
**Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Advisory Committee on the State Program for Oral Health (AC4OH)
SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Friday, May 20, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

Meeting Locations

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M.

1.) Call to Order and Roll call – Chair Lisa Collier DDS

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Whitney Bryant DMD, MBA

Ms. Terri Chandler RDH

Dr. Lisa Collier DMD, Chief Dental Office Community Health Alliance

Dr. Catherine McCarthy MD, FAAFP

Dr. Bryce Putman DMD Nevada Health Centers

Ms. Lynn Short RDH, MPH

Dr. Tara Van Orden, Commander, DMD, MPH

Ms. Jessica Woods RDH, MPH

Excused:

Dr. Tina Brandon Abbatangelo DMD

Dr. David Cappelli DMD, PhD

Dr. Jose Cucalon Calderon MD, FAAP

Department of Health and Human Services Staff:

Tanya Benitez- Social Services Program Specialist 2 DHCFP

Ms. Jannette Gomez, RDH, BSDH, Nevada State Public Health Dental Hygienist, DPBH

Public Participants:

Breanna Taylor RN, MSN, School Nurse Coordinator, Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment, Nevada Department of Education

Jeannette Belz

Ben Prohaska PA

Cyndy Gustafson, MA, CEO, Strategic Progress

2.) PUBLIC COMMENT

Public testimony under this agenda item may be presented in-person, by computer, phone or written comment. Due to time considerations, each individual offering public comment will be limited to not more than three minutes.

There was no public comment.

- 3.) Review and possible approval of meeting minutes from June 4, 2021 - **Action Item**
THERE WAS A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2021 BY DR. BRYCE PUTMAN. THERE WAS A SECOND TO THE MOTION BY DR. TARA VANORDEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 4.) Strategic Plan Workshop for the Nevada Oral Health State Plan 2022-2032. Discussion about objectives and strategies to develop the framework for the state oral health plan that will be published by June 30, 2022. **Informational – Cyndy Gustafson, MA, CEO, Strategic Progress and Jannette Gomez, Nevada State Public Health Dental Hygienist, DPBH.**

Cyndy described the layout of the state plan and suggested a separate operations plan to be developed over the next year to go along with the state plan since the state plan is so robust. She explained that at this point the objectives are not measurable due to a lack of funding. The goal of today's meeting is where to go next. We have interviewed each member of the committee and now is the chance to talk as a group.

Dr. Tara Van Orden states the objectives and strategies were well done and is happy to hear about a separate operations plan.

Cyndy said that based on feedback, everyone brought something different. Pregnant women, seniors, special needs populations, with different focuses. Is there enough here on the return on investment for oral health. Do we make the case here?

Terri Chandler responded we need to put the case for return on investment for sealant programs. Jannette is working with the state to retrieve hospital data, what is the dollar value? In order to make policy pay attention we need to prove the case of economics.

Cyndy commented we are in great shape, but we have the next four weeks to gather more data.

Dr. Putman states that the state plan resembles a needs assessment, he would like to know where we have been, what have we accomplished through the OHP leading up to this.

Lynn Short commended its ok to document no change. Cyndy followed by saying it is appropriate to say Nevada does not designate public health funding to the oral health as some states do.

Dr Putman said within this document, state where we were, where we are now and reset moving forward as we progress.

Cyndy asked if Covid-19 fits in the plan. Lynn replied to touch on the pandemic but that it is not what caused the lack of support for the oral health program for the last 17 years prior.

Cyndy commented to incorporate that Oral Health IS Health into the title of the state plan and a how to use section to help readers navigate the document. Paula, Cyndy's co-worker is finishing up edits on her end. They will take this plan and put it into a creative template. Add in the introduction language, what it is meant to do, what it is not meant to do, with graphic cover and photos throughout. Goal is to get the final draft within next two weeks to committee members. Once approved by the committee, meet with Jannette's supervisor. Endorsements on front cover on the state projects. Suggest to Jannette that we may want to work with committee on getting state plan endorsed and a letter from the governor or Lisa Sherych supporting plan.

- 5.) Discussion and possible action to recommend appointment of members for open positions to the administrator, per NRS 439.2792 **Action Item – Interim Chair Collier and Jannette Gomez, Nevada State Public Health Dental Hygienist RDH, BSDH, DPBH.**

Interim Chair Collier introduced Breanna Taylor RN, MSN, School Nurse Coordinator, Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment, Nevada Department of Education as an applicant to fill an open AC4OH seat. Interim Chair Collier asked the committee if they had any questions for Ms. Taylor.

Jessica Woods asked can you tell us about your interest in being on the committee?

Breanna Taylor responded, Jannette and I have spoken about the importance of oral health and how school nurses play a pivotal role in healthcare. It is a great opportunity to collaborate, and I am excited to be part of this committee.

Dr. McCarthy stated I have worked with Breanna with immunize Nevada and it was a great experience

THERE WAS A MOTION TO APPOINT BRANNA TAYLOR TO THE 7/1/22-6/30/24 COMMITTEE TERM BY DR. BRYCE PUTMAN.THERE WAS A SECOND TO THE MOTION BY TERRI CHANDLER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 6.) Recommendation for appointment of vice chair to serve on the Advisory Committee on the State Plan for Oral health. **For Possible Action- Interim Chair Collier**

Interim Chair Collier asked if any AC4OH members were interested in holding the vice chair position.

Dr. Whitney Bryant stated that she is willing to hold the position of vice chair.

THERE WAS A MOTION TO APPOINT DR. WHITNEY BRYANT TO VICE CHAIR BY DR. VAN ORDEN. THERE WAS A SECOND TO THE MOTION BY DR. PUTMAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.) PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for a later meeting. Public testimony under this agenda item may be presented in person, online, by phone or written comment. Due to time considerations, each individual offering public comment will be limited to not more than three minutes.

Jeannette K Belz- lobbyist, explained there are nuances about northern Nevada fluoridation efforts that should be explained at a future AC4OH meeting.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 10:14am.

THERE WAS A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING BY DR. PUTMAN THERE WAS A SECOND TO THE MOTION BY LYNN SHORT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.