

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

**MINUTES**

**June 12, 2015**

**1:00 p.m.**

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Christine Garvey, Chair (Carson City)  
Dr. Christina Demopoulos (Las Vegas)  
Dr. Robert Talley (Las Vegas)  
Dr. Tyree Davis, Vice-Chair (Las Vegas)  
Julie Stage-Rosenberg (Carson City)  
Kelly Taylor, Vice-Chair (Las Vegas)  
Mary Liveratti (Carson City)

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Louise Helton  
Dr. Timothy Pinther  
Keith Clark  
Steve Williams  
Dr. Emily Whipple

**DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Joshua Etchegoyhen, Medicaid, Division of Health Care Financing Policy  
Sydney McKenzie, Oral Health Nevada  
Cathie Davenport, Committee Coalition for Oral Health  
Dr. Cathy Trachok, Community Health Alliance  
Lisa Jones, Aging and Disability Services Division

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 for Oral Health (AC4OH) was present.

**2. VOTE ON MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 13, 2015 AC4OH MEETING**

Chair Christine Garvey corrected a spelling error in section four of Mary Liveratti's name.

**CHAIR CHRISTINE GARVEY ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 13, 2015 MINUTES WITH THE ONE CORRECTION. DR. ROBERT TALLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 13, 2015 MINUTES. DR. TYREE DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Joshua Etchegoyhen spoke under public comment: Mr. Etchegoyhen announced the historical data for the dental dashboard with the previous fiscal year is available online. The dental chapter has been through the manager review process and is going to public hearing on July 9, 2015. The revisions include changes for clarification; there are no revisions involving policy change. Chair Garvey questioned if this will include the input workshops regarding the payment for orthodontists. Mr. Etchegoyhen informed the members that topic is still going through the project plan process.

**3. UPDATE ON OUTCOME OF ADVISORY OPINION REQUEST, AGENDA ITEM 6.A FROM THE MAY 22, 2015 NEVADA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS MEETING, CONCERNING NAC 631.279 IN REGARDS TO SUPERVISION OF THE HYGIENE STUDENTS THROUGH COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS.**

John Hunt was unavailable to attend the meeting and unable to present on this agenda item.

**4. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF A NEW APPOINTEE TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE AC4OH. THE RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FOR FINAL APPROVAL.**

At this time there has not been an express of interest for a candidate to serve on the board. Chair Christine Garvey recommended reaching out to legislators to serve on the board.

**5. ORAL HEALTH UPDATES**

Deborah Aquino informed the members Senate Bill 501 passed, so the Division can utilize contracts to fill the positions of the State Dental Health Officer and State Public Health Dental Hygienist. The Oral Health budget was approved. Part of the budget includes some health care quality and compliance funding from Radiology commencing state fiscal year 2017. Dr. Christina Demopoulos asked if there are results for the Baby Birth Evaluation and Assessment of Risk Survey (BEARS) survey. Ms. Aquino informed members the survey is still being conducted and results will be reported once the survey is completed.

## **6. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR THE STRUCTURE AND CONTENT OF THE ANNUAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE LETTER TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

Chair Christine Garvey went over last year's recommendation letter for continuance of any recommendations to the current year's letter. Last year's recommendation was to locate adequate funding for the State Oral Health Program to support the functions per NRS of a State Dental Office and a State Public Health Dental Hygienist. The allocation for the two positions was successful and these positions will be filled by contractors, yet there is still a lack of funds. Dr. Christina Demopoulos recommended showing how the positions will benefit the oral health community as well as the State of Nevada if these positions become Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions within the State. Showing the benefits could provide more opportunities for funding. Chair Garvey encouraged continual research for a possibility to get partial funding from Medicaid to support the positions as well as the Oral Health Program reporting requirements. In the Department of Corrections there is an issue preventing lack of dental care provided to the inmates, especially in the rural areas. Working with the Division's Primary Care Office there is the possibility to look into the accreditations for National Health Service Corps. Chair Garvey asked if the budget allowed for Oral Health Program and the Advisory Committee. Deborah Aquino informed the members the support for the Oral Health Program and Advisory Committee come from the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant. There is a Memo of Understanding (MOU) between the programs to have the funds transferred. Dr. Christina Demopoulos recommended exploring the possibility of having the Nevada State Board of Dental Health assist with funding resources. The third recommendation from last year's letter is to identify funding sources to support dental health. This recommendation is requested to enhance the Medicaid dental benefits for adults. Ms. Aquino informed members she attended the National Medicaid-Medicare Dental Association meeting and discovered there is momentum from both programs looking to add broader services for adults. The recommendation was also requested to include licensed dental professionals as essential personnel within the Nevada School Based Health Centers accreditation standards. Chair Garvey suggested making a recommendation to work with the medical schools in the State of Nevada and find resources to conduct educational courses for prescreening to be completed by medical doctors, pediatricians, nurses, and certified nursing assistants. The members decided to leave the fourth recommendation in the current list of recommendations due to the lack of progress on the matter to open Medicaid dental provider panels for all dental public health providers/programs. Chair Garvey opened the discussion to the fifth recommendation from the previous year's letter. Chair Garvey recommended to still have this item in the recommendation letter to continue the support for funding for the Oral Health Program. Ms. Aquino informed the members the State did not receive the Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Quality Collaborative funding, due to 26 states in the nation applied and only seven were funded. Chair Garvey asked if any recommendations can be suggested to help the State of Nevada develop and obtain sufficient resources for data collection and grant writing to support the Oral Health Program. Ms. Aquino informed members this is an issue that needs to be addressed and there are components of this matter being worked on by other staff members. Ms. Aquino also informed members the state has not typically applied for grants under

\$100,000 due to administrative costs. Chair Garvey suggested adding to the recommendation to expand working with nonprofit organizations to apply for smaller grants for funding. Chair Garvey proposed to keep the sixth item from last year's recommendation letter and to modify the data collected and pursue funding if the data included specific pieces that would benefit the state. Chair Garvey suggested the seventh item on the previous recommendation letter be removed since the State Dental Officer and State Public Health Dental Hygienist would not be filled until state fiscal year 2017. Dr. Christina Demopoulos recommended to keep the item but place it at the bottom of the list. The eighth item from the previous year's recommendation letter was advised by Chair Garvey to continue to the current recommendation. Ms. Aquino noted to include nursing and hygienist programs. Chair Garvey suggested the ninth item be a continuing recommendation item on the next letter. Chair Garvey opened the agenda item for discussion for members to recommend any other items that should be included in recommendation letter to the DPBH's Administrator. Chair Garvey recommended examining NRS and NAC to align expectations with Higher Ed, Access to Safety and Public Care to help provide access to care for the public for preventive and treatment care. Dr. Demopoulos suggested to have a white paper provided to the legislature, comparing the cost of treatment and preventative care for children as well as adults. Chair Christine Garvey, Dr. Christina Demopoulos and Dr. Tyree Davis will compose the work group to create the letter of recommendation. Ms. Aquino mentioned to schedule an interim meeting for the group to get together to vote on the letter before the letter is submitted to the Administrator. Chair Christine Garvey recommended the interim meeting be held on July 17, 2015 from 12:00-1:00 PM via teleconference with public access available at a single location site.

#### **7. DISCUSS AND RECOMMEND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 11, 2015**

Chair Christine Garvey recommended to have representatives from the Medicaid Managed Care Organization present the process after recipients are enrolled and to have Welfare present the enrollment process. To have the continual updates from Medicaid, Aging and Disability, Sealant programs and Coalitions. Chair Garvey instructed to have the vacant position and term renewals added to the agenda.

#### **8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sydney Mackenzie thanked those for all the support on legislative day.

Deborah Aquino mentioned the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors are urging us to have a State Oral Health Coalition.

#### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.