

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE STATE  
PROGRAM FOR ORAL HEALTH MEETING

**Meeting Minutes**

September 11, 2020

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

Dr. Tina Brandon-Abbatangelo

Dr. David Cappelli

Ms. Terri Chandler

Ms. Mary Liveratti

Ms. Cara Kirby-Lutes

Dr. Bryce Putnam

Dr. Robert Talley

Ms. Kelly Taylor

**Board Members Not Present:**

Dr. Lisa Collier

Dr. Max Coppes

Ms. Cathie Davenport

Mr. Benjamin Prohaska

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

Dr. Gillian Barclay

Dr. Antonina Capurro, State Dental Health Officer, DPBH

Ms. Robyn Gonzalez, Policy Specialist DHCFP

Ms. Paula Pence, Policy Specialist DHCFP

**Public Participants:**

Dr. Amy Tongsiri, Nevada State Dental Officer, Liberty Dental Plan

Ms. Syd McKenzie, Secretary, Oral Health Nevada

Ms. Jessica Woods, President, Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association

Ms. Minette Galura-Boquiren, President-Elect, Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association

<b>1. Agenda Item</b>	<b>Call to Order Roll Call</b>	<b>Antonina Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA Nevada State Dental Health Officer, Division of Public and Behavioral Health</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>The State Advisory Committee for Oral Health (AC4OH) meeting was called to order by Dr. Capurro. A roll call was taken; quorum was not reached. Dr. Abbatangelo joined the meeting to complete quorum.</p> <p>Dr. Capurro requested we skip to #13—Recommendation for appointment of members.</p>	
<b>13. Agenda Item</b>	<b>Recommendation for Appointment of Members for Open Positions</b>	<b>Antonina Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA Nevada State Dental Health Officer, Division of Public and Behavioral Health</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Dr. Cappelli introduced himself and requested renewal to his term. Ms. Chandler made a motion to accept, Dr. Putnam second the motion. All in favor, any opposed- none, any abstentions- none. Motion passed.</p>	
<b>2. Agenda Item</b>	<b>Approval of July 24, 2020 minutes</b>	<b>Antonina Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA Nevada State Dental Health Officer, Division of Public and Behavioral Health</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Dr. Capurro asked for approval of July 24, 2020 meeting minutes. Dr. Putnam motioned to approve; Ms. Taylor second the motion. All those in favor, any opposed-none, any abstentions-0. Motion passed.</p> <p>Public comment: None</p>	
<b>3. Agenda Item</b>	<b>Update on the Oral Health Program Infrastructure</b>	<b>Antonina Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA Nevada State Dental Health Officer, Division of Public and Behavioral Health</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Dr. Capurro reviewed the following topics and associated attachments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oral health program - some attachment</li> <li>• Memo with updates on the OHP</li> <li>• Contract has been fully executed for this fiscal year</li> <li>• Dental Hygiene position is being filled</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Medicaid contractor is coming on board to help with 11/15 demonstration wavier which was authorized through AB223 being filled.</li> <li>• Part-time Administrative Assistant is being hired through Manpower.</li> <li>• Aug 20 interim Finance Committee to approve the funding plans for the OHP and proposed infrastructure for the programs which is actively being secured.</li> <li>• Outreach: RAM event and the infection control protocol and process. Working with a subcommittee with NDA to form a dental clinic in Tonopah.</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Chandler asked for an update after the event so that organizations such as Future Smiles can learn how to complete these types of outreach events amidst COVID-19.</p> <p>Public comment: None</p>	
<p><b>4. Agenda Item</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation on Nevada Medicaid Dental Benefits and Discussion of Workgroup Formation</b></p>	<p><b>Robyn Gonzalez Social Services Program Specialist I-Dental Division of Health Care Financing and Policy</b></p>
<p><b>Discussion</b></p>	<p>Ms. Gonzalez provided the following updates: Nevada Medicaid has heard the concerns from dental community and is moving forward with a request for proposals to carve-out dental from the MCOs. There are three scheduled public workshops to obtain feedback: Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup> to seek public input from pediatric dentists, Monday October 26<sup>th</sup> to seek input from all general dentists and Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup> to seek public input from specialties-OMS, prosthodontics, periodontics. But if you are unable to attend, you are welcome to attend another one or all of them. Submit public comments please email Ms. Gonzalez <a href="mailto:robyn.gonzalez@dhefp.nv.gov">robyn.gonzalez@dhefp.nv.gov</a> or the agency's main address <a href="mailto:dhefp@dhefp.nv.gov">dhefp@dhefp.nv.gov</a>. Agendas for public workshop will be published at the end of the month.</p> <p>Ms. Chandler asked if meetings will be virtual or in-person. Ms. Gonzalez stated all meetings will be held virtually via Web-ex; call into the meeting and chat function will also be available. Ms. Chandler asked if we will be able to submit written testimony. Ms. Gonzalez answered in the affirmative and advised to submit them to her or the division's main in-box.</p> <p>Update on Endodontics were tabled for the next meeting.</p> <p>Public comment: None</p>	
<p><b>5. Agenda Item</b></p>	<p><b>Liberty Dental Plan</b></p>	<p><b>Amy Tongsiri, DMD, Nevada Dental Officer Liberty Dental Plan</b></p>

<p><b>Discussion</b></p>	<p>Dr. Tongsiri provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liberty will be doing more tele-dentistry outreach programs and pilot programs with oral health screenings.</li> <li>• Partnering with Future Smiles on outreach events and finding other avenues for outreach. It has been a challenge and thanks Future Smiles. Notes that Washoe County has been more successful.</li> <li>• Working with Dr. Cappelli and UNLV on a sealant clinic program.</li> <li>• Medicaid and Liberty claim volume is back to normal. Different capacity limitation but more treatment per appointment. Liberty did a 5% increase in rate reimbursement for providers which end at the end of September to assist with changes in practice and PPE. The 6% reduction that was passed has not yet put into place; may occur in 2021.</li> </ul> <p>Public comment:  Ms. Kirby inquires if the UNLV sealant clinic will you need volunteers.  Dr. Cappelli responds that UNLV will open space in the pediatric clinic on M, T, W, Th and will not be recruiting volunteers for this effort. They will be utilizing students and clinical services.  Ms. Kirby states that CSN students rotate through and are available at their disposable.  Dr. Cappelli responded that it is a good opportunity and advises Ms. Kirby to email of when students are available.  Ms. Kirby comments that Anne Newman coordinates the student schedule and will follow-up.  Ms. Chandler comments to all alternative community places to serve children that CCSD asked that no events be scheduled from 8-3pm for distance learning. There may be a lower participation because of the school schedule.  Dr. Cappelli comments that it has been difficult to not be able to go into the schools and that hope they can provide preventive services.</p>	
<p><b>6. Agenda Item</b></p>	<p><b>Updates on Nevada Action Network and Advisory Opinion Requests to NSBDE</b></p>	<p><b>Antonina Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA Nevada State Dental Health Officer, Division of Public and Behavioral Health</b></p>

<p><b>Discussion</b></p>	<p>Dr. Capurro provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nevada Action Network is a coordinate effort through tele-dentistry to provide virtual dental exam, fluoride varnish, oral hygiene information. Fluoride varnish would be mailed to those that are eligible, based on an allergy questionnaire.</li> <li>• An advisory opinion has been requested from the dental board regarding the alternative delivery method [tele-dentistry] to provide preventative oral health services for those that were previously reach by school-based services.</li> <li>• Grateful to partner with Liberty as they have the capacity to provide care coordination following the dental examine.</li> <li>• The goal is to reach 150,000 kids throughout the state through this project and have through the end of the school year.</li> <li>• Focusing on Medicaid population since contact information is easily accessible.</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Tongsiri provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 200,000 members this year have not been to the dentist.</li> <li>• Believes that the screening part will be a successful outreach program.</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Chandler comments that Future Smiles has been working with Drs. Capurro and Tongsiri on this project. The program will be utilizing the AAPD Caries Risk Assessment, which will be scanned into the electric health record (EHR). This will identify children that are low, moderate, or high risk. In addition, the public health dental hygienist will ask 7 questions that Dr. Capurro would like data collected on.</p> <p>Ms. Chandler posed the question whether dental hygienist need the public health endorsement to be one of the screeners to provide the assessment and education or can they do it under their RDH license?</p> <p>Dr. Capurro responds that hygienist either need a public health endorsement or be working in a dental office under the supervision of a dentist to provide the assessment. She suggests clarifying with the dental board.</p> <p>Ms. Chandler suggests that Oral Health Program design a protocol for RDHs to be approved under to assist with the project to increase the number of providers.</p> <p>Ms. Taylor asks about the inclusion of dental therapists.</p> <p>Dr. Capurro states that she had included dental therapists but that the dental board requested her to remove it since there are not any regulation written on dental therapy and it will be added later once there is.</p> <p>Public comment: None</p>	
<p><b>7. Agenda Item</b></p>	<p><b>Oral Health Legislative Updates</b></p>	<p><b>Antonina Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA Nevada State Dental Health Officer, Division of Public and Behavioral Health</b></p>

<p><b>Discussion</b></p>	<p>Dr. Capurro provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oral health initiatives were accepted by the Legislative Committee on Health Care (LCHC) – teledentistry, emergency dental responders, and dental loss ratio.</li> <li>• Proposed BDR language is included in meeting packet. Tele-dentistry verbiage is more specific than other states, it is designed to allow dental practitioners to utilize tele-dentistry technology without having to wait for specific regulations to be written. A list of regulations that needs to be prescribed by the dental board are included; safety measures and patient-practitioner relationship standards are outlined.</li> <li>• Emergency dental responders section discusses training that dentist, dental hygienist, and dental therapists could complete in order to be eligible for a permit from the State Board of Health in order to assistance in any state of emergency or nation disaster. Included dental responder under that committee that already exists.</li> <li>• Dental loss ratio is currently in statute. This adds transparency and affords the insurance commissioner with guidance on types of reporting that can be requested by a dental insurance companies.</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Talley commented that this bill encompasses everything that the NDA has been talking about and he appreciates Dr. Capurro pushing things forward and think the bill language looks good as-is. Dr. Putnam comments that adding dental practitioners to emergency roles it has been vital due to the lack of providers in rural areas. Dr. Capurro comments that Dr. Putnam’s work in Elko county was part of the inspiration for forming a committee and plan on an emergency action plan.</p> <p>Dr. Putnam states that his involvement as the CDC Regional Director of the COVID-19 Corps provides that dental providers have the knowledge to administer these types of tests and could lead the way for vaccination administration in the future, especially for the pediatric population.</p> <p>Dr. Putnam makes a motion to write a letter of support for this BDR and submit for the 9/14/2020 meeting; Dr. Collier will write a letter on behalf of the AC4OH board to support this initiative. Ms. Chandler second the motion. Discussion took place regarding a template for the letter of support. All in favor, any opposed- none, any abstentions- none. Motion passed.</p> <p>Public comment: None</p>	
<p><b>8. Agenda Item</b></p>	<p><b>Update on Resolutions for the Nevada State Medical Association House of Delegates</b></p>	<p><b>Max Coppes, MD, PhD, MBA, FAAP UNLV School of Medicine Renown Children’s Hospital Renown Health, Professor Physician-in-Chief, VP</b></p>
<p><b>Discussion</b></p>	<p>Dr. Coppes not present – item tabled</p>	

	Public comment: None	
<b>9. Agenda Item</b>	<b>Coalition Update and Report from Oral Health Nevada</b>	<b>Syd McKenzie, RDH, BSDH Oral Health Nevada, Secretary</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Ms. McKenzie no present – item tabled  Public comment: None	
<b>10. Agenda Item</b>	<b>Organized Dentistry Update and Report from Nevada Dental Association</b>	<b>Robert Talley, DDS, CAE Executive Director Nevada Dental Association</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Dr. Talley provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NDA supports the three legislative items previously discussed by Dr. Capurro.</li> <li>• NDA is seeking an advisory opinion from the dental board on Botox. Dentist are confused by language in regulations and where they can apply dermal fillers and Botox. Dentist are being told by the staff of the dental board that they are only allowed to administer within the oral cavity but that believe the intent is in the head and neck regions.</li> <li>• NDA is in support of dentist to able to administer vaccinations with the proper training. They are hoping to get these regulations established through the Board for Health. Also, looking to collaborate with Roseman University which already has a program to train pharmacists.</li> <li>• NDA Executive Committee will have the discussion on the Nye County dental operators. Donation was discussed in the past. The Southern Nevada Dental Association has been supportive and brought this forward.</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Miller inquired if has NDA has written a letter of support for the proposed legislative changes that are going before the Legislative Committee on Health Care. Dr. Talley responds that they have not Dr. Miller comments that it may be beneficial to submit a letter of support for the next meeting, although it is short notices. Dr. Talley comments that the Executive Board does not have a meeting prior to the LCHC meeting so it may not be feasible. Dr. Capurro suggests that any who wishes to provide testimony do so during the during public comments section on Monday. Dr. Putnam inquired about the details of that meeting. Dr. Capurro states that it is in the meeting packet but that she can email out to the agenda everyone.</p> <p>Public comment: None</p>	

<p><b>11. Agenda Item</b></p>	<p><b>Organized Dentistry Update and Report from Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association</b></p>	<p><b>Jessica Woods, RDH, MPH President Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association</b></p> <p><b>Minette Galura-Boquiren RDH, BS President-Elect, Nevada Dental Hygienists Association</b></p>
<p><b>Discussion</b></p>	<p>Ms. Woods provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NDHA is working with the dental board for alternative examination formants for students since licensing exams have been canceled due to COVID-19.</li> <li>• NDHA is working with dental board on the implementation of SB366.</li> <li>• Starting to collaborate with other oral health stakeholders regarding legislative initiatives for 2021.</li> <li>• NDHA is hosting its House of Delegates on October 17<sup>th</sup> and will transition officers; Ms. Galura-Boquiren will transition into the role of president.</li> </ul> <p>Public comment: None</p>	
<p><b>12. Agenda Item</b></p>	<p><b>Review and Discussion of Annual AC4OH Report</b></p>	<p><b>Antonina Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA Nevada State Dental Health Officer, Division of Public and Behavioral Health</b></p>
<p><b>Discussion</b></p>	<p>Ms. Chandler asks if the committee should wait to provide letter until after the advisory opinions are provided by the dental board. Dr. Capurro states that current report that is being drafted only includes activities up until July 2020. Dr. Putnam comments that if the committee cannot meet, the letter will be submitted before the end of the calendar year. But with all of the progress activities, we should wait to add to this letter from the legislative committee meeting and NSBDE board advisory opinions.</p> <p>Dr. Putnam makes a motion AC4OH yearly report will be submitted at the December meeting. Ms. Chandler second the motion. Discussion- none. All in favor, any opposed- none, any abstentions- none. Motion passed.</p> <p>Public comment: None</p>	<p><b>Antonina Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA Nevada State Dental Health Officer, Division of Public and Behavioral Health</b></p>
<p><b>14. Agenda Item</b></p>	<p><b>Recommendation for Appointment of Vice Chair to Serve on the Advisory Committee on the State Program for Oral Health</b></p>	<p><b>Antonina Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA Nevada State Dental Health Officer, Division of Public and Behavioral Health</b></p>



<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Dr. Capurro requests volunteers for Vice Chair position.  Ms. Chandler requests Dr. Putnam would you share the position with her  Dr. Putnam does not believe he could give it the time and dedication needed.  Ms. Chandler states that she would be willing to vice chair position with Dr. Collier.</p> <p>Dr. Putnam makes a motion; Ms. Taylor second the motion.  Discussion- none. All in favor, any opposed- none, any abstentions- none. Motion passed.</p> <p>Public comment: None</p>	
<b>15. Agenda Item</b>	<b>Review of 2020 AC4OH Meeting Dates</b>	<b>Antonina Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA Nevada State Dental Health Officer, Division of Public and Behavioral Health</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	December 4, 2020 is the agreed upon date for the last AC4OH meeting of the year	
<b>16. Agenda Item</b>	<b>Recommendations for Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>Antonina Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA Nevada State Dental Health Officer, Division of Public and Behavioral Health</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Dr. Cappelli and Ms. Kirby would like to identify a new date(s) to reschedule Dr. Ricks to come out. There should be a new Surgeon General’s report on oral health in Spring 2021 and this would be a good opportunity.  Dr. Capurro states that she will add it to the December agenda for discussion and voting.  Ms. Chandler commented that discussion should also take place around the various academic schedules.  Ms. Kirby requests that it not be in May due to graduations taking place.  Dr. Cappelli suggests that further discussion happen at the next meeting in December; possibly in March. he will have a preliminary conversation with Dr. Ricks to bring some dates to the meeting in December.  Ms. Chandler inquired about meeting space at UNLV or CSN.  Dr. Cappelli states it should be possible at UNLV.  Ms. Kirby states that if CSN students are involved, then a room can be requested.</p> <p>Public comment: None</p>	
<b>17. Agenda Item</b>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p> <p><i>Public Comment will be taken during this agenda item.  No action may be taken on a matter raised under this</i></p>	

	<i>item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. The Chair may elect to allow public comment on a specific agenda item when that item is being considered.</i>	
<b>Discussion</b>	Public comment: None	
<b>15. Agenda Item</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Antonina Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA Nevada State Dental Health Officer, Division of Public and Behavioral Health</b>
	Dr. Putnam motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.	