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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE STATE  
PROGRAM FOR ORAL HEALTH MEETING  
**Meeting Minutes – DRAFT**  
April 22, 2022

**Webinar:** <https://tinyurl.com/AC4OHApril2022>

**Call in:** (775) 321-6111  
**Conference ID:** 623 701 862#

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

Dr. Lisa Collier  
Dr. David Cappelli  
Ms. Terri Chandler  
Dr. Bryce Putnam  
Dr. Jose Cucalon Calderon

**Board Members Not Present:**

Dr. Tina Brandon-Abbatangelo

**Department of Health and Human Services Staff:**

Dr. Antonina Capurro, D.M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A, Deputy Administrator DHCFP  
Ms. Robyn Gonzalez, Policy Specialist DHCFP  
Ms. Jannette Gomez, RDH, BSDH, Nevada State Public Health Dental Hygienist, DPBH  
Tanya Benitez-Social Services Program Specialist 2 DHCFP

**Public Participants:**

Lindsay Littlefield, President, Liberty Dental Plan  
Dr. Afshin Arian, DMD, Nevada Dental Director, Liberty Dental Plan  
Cyndy Gustafson, MA, CEO, Strategic Progress  
Nichelle Venable, RDH, BSDH, President Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association  
Jessica Woods, RDH, MPH  
Lynn Short, RDH, MPH  
Whitney Bryant, DDS  
Lori Curfman, Liberty Dental Plan

1. Agenda Item	Call to Order Roll Call	Lisa Collier, DDS Chief Dental Officer, Community Health Alliance Interim Chair
Discussion	Dr. Collier called the State Advisory Committee for Oral Health (AC4OH) meeting to order 9:14am.	
2. Public Comment	No public comment	
3. Agenda Item	Approval of June 4, 2021 minutes	Interim Chair Collier
Discussion	June 4, 2021 minutes-table agenda item number 3 for next meeting, committee did not receive copy of minutes. Dr. Collier asked for roll call. Roll call taken and quorum reached. Ms. Chandler motioned to approve; Dr. Putnam second the motion. All those in favor-all, any opposed-none, any abstentions-0. Motion passed.  Public comment: None	
4. Agenda Item	Update on Oral Health Program, State Plan Development Project <b>For Possible Action</b>	Jannette Gomez, Nevada Public Health Dental Hygienist
Discussion	Jannette Gomez gave update on the Nevada Oral Health Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently, I am the only staff for the program, and I was hired as a contractor for 20 hours/ week. A full-time dental director is supposed to be hired although I do not know the details about when this will happen. My priority has been recruiting AC4OH committee members to fill the open positions, as you can see we have some great candidates.</li> <li>• Another focus of mine has been on developing partnerships within the state programs and becoming visible within the state. I have had meetings with Maternal Child Health, Chronic Disease, and the Healthy Aging Committee about collaborating with the OHP to promote oral health in these areas.</li> <li>• I attended the Governor’s Healthcare Summit this past week to promote the OHP and network with healthcare providers. I attended the NOHC where I was able to collaborate with other dental public health professionals to get new innovative ideas to bring back to Nevada.</li> <li>• I took a trip to Las Vegas to inventory the OHP materials. I am planning on leaving those materials to be used for outreach in southern Nevada.</li> <li>• We applied for the HRSA grant to support oral health workforce activities in January and will hear if we receive the grant by fall, 2022.</li> <li>• When I was in Las Vegas I toured the Southwest Career Technical</li> </ul>	Jannette Gomez, Nevada Public Health Dental Hygienist

	<p>College where they have a dental assisting program for high school students. I was very impressed with the layout, the equipment and the staff. If we receive the HRSA grant we would like to model this type of dental assisting pipeline project in rural Nevada high schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some upcoming projects that I would like to inform you about are the Oral Health State Plan for Nevada. This will be a 10-year state plan that is facilitated and written by Cyndy from Strategic Progress.</li> <li>• My other focus is data. Our last 3rd grade Basic Screening Survey is from 2008-2009. I would like to update this data and then maintain a surveillance system. Right now, I am ordering all of the supplies we will need for this BSS and I hope to implement it in Spring 2023.</li> <li>• Other upcoming events include the Special Olympics Health Fair on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Allegiant Stadium from 4-8.</li> <li>• The Office of New Americans has contacted the OHP regarding refugees in NV who are having difficulty accessing dental care. Many of these refugees have never seen a dentist and they present with a long list of dental treatment. The OHP would like to reach out to partner with the dental and dental hygiene schools and the dental and dental hygiene associations to put together an event such as a pop-up clinic or an Adopt a Refugee Program. If anyone has any ideas, please contact me.</li> <li>• CCOH ( Community Coalition for Oral Health) is rebuilding and having their first meeting this year on April 29 from 11-12:30 at the Liberty Dental Insurance Office in Las Vegas. They are looking to elect a President and Secretary and new members.</li> </ul>	
<p>5. Agenda Item</p>	<p>Introduce the Process for Development and Facilitation of the Goals, Objectives, and Strategies for the Nevada Oral Health State Plan 2022 <b>Informational</b></p>	<p>Cyndy Gustafson, MA, CEO, Strategic Progress</p>
<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Strategic Progress does research, public policy, data analytics. Last oral health state plan for Nevada was in 2004. We are in the process of drafting plan now. We are reviewing other state models that we like. The draft lays out the burden or oral health in Nevada, special populations, pregnant women, people with disabilities, and seniors. It will set the landscape with data, lay out overall goals by drafting objectives and strategies from old plan, ASTDD best practices, federal plans around oral health, and pulling objectives from previous AC4OH Meetings. We will be calling for interviews individually with members for the AC4OH. The goals should actionable. A draft of the full state plan will be sent out before the next AC4OH meeting.</p>	

6. Agenda Item	Discussion and Possible Action to Issue AC4OH Advisory Letter on Endodontic Services for Child Medicaid Recipients <b>For Possible Action</b>	Terri Chandler, RDH Founder/Executive Director, Future Smiles
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Terri Chandler: Developed white paper one year ago. Continues to be issue for accesses to endodontic services. Fee for service Medicaid, only provider contracted is UNLV. Northern Nevada must travel for care. The white paper brings attention to situation, and alternative solutions.</li> <li>• Ms, Robyn Gonzalez- extremely short on endodontist providers in northern Nevada. If we do have fee for service recipient in north that needs treatment, Medicaid would have to provide non-emergency transportation and guardian to see Dr. Lemon at UNLV dental school. Medicaid has not enrolled any more endos since we last had this conversation. Shortage issue continues.</li> <li>• Lindsay Littlefield- we have recruited endodontists in the north. Work closely with Dr. Lemon to support his efforts and appreciate the opportunity to speak on issue. We are looking at programs like project ECHO- hub and spoke model with university. How can we leverage UNLV to help service rural areas and how to have general dentists to take on endo patients? Liberty has strategies they have been exploring.</li> <li>• Dr. Jose Cucalon-Calderon- all Medicaid having trouble finding endo? Who is having this problem?</li> <li>• Dr. Lisa Collier- Medicaid limited to under 21 for endo, discussing children mostly, adults can still get RCT but not covered by Medicaid, issue is access to children. Most general dentists do not do molar root canals. Large issue, many children have teeth extracted that would be teeth we could save and keep for decades</li> <li>• Dr. Jose Cucalon-Calderon- board member of American Academy of Pediatrics- issue not discussed board meetings, get traction by discussing and awareness so we can collaborate</li> <li>• Ms. Robyn Gonzalez- Medicaid tried on two occasions to contact endo in Northern Nevada (asking every office what the issues with enrolling are) Majority of providers state reimbursement fees too low, business name do not want to be listed as a Medicaid provider. No interest. Hung up on. Outreach has been tried, but unsuccessful.</li> <li>• Bring white to State Board of Health- Dr. Capurro can provide support</li> <li>• *Future agenda item: Bring AC4OH white paper to state board of Health</li> <li>• Collier- would like to send letter to appropriate people. As a committee we need to vote to gain approval to move forward as white paper.</li> <li>• Make a motion to approve: Dr. Cappelli motioned to approve, Dr. Putman second the motion All those in favor-all, any opposed-none any abstentions-0. Motion passed</li> </ul> <p>Public comment: None</p>	
7. Agenda Item	Presentation on Nevada Medicaid Dental Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) HRSA Grant</li> <li>b) Primary Care Office</li> </ul>	Robyn Gonzalez, Social Service Specialist I, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy &

	<p>c) Senate Bill 379 (2021), relating to the collection of certain data concerning providers of health care</p> <p>d) Dental RFP</p> <p><b>Informational</b></p>	Antonina Capurro, D.M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., Deputy Administration, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
	<p>a) HRSA Grant- HRSA 22-050 submitted end of January to address oral health workforce in HPSA shortage areas, hope to hear back in September, CMS Grant- connecting kids to coverage submitted end of March. Home and Community Based ARPA funding- available in July, recently heard back, included funds for waiver expanded dental benefits for adult with intellectual and developmental disabilities, CMS approved, working with OHP to stand up program.</p> <p>b) Primary Care Office- Next legislative session, movement of PCO to Nevada Medicaid, office, and the office of Oral Health innovation within Medicaid, BDR and budget request for movement of OHP in next legislative session to collocate OHP and dental director</p> <p>c) Passed last legislative session in 2021, annual information collection of licensed professionals including dentist.</p> <p>d) 1115 demonstration waiver approved in 2019 leg session- expand adult dental benefits to those with diabetes, initial draft has been submitted to CMS, long process</p> <p>e) Governor’s healthcare summit, focused on workforce development. Policies that have come about due to Covid-19 pandemic to consider moving forward, evaluate flexibilities.</p>	Antonina Capurro, D.M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., Deputy Administration, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
8. Agenda Item	<p>Update of Key Projects and Partnerships Implemented in 2021 and 2022 to Support Oral Health in Northern and Southern Nevada</p> <p><b>Informational</b></p> <p>Lindsay Littlefield introduced Dr. Arian, Nevada Dental Director. New dental director at Liberty. Updates: Over course of year and half have seen Medicaid increase at state level, 100,000-member increase during public health emergency. Continuing to recruit providers to meet needs of enrollment. Feedback from providers includes staffing issues, helping address challenges to make care more accessible. Liberty has been working with school-based programs and supporting dental delivery system to respond to needs.</p>	Lindsay Littlefield, President, Liberty Dental Plan & Afshin Arian, DMD Nevada Dental Director, Liberty Dental Plan
9. Agenda Item	<p><del>Organized Dentistry Update and Report from the Nevada Dental Association</del></p> <p><b>Informational</b></p> <p>Michelle not able to join</p>	<del>Michelle Reeder, Executive Director Nevada Dental Association</del>
10. Agenda Item	<p>Organized Dentistry Update and Report from the Nevada Dental Hygienists’ Association</p> <p><b>Informational</b></p> <p>Legislative update: partnering with Liberty planning outreach program on east side of Las Vegas June or July to provide Fluoride</p>	Nichelle Venable, RDH, BSDH President, Nevada Dental Hygienists’ Association

	application, oral cancer screening, help community sign up for state insurance. Legislative Committee working on proactive development of dental therapy language and staying updated on changes. Bipartisan oral health bill vetoed, submitted letters on why bill was vetoed, future for new language. The Coalition of Modernizing Dental Licensure is working on a push for dental licensure to be more affordable from state to state.	
11. Agenda Item	Appointment of Members for Open Positions <b>For Possible Action</b>	Interim Chair Collier & Jannette Gomez, Nevada Public Health Dental Hygienist
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Collier presented the following individual Curriculum Vitae for recommendation for appointment of AC4OH members for open positions for the term 7/1/22-6/30/24 term.</li> <li>• Dr. Collier asked for approval of Jessica Woods, RDH, MPH for the 7/1/22-6/30/24 AC4OH Committee term. Terri Chandler motioned to approve; Dr. Putman second the motion. All those in favor-all, any opposed-none, any abstentions-0. Motion passed.</li> <li>• Dr. Collier asked for approval of Lynn Short to the 7/1/22-6/30/24 AC4OH Committee term. Dr. Lisa Collier motioned to approve; Dr. Cappelli second the motion. All those in favor-all, any opposed-none, any abstentions-0. Motion passed.</li> <li>• Dr. Collier asked for approval of Dr. Whitney Bryant to the AC4OH Committee for the 7/1/22-6/30/24 term. Terri Chandler motioned to approve; Dr. Collier second the motion. All those in favor-all, any opposed-none, any abstentions-0. Motion passed.</li> <li>• Dr. Collier asked for approval of Dr. McCarthy, to the AC4OH Committee to the 7/1/22-6/30/24 term. Dr. Collier motioned to approve; Terri Chandler second the motion. All those in favor-all, any opposed-none, any abstension-1. Motion passed.</li> <li>• Dr. Collier asked for approval of Dr. Van Orden to the AC4OH Committee to the 7/1/22-6/30/24 term. Dr. Putman motioned to approve; Dr. Cappelli second the motion. All those in favor-all, any opposed-none, any abstentions-0. Motion passed.</li> </ul> <p>Public comment: None</p>	
12. Agenda Item	Recommendation for Appointment of Vice Chair to Serve on the Advisory Committee On the State Plan for Oral Health <b>For Possible Action</b>	Interim Chair Collier
Discussion	<p>Current members not interested, table the appointment of vice-chair to August 19, 2022, AC4OH meeting.</p> <p>Public comment: None</p>	
13. Agenda Item.	AC4OH Future Meeting Dates for 2022 <b>for Possible Action</b>	Lisa Collier, DDS Chief Dental Officer, Community Health Alliance Interim Chair

Discussion	Future AC4OH meeting dates: May 20, 2022 At 9am August 19, 2022 at 9am November 18, 2022 at 9am	
14. Agenda Item	Recommendation for Future Agenda <b>for Possible Action</b>  Collier: next meeting focus on strategic plan, new members, standing agenda item specialty shortages	
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next AC4OH meeting on May 20, 2022 will focus on the state oral health strategic plan state plan</li> <li>• Future meetings: new members</li> <li>• Standing agenda item will be state dental specialty shortages</li> <li>• AC4OH Endodontic Letter Dissemination to State Board of Health</li> <li>• List of flexibilities due to the Covid-19 State of Emergency</li> </ul>	
15. Agenda Item.	Public Comment  <i>Public Comment will be taken during agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this 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>  No public comment	Lisa Collier, DDS Chief Dental Officer, Community Health Alliance Interim Chair
16. Agenda Item.	Dr. Collier asked for adjournment. Dr. Cappelli made a motion to adjourn at 11:05am. Dr. Putman second the motion. All in favor any opposed- none, any abstentions-0. Motion passed.  Public comment: None	