

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

**MINUTES**

**December 4, 2015**

**1:00 p.m.**

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Dr. Emily Whipple

**DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF**

Deborah Aquino, Oral Health Program Manager, Bureau of Child, Family and Community Wellness (BCFCW)  
Cailey Hardy, Administrative Assistant, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH), BCFCW

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Kathy Stoner, Medicaid, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)  
Joshua Etchegoyhen, Medicaid, DHCFP  
Laima Etchegoyhen, Office of Statewide Initiatives  
Allison Hoover, Amerigroup  
Kelly Simonson, Health Plan of Nevada  
Michelle Walker, Health Plan of Nevada  
Sarah Foster, Health Plan of Nevada  
Ray Rosen, Health Plan of Nevada  
Brenda Ward, Health Plan of Nevada  
Sydney McKenzie, Oral Health Nevada  
Jeremy Lustig, City of Henderson  
Niki Farris, Public  
Lynn Bethel, Oral Health Nevada

Chair Christine Garvey called the Advisory Committee on the State Program for Oral Health (AC4OH) meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Ms. Garvey 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. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2015 AC4OH MEETING**

Julie Stage-Rosenberg corrected page five (5), paragraph three (3), to change the amount of “\$200,000” to \$20,000.

Dr. Tyree Davis corrected page four (4), the last paragraph, to replace one of the “Nevada Health Service Corps” to National.

**DR. TYREE DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH THE CORRECTIONS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2015 AC4OH MEETING. JULIE STAGE-ROSENBERG SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**CHAIR CHRISTINE GARVEY MOVED AGENDA ITEM EIGHT (8) BEFORE AGENDA ITEM THREE (3).**

**3. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF NEW APPOINTEES TO FILL TWO VACANCIES ON THE AC4OH. THE RECOMMENDED CANDIDATE WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FOR FINAL APPROVAL.**

Chair Christine Garvey informed members an application was submitted by Niki Farris who works at Opportunity Village in Las Vegas, NV. Chair Garvey opened the floor to Ms. Farris. Ms. Farris informed members Opportunity Village serves developmentally disabled people. This population Opportunity Village serves has a lack and need in dental health care. Serving on the AC4OH would be a great opportunity to help this specific population and individuals.

Chair Garvey thanked Ms. Farris and asked for discussion from the board members. Dr. Christina Demopoulos mentioned the opportunity to teach Ms. Farris of the referral program. Dr. Tyree Davis stated this population should have a voice at the table.

**CHAIR CHRISTINE GARVEY ENTERTAINED A MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF THE VACANCY ON AC4OH WITH THE APPLICANT NIKI FARRIS. DR. CHRISTINA DEMOPOULOS MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT MS. FARRIS FOR THE VACANT POSITION ON THE AC4OH. DR. TYREE DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. 2014 CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) – WATER FLUORIDATION AWARDS FOR NEVADA**

Chair Christine Garvey presented the 2013 and 2014 Water Fluoridation Quality Awards to Jeremy Lustig, City of Henderson. Southern Nevada Water System also received awards for the 2013 and 2014 Water Fluoridation Quality Award; unfortunately a representative was unable to attend and will receive the awards via mail.

Deborah Aquino clarified the awards for Southern Nevada are for the Alfred Merritt Smith Water Treatment Facility and the River Mountains Water Treatment Facility. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) rewards the water fluoridation quality, only 33 states had at least one public water system that received the award.

Deborah Aquino and Sydney Mackenzie thanked the City of Henderson, Mr. Lustig and the Southern Nevada Water System for their hard work to achieve these awards.

## **5. ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM AND/OR DIVISION UPDATES**

Deborah Aquino informed members the Work Force Grant application was released and is due in February 2016. There is also a funding opportunity for Federally Qualified Health Clinics to expand dental services, Lynn Bethel has offered her assistance to apply for the funding opportunity. Ms. Aquino thanked Dr. Christina Demopoulos for inclusion and the presentation at the Nevada Health Conference. Surveys were given at the Nevada Health Conference asking the importance of oral health.

Ray Rawfon asked if there were any restrictions for the two funding opportunities. Ms. Aquino informed the Work Force Grant is limited to the State and the other one is restricted to Federally Qualified Health Centers. Ms. Aquino stated it is her understanding health centers already qualified in the Federal qualified system can apply.

Ms. Aquino went over the recommendations submitted to the Administrator of Division of Public and Behavioral Health and the progress for each recommendation.

The Oral Health Program has initiated conversations with the Head Start State Collaboration Office to conduct the 2016-2017 Head Start Basic Screening Survey (BSS) which aligns with the Cavity Free Nevada initiative to provide baseline information and updates. Ms. Aquino informed members all states will be provided with Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring Survey (PRAMS) this survey asks moms questions for before, during and after their pregnancy. Some of the questions are related to oral health.

Efforts are being made to encourage the importance of integration of oral health and dental public health into primary medical care. Chair Christine Garvey asked if there has been a curriculum integrated and if the new Medical School in Las Vegas has collaborated with the School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Christina Demopoulos informed members the Medical School is located in the same building so there is a close collaboration relationship already established. Dr. Demopoulos suggested reaching out to have someone from the Medical School join the AC4OH. The School of Dental Medicine is also integrating with the School of Nursing. Chair Garvey asked if Northern Nevada has been working towards the same activities with the Medical School and the Hygiene facility. Julie Stage-Rosenberg informed members two (2) years ago it was not well received by the Medical School or the Nursing Program. It was stated the curriculum they currently have is too packed to add any additional curriculums. Ms. Stage-Rosenberg stated she can reach out again. Ms. Aquino suggested the online Smiles for Life curriculum.

Chair Garvey requested Ms. Aquino to create cliff notes for members with all deadlines for the upcoming legislation. Chair Garvey asked for updates regarding the two positions for the Dental Director and the State Public Health Hygienist. Ms. Aquino informed members the goal is to hire the positions by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Some topics for the positions are still uncertain at this point such as where the positions will be housed, and what location they should be placed. The current goal is to have the position descriptions and recruitment list by January. Mary Liveratti suggested to potentially have an AC4OH member join each interview panel. Chair Garvey thanked Ms. Aquino for the update. Sydney Mackenzie thanked Ms. Aquino for her efforts and hard work, especially the inclusion of all partners.

## **6. REVIEW REPORT FROM THE STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS WORKSHOP HELD ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2015**

Chair Christine Garvey opened up for discussion regarding the report. Co-Chair Kelly Taylor mentioned she attended the September 18, 2015 meeting. Co-Chair Taylor informed members a subcommittee was formed regarding anesthesia, there was also a discussion for hygienist responsibility. It was decided to discuss and revisit the topics. Deborah Aquino informed members the State of Nevada Board of Dental Examiners posted a notice of intent to act upon regulations Legislative Counsel Bureau File# R119-15 on January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016 at 10:00 AM to discuss the requirements of NRS 233 B.0603.

Dr. Tyree Davis suggested to possibly recruit a member from the State of Nevada Board of Dental Examiners to be a member on the AC4OH since Dr. Timothy Pinther is no longer available. Dr. Davis also suggested if that is not a possibility then to try and have a member from the Nevada Board of Dental Examiners regularly attend the AC4OH meetings. Ms. Aquino stated she will reach out to the executive director of the State of Nevada Board of Dental Examiners with this request.

## **7. COALITION REPORTS**

- **Oral Health Nevada**

Sydney Mackenzie informed members Oral Health Nevada is trying to increase their scope and membership, there is a free membership opportunity on [oralhealthnevada.com](http://oralhealthnevada.com). Becoming a member provides you a voice in oral health. Oral Health Nevada has been attending many different conferences and activities to help inform the public of Oral Health Nevada. Amazon Smile has accepted Oral Health Nevada as a non-profit entity. All purchases made on [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) with Oral Health Nevada as the entity will have 0.5% of their purchase donated to Oral Health Nevada at no additional cost to the consumer. Oral Health Nevada is reaching out and trying to follow the recommendations from the AC4OH. Chair Christine Garvey informed members Oral Health Nevada is pursuing funding sources via grant opportunities. This can provide the opportunity to work towards the Oral Health Summit.

- **Northern Nevada Dental Coalition for Underserved Population (CUSP)**

Sydney Mackenzie informed members she has reached out to Community Health Alliance and they have been open to suggestions and partnering. CUSP still wants to have a say and is

excited for there to be more outreach for Oral Health with coalitions in sync and spreading the same message.

- **Community Coalition for Oral Health (CCOH)**

Cathie Davenport informed members CCOH has collaborated with Oral Health Nevada and is beginning to develop a web page. CCOH is currently looking for funding opportunities and to spread the word about CCOH to have more members. CCOH is considering to potentially collaborate with non-profit organizations to be able to apply for grant opportunities with the combination of all stakeholder's efforts.

Chair Christine Garvey thanked the coalitions for their efforts and hard work.

## **8. MEDICAID, DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING AND POLICY (DHCFP) UPDATES**

Kathy Stoner informed members Marta Jensen is currently the Acting Administrator for DHCFP. Ms. Stoner stated there is an expansion for Telehealth services to be included for all provider types working within their scope of practice. Joshua Etchegoyhen informed members three (3) codes: 330, 350, 470 will be added to the orthodontia section to have the proper authority for billing, there will be a public hearing in January 2016. Another update added to the orthodontia section is for recipient responsibility. This section will give clear expectations and definitions to attend appointments, keep up on oral hygiene and other requirements when receiving orthodontia services. Ms. Stoner explained this is in a preliminary draft and has not been scheduled for a public workshop or hearing at this time. This also includes an initial payment system, which will provide half of the treatment plan payment, providers will not be able to receive the last final payment until all requirements are met and treatment is completed. This will require the provider and the patient be in compliance to receive services and payment. Dr. Tyree Davis asked if there are any other alternatives for payment options. Mr. Etchegoyhen informed members other payment plans were considered; however, each prior authorization request (PAR) and claim increases the processing cost. This payment plan will allow DHCFP to ensure all treatment is completed. The public workshop will allow input and dialogue with dentist, orthodontist and the public. This payment model was constructed from other state's payment structures for orthodontia. Ms. Stoner informed members it would be preferred to have a monthly payment model but this is very cost prohibitive to process each PAR and claim. Cathie Davenport asked the procedures for a patient who loses eligibility and has braces. Ms. Stoner explained this issue is the main reason payment was initially made full in front. If a recipient becomes ineligible for Medicaid after this policy is in effect the first half of the payment will be paid by Medicaid. The recipient would be responsible for the other half of the payment. Ms. Davenport suggested to have the child in mind, if a Medicaid recipient gets braces and half way through the treatment becomes ineligible for Medicaid, how will this affect the treatment. Mr. Etchegoyhen informed members Medicaid would have the braces removed under certain circumstances.

Ms. Stoner informed the members changes to the denture policy will not occur until after all orthodontia policy updates are completed.

Dr. Tyree Davis thanked Medicaid for their hard work and continual updates.

**9. SELECT 2016 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE STATE PROGRAM FOR ORAL HEALTH MEETING DATES**

CO-CHAIR KELLY TAYLOR ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO HAVE MARCH 4, 2016; JULY 15, 2016; SEPTEMBER 9, 2016; AND DECEMBER 2, 2016 FOR THE 2016 AC4OH MEETINGS. JULIE STAGE-ROSENBERG MADE A MOTION TO HAVE MARCH 4, 2016; JULY 15, 2016; SEPTEMBER 9, 2016; AND DECEMBER 2, 2016 FOR THE 2016 AC4OH MEETINGS. DR. CHRISTINA DEMOPOULOS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**10. SELECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Co-Chair Kelly Taylor suggested having Medicaid representatives come back to update on the Orthodontia outcome. Discussion and selection for 2017 legislation topics to be recommended to the Division. An agenda item could also be an opportunity for Opportunity Village to give an overview presentation and current needs. Sydney Mackenzie recommended having an agenda item to review a report from the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to examine any needs. Mary Liveratti also asked for a follow up on the Senior RX report. Julie Stage-Rosenberg suggested to have the job descriptions for the Dental Director and Hygienist Officer available for review.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:41 P.M.