP 3290 which have been published. Mr. Damon informed the members direction from the Department of Health and Human Services on the DBA is looking for a single contractor for both Urban Clark County and Urban Washoe County to absorb all the recipients in the Managed Care Organization (MCO). The Rural areas will still be in the Fee for Service (FFS) and orthodontia will also be under FFS. Mr. Damon informed the members there will be a public workshop on December 13, 2016 for a chapter revision. All posting material is available on the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy website under public announcements. The major part of the revision is the orthodontic section as well as other changes to strengthen policy language.

Dr. Damon informed the members Dr. Capurro and himself submitted an application for the State Oral Health Leadership Institute by the Centers for Health Care Strategy. The selection announcement date is December 15, 2016 and only five (5) states will be selected. If selected this would create a partnership between public health and Medicaid to look at innovative ideas and strategies to increase oral health knowledge and decrease oral health disease.

Mr. Damon informed the members during the last meeting it was requested to research the total amount of Nevada Medicaid dental providers through FFS and HMO. As of June 2016, there is a total 751 dentist with the following breakdown: FFS had 358 dental providers, Health Plan of Nevada (HPN) had 270 dental providers and Amerigroup had 123 dental providers. In the 2016 fiscal year approximately 288,000 children were seen and 60,000 adults were seen, it is unknown if these recipients were seen once or multiple times.

Mr. Damon informed the members how audits work for Nevada Medicaid. The Surveillance and Utilization Review Unit is a part of the auditing process, the Unit also contracts to outside entities for the completion of audits. The contracted auditors are paid on a base rate and a percentage to identify instances of fraud, waste, and abuse. If a provider has an issue with an audit review a link is available on the Medicaid website to file a complaint. Dr. Tyree Davis asked if a breakdown is available for claims made by each provider to examine if there are providers with few Medicaid recipients making it difficult to open up the panels to accept new providers. Mr. Damon stated he is still working on getting the information; however, with the new DBA it will allow the panels to be open to accept new Medicaid providers. The implementation date for the RFP is July 1, 2017.

Teri Chandler asked for a good strategy for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) to approach Medicaid in the same contract to ensure sealants are covered more than once in the same lifetime. Mr. Damon requested more information be sent to him as to what kind of frequency for sealant coverage is desired. Ms. Chandler asked Dr. Brandi Dupont to work with her to get Mr. Damon the information. Chair Kelly Taylor asked Dr. Dupont to report back at the next meeting.

Dr. Dupont expressed a concern to Mr. Damon regarding Medicaid's State and Federal audits. The expressed concern is if standards of care are not clearly defined there is a possibility of a disagreement between the Federal auditors and the providers on standard care which could cause the provider to be fined by the Federal government. Dr. Dupont expressed the state does not have a clear definition for standards of care and recommends addressing the issue by potentially developing or working through a coalition to improve definitions. Mr. Damon stated he would need to know the source being used for Federal audits and the source used for standards of care. Mr. Damon suggested looking into the American Dental Association (ADA) for the definition of standards of care. Mr. Damon stated he would need to know the references being used to know if Nevada is exceeding those or if Nevada needs to define them more clearly. Mr. Damon stated he would do further research regarding this topic. Dr. Capurro stated it is possible some of these issues were addressed in the Medicaid 1000 chapter when it was recently revised. Cody Phinney asked if the chapter was available to the Committee. Mr. Damon stated he would send out the draft Medicaid 1000 chapter. Ms. Phinney asked Mr. Damon to ensure all Federal audits conducted are in compliance with the Medicaid 1000 chapter. Mr. Damon stated Federal audits are done based upon each State's Medicaid chapters. The members suggested having the revised chapter submitted to the Dental Board to have the revised chapter distributed to all dental providers.

## **7. UPDATES FROM THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – ORAL HEALTH**

Judy White gave an update on the Head Start Survey. There are 36 Head Start Centers in Nevada and the total amount of students from all the centers combined is 2445. Forms are being developed and were created by examining past forms and other states who have done Head Start surveys. The consent form has been constructed with nationally standardized questions to compare answers with other states. The consent form allows the parent to consent to the screening, the application of fluoride varnish or neither. Once the forms are approved by the Division the forms will then have to be approved by Head Start, then forms can be translated and sent to the parents. The Shine Foundation has been contacted to see if any supplies can be donated for this project, unfortunately they are depleted in supplies. Dr. Capurro and Ms. White will be out screening in January 2017. The Association of State Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD) will be working to help provide technical assistance. Once screenings are done the ASTDD will help analyze the information and will write the report. The screenings are anticipated to be done in about three (3) months, and ASTDD will take about three (3) months to have the report finished. It is estimated to take about ten (10) to 12 months for the entire project to be completed from start to finish. Dr. Brandi Dupont asked if this project will impact coalitions who visit Head Starts Centers to apply fluoride varnishing and how to avoid a duplication of efforts. Ms. White stated she will work with Dr. Dupont. Julie Stage-Rosenberg stated it is her understanding the screening survey is just a screening and will not count for the mandated fluoride varnish. Ms. Stage-Rosenberg recommended reaching out to Oral Health America for supplies.

Ms. White informed the members the dental resource list is being worked on daily. Once complete the list will be included in the Head Start packets for parents to have for dental resources. The list will identify where treatment is available with updated contact and address information. Kelly Taylor requested once the dental resource list is available to have it distributed to the AC4OH members.

Dr. Antonina Capurro informed the members moving forward it is key to have the advice and support from the AC4OH. Dr. Capurro referenced the meeting packet materials which included project proposals for the application for the State Oral Health Leadership Institute and a fluoride varnish brochure created by the Division.

Dr. Capurro informed the members there are efforts to bring an oral health assessment for school entrance. Dr. Capurro stated in the meeting materials is a synopsis of procedures performed in other states along with the suggested protocol for Nevada. Dr. Capurro believes the Health Information Form will help provide an unprecedented indication of the systemic health for school aged children. The targeted requirement is to align with the current Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) for the hearing, vision and Body Mass Index (BMI) screenings to gather information from entry school, middle school and high school. Ms. Garvey asked if the two (2) primary school districts have been contacted to incorporate needs for input into Infinite Campus which is a statewide data entry system. Ms. Garvey recommended to make one form to be used by both entities and to reach out to collaborate with the two (2) school districts. Ms. Garvey expressed the concern of the dental portion not being mandated by state law could

create a potential school litigation. Dr. Capurro informed the members the meeting packet included a spreadsheet to examine the practices of other states mandating oral health assessments for school entrance and how these states enforce the oral health assessment. Dr. Capurro stated she is researching ways to have the assessment completed electronically similar to a system such as WebIZ. Beth Handler stated the Division of Public and Behavioral Health and Dr. Capurro will connect with the Department of Education and the school districts to address the concerns identified by the Advisory Committee. It was recommended to add a consent of care form for the parents to approve all school based care. Dr. Brandi Dupont asked if any professional training will be provided to physicians and nurses to complete the oral health assessment. Dr. Capurro stated she will look at available trainings for this to be an option. Judy White suggested looking into using the Basic Screening Survey (BSS) for professional trainings which would also provide all assessments to be unified. Dr. Capurro stated with the guidance from the Deputy Attorney General there are two (2) options available moving forward. The first is to draft a regulation which would require a public workshop to be held and submit the proposed regulation to the Board of Health. The other option is to create a statute to be passed through legislation. Dr. Capurro also suggested a subcommittee could be developed of dental and medical providers along with educators to help provide support. Ms. Garvey asked what NRS chapter the regulation would fall under. Ms. Handler stated NRS 439 is oral health related and this can be discussed further with the Department of Education and the school districts. The Division will report back to the AC4OH at a future meeting with further information on the specifics. The Advisory Committee requested to have this topic at the next meeting as an action item.

Beth Handler referred the members to the agency budget request submitted for consideration in the Governor's budget for oral health as requested from the members at the previous meeting. Ms. Handler stated she will provide clarification on the cost allocation and more detailed budget information for the Advisory Committee's next meeting.

Ms. Handler informed the members there is a training session from the Office of Attorney General to provide to members for training on Open Meeting Law Ethics and Social Media. More information of the training session will be sent to the members.

Dr. Robert Talley requested to find another solution for calling into the teleconference number to have conversations be understood more clearly. Dr. Talley expressed the difficulty of hearing Southern Nevada conversations over the teleconference line.

#### **8. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF NEW APPOINTEES TO SERVE ON THE AC4OH. THE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS REQUIRING AUTHORIZATION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FOR FINAL APPROVAL**

Chris Mariano gave a brief introduction informing the members she is a pediatric nurse practitioner and previously served on the AC4OH.

**CHRISTINE GARVEY MADE A MOTION TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TO APPOINT CHRIS MARIANO ON THE AC4OH. DR. JUDY SKELTON SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chair Kelly Taylor asked the status of Dr. Emily Whipple's term on the AC4OH. Beth Handler informed the members Deborah Aquino reached out to Dr. Whipple in regards to her term on the AC4OH and believes Dr. Whipple will be resigning due to her schedule. A resignation letter has not yet been received and is not finalized at this time. Chair Taylor suggested the members to search for suggestions for a new appointee to be recommended to the Division's Administrator after Dr. Whipple has officially resigned. Dr. Tyree Davis asked what field in oral health Dr. Whipple represented in consideration of making a recommendation for replacement. Julie Stage-Rosenberg expressed she is a pediatric dentist in Northern Nevada.

Chair Kelly Taylor requested to have the Division's website updated to reflect all the current members on the AC4OH. Dr. Christina Demopoulos requested a copy of the current members list be available at the next meeting.

## **9. COALITION REPORTS**

- Community Coalition for Oral Health (CCOH)

Cathie Davenport referenced the report available in the meeting packet and opened the floor for any questions regarding the report.

- Northern Nevada Dental Coalition for Underserved Populations (CUSP)

Sydney McKenzie spoke on the recent success for the Remote Area Medical (RAM) events in the North and South. Wendy Madson informed the members there were two (2) RAM events in 2016 both were in rural communities in Silver Springs and Pahrump. In the dental field 194 patients were seen. Ms. Madson thanked Julie Stage-Rosenberg and her husband, Dr. Rosenberg, who volunteered their time to help many patients with dental issues. Ms. Madson informed the members Washoe Health is looking into sponsoring the event next year. Ms. Madson made recognition to Future Smiles moving into Fernley and stated the progress in participation with Dayton schools. There is a dental day setup with the Dayton schools.

-Oral Health Nevada (OHN)

Christine Garvey informed the members Wendy Madson has joined OHN and was able to attend the Oral Health 2020 Convening. Ms. Garvey informed the members Dr. Rosenberg has also joined OHN which will bring the organization many benefits.

## **10. DISCUSSION REGARDING CLARIFICATION ON BILLING MEDICAID IF A NURSE PRACTITIONER OR PHYSICIAN CAN DELEGATE TO A MEDICAL ASSISTANT TO PERFORM AND BILL FOR FLUORIDE VARNISH AND WHETHER THERE IS A SPECIFIC PROTOCOL FOR A HOSPITAL OR PRIVATE SETTING VERSUS A PUBLIC HEALTH SCHOOL-BASED SETTING**

Beth Handler informed the members she spoke with Chuck Damon at Medicaid and there is no report to provide at this meeting. More research is being done on the protocol for a hospital or private setting versus a public health school-based setting. Chris Mariano stated nurses cannot

delegate to a medical assistant. Nurses can only delegate to other nurses. Physicians are allowed to delegate to a medical assistant. Chair Kelly Taylor stated due to the discussion with the Advisory Committee no more clarification is needed from the state.

**11. DISCUSS AND RECOMMEND AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Chair Kelly Taylor requested all agenda items be action items for all future meetings. It was requested to have agenda items for the following: the oral health assessment for school entrance, a Medicaid update, a more detailed agency budget submitted for oral health and the vacant position on the AC4OH with the members list included. Christina Demopoulos requested an update on any Bill Draft Requests (BDR) related to oral health. It was also requested to have an agenda item for Oral Health Day.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was heard.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:03 P.M.

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