

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

**MINUTES**

**September 11, 2015**

**1:00 p.m.**

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Christine Garvey, Chair  
Dr. Christina Demopoulos  
Julie Stage-Rosenberg  
Kelly Taylor, Vice-Chair  
Keith Clark  
Dr. Emily Whipple  
Dr. Brandi Dupont  
Mary Liveratti

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Dr. Robert Talley  
Dr. Tyree Davis  
Cathie Davenport

**DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF**

Cody Phinney, Administrator, Division of Public and Behavioral Health  
Beth Handler, Deputy Bureau Chief, Bureau of Child, Family and Community Wellness  
(BCFCW)  
Deborah Aquino, Oral Health Program Manager, BCFCW  
Cailey Hardy, Administrative Assistant, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH), BCFCW  
Scott Jones, Health Resource Analyst, Primary Care Office  
Vickie Ives, Wellness Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Lisa Jones, Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD)  
Michelle Khan, ADSD  
Teri Chandler, Future Smiles  
Lynn Bethel, Oral Health Nevada  
Kathy Stoner, Medicaid, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy

Chair Christine Garvey called the Advisory Committee on the State Program for Oral Health (AC4OH) meeting to order at 12:05 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 JUNE 12, 2015 AND JULY 17, 2015 AC4OH MEETINGS**

**DR. CHRISTINA DEMOPOULOS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 12, 2015 AND JULY 17, 2015 AC4OH MEETINGS. CO-CHAIR KELLY TAYLOR SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. INTRODUCTION FROM THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH'S NEW ADMINISTRATOR, INCLUDING RESPONSE ON THE AC4OH ANNUAL REPORT/LETTER OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Administrator Cody Phinney thanked AC4OH for inviting her to the meeting and allowing an opportunity to meet the members of AC4OH. Ms. Phinney gave a brief introduction of herself; her educational background is in public health and she has been with the Division of Public and Behavioral Health for sixteen (16) years. Chair Christine Garvey informed Ms. Phinney of the recent annual report/recommendation letter and would like to have future discussions regarding the report.

**4. SEALANT PROGRAM UPDATES**

Dr. Brandi Dupont gave the update for Community Health Alliance. Dr. Dupont referred to the report provided in the meeting packet and explained the statistics provided in the report. Dr. Dupont informed it is a priority to reach out to more schools. Chair Garvey asked if there was capacity to expand at this point. Dr. Dupont informed the members reaching out to twenty-five (25) schools will be the maximum capacity without additional resources.

Teri Chandler gave the update for Future Smiles. Ms. Chandler summarized all the information provided in the meeting packet and the statistical report. Around fifty percent (50%) of the population Future Smiles serves is on Medicaid, the program is mainly funded through grants. If the funding resources decreased then the outreach would decrease. Future Smiles has met with Nevada Health Centers to try and create a partnership to utilize their funding for reimbursements for Future Smiles to have sustainability so these services can continue and outreach to more schools. Chair Garvey asked Administrator Cody Phinney if she is aware of any sustainability pathways and how Medicaid is being accessed comparing utilization and enrollment statistics. Ms. Phinney informed members there has been leadership changes at Medicaid and this would be a great opportunity to see what efforts can be made to maximize care at the state's best ability.

Dr. Christina Demopoulos gave a summary of the report provided in the meeting packet for Seal Nevada South. Dr. Demopoulos informed members Seal Nevada South is grant funded however a local foundation has helped for back funding and continual efforts will be made to try and secure more funding. The goal is to reach seventeen to twenty (17-20) schools this year.

Allison Hulbert from Amerigroup informed members Amerigroup would be happy to share data regarding which dentists are taking Medicaid recipients. Chair Garvey stated any information and help could be used to give to parents to help provide dental care.

## **5. COALITION REPORTS**

Cathie Davenport was unavailable to present the Community Coalition for Oral Health report provided in the meeting packet.

Lynn Bethel presented on behalf of Northern Nevada Dental Coalition for Underserved Populations (CUSP). Ms. Bethel informed members some of the upcoming events CUSP will be helping support, one of the Remote Area Medical (RAM) dental event is looking for volunteer dentists.

Chair Christine Garvey presented the report for Oral Health Nevada. Chair Garvey informed members Oral Health Nevada was able to attend the Reno Rodeo Event and access children who were participating in the event and had multiple stations for oral health education. Oral Health Nevada plans to participate again next year due to the success. Oral Health Nevada also attended the Nevada Disabilities Conference and was accepted as a speaker, this conference enlightened a great need for oral health for patients and caregivers.

Deborah Aquino mentioned the events Oral Health Nevada participated in have represented the oral health community in Nevada very well.

## **6. ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM UPDATES**

Deborah Aquino informed members the water fluoridation quality awards were received for systems fluoridating water in Nevada. Ms. Aquino suggested either mailing out the certificates or hosting a brief presentational ceremony at the next AC4OH. Data has been received from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) regarding oral health with people who have diabetes or smoke. The data provided by the BRFSS provides an opportunity to compare state data with national data and partner with Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. Ms. Aquino acknowledged Dr. Christina Demopoulos hard work towards the Wellness YouTube Channel for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

Ms. Aquino informed members the Head Start State Collaboration Office requested Ms. Aquino to write goals for oral health for their application for the next five (5) years.

Ms. Aquino informed members the long range goal is by 2021, 90% of children entering kindergarten who participated in the Head Start Program will be free of dental disease,

have an identified dental home provider and visited the dentist within the last nine (9) months.

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

Kathy Stoner informed members DHCFP is in the very early stages of researching and reviewing before proposing any changes to criteria or payment structure for orthodontia and dentures. A date for a public workshop has not been selected at this time and DHCFP will provide sufficient notice for the workshop.

Chair Christine Garvey asked when is the end date for the current MCO's contract. Ms. Stoner responded the end date is June 30, 2017.

Ms. Stoner informed the members Marta Jensen is the new acting Administrator for the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy.

## **8. ORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE PRESENTATIONS (ALLOTTED 10 MINUTES EACH)**

- Scott Jones from the Primary Care Office (PCO) gave a presentation on Accessing Federal Resources through the PCO. Mr. Jones informed PCO is funded by federal Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA). PCO coordinates Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) and Medically Underserved Areas/Population (MUA/P) designations and provides technical assistance and collaboration to expand access to primary care through the National Health Service Corps (NHSC). Dental shortage designations are calculated by a score from zero through twenty-six (0-26). This is based upon population-to-provider ratio, percentage of individuals below 100% of the federal poverty level, the water fluoridation status, and the travel time or distance to nearest source of non-designated accessible care. Some challenges PCO faces with HPSA is provider surveys are labor intensive, minor change in rural or frontier areas can have significant consequences, and insufficient network from collection from Clark County.

Mr. Jones informed members the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) is a federal program which provides loan repayment for dentist and dental hygienists, and scholarships in return for serving at a NHSC site. Mr. Jones informed members PCO can partner to outreach for our programs to dentists and dental sites throughout the state.

- Keith Clark presented on Health Professional Scholarship and Loan Repayment Opportunities in Nevada. Mr. Clark explained the Nevada Health Service Corps and the National Health Service Corps are similar, they both require a two (2) year commitment to work in the designated shortage area. There are penalties if the dentist can't complete the two (2) years. The State Loan Repayment program requires to create and submit a grant. Mr. Clark informed members in last legislative session the state has allocated \$200,000 a year of match funds to bring providers into the underserved areas. Working as a team with PCO can attract providers to work in the dental health shortage areas. One of the largest dental shortage areas is in the Women's Correction Facility. Chair Chris Garvey asked if lack of dental supplies create a challenge for providers to commit to a location and job and if there are discussions to

get funding for supplies. Mr. Clark suggested the NHSC would provide the option through NHSC funding. A challenge faced is the Loan Repayment Program requires that their dental providers serve all patients regardless of their ability to pay. These dental providers get all the recommendations for patients with low coverage or no coverage in health insurance and patients who are incapable of paying. Chair Garvey suggested looking into funding streams to provide dental providers office space and proper supplies to be able to work in the underserved areas.

- Dr. Christina Demopoulos from University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) presented on the School of Dental Medicine for Oral Health Workforce. Dr. Demopoulos informed members on average 80 pre-doctoral dental students graduate every year. On average 28% of pre-doctoral dental students stay in Nevada. In the pediatric residency only 29% of graduates stay in Nevada. For orthodontic providers only 37.5% of graduates stay in Nevada. Dr. Demopoulos informed members the average cost for an individual to be ready to join the work force. For dental in-state tuition is \$350,609 and for out-of-state tuition is \$484,803. Pediatric residency standard tuition costs \$60,000 and for orthodontic tuition is \$121,000 plus \$15,000 in supplies and equipment. The average time it takes for pre-doctoral dental graduates to secure employment is six months. For pediatric residents it takes approximately 2-4 months after graduation and orthodontic residents find employment within a couple months. UNLV School of Dental Medicine has been involved in the Basic Screening Survey for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Head Start and seniors.
- Julie Stage-Rosenberg presented for the Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC). Ms. Stage-Rosenberg informed members the estimated cost for the dental hygiene program is approximately \$20,000 for the two (2) year program. A total of twenty four (24) students graduate every two (2) years. Hygienists usually are working part time due time and the pay range is usually \$38-\$50 an hour depending on the office and most hygienist are working for at least two dentists in different offices. TMCC is currently looking into offering a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene.
- Vickie Ives presented on behalf of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Section for Community Health Workers (CHW). Ms. Ives informed members a CHW is a frontline public health worker and a trusted member with a uniquely close understanding of the community they serve. CHWs bridge cultural mediation between communities and the health care system. They provide culturally appropriate and accessible health education and information. CHWs provide informal counseling and social support and assure people get the services they need. CHWs provide direct services and administer health screening tests and build individual and community capacity. The essential scope of work for a CHW is primary prevention for health care and behavioral health and control of chronic disease among underserved populations. In Nevada, there are approximately 160 CHWs employed throughout the state and the average wage in Nevada is \$22.90 an hour. Nevada offers college-based training courses and hybrid online-based training courses for CHW. CHWs have opportunities to promote oral health by participating in Remote Area Medical (RAM) events and other opportunities to use National Center for Farmworker Health

CHW publications like Healthy Smiles and Oral Health curriculum and can partner with Bright Futures and Home Visiting. Current activities of the CHW program is workforce development and certification standards. To develop curriculum and a CHW Association. Activities also include return on investment pilot in conjunction with Community Health Alliance and Medicaid reimbursement.

**9. 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.**

At this time there isn't an interest from any candidates to fill the two vacancies. Deborah Aquino and Chair Christine Garvey will continue to reach out.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 P.M.