



**Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Advisory Committee on the State Program for Oral Health
MINUTES**

DATE: Friday, August 18, 2023

TIME: 9a.m.

Meeting Locations

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The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM.

1.) Call to Order and Roll call – Chair Dr. Lisa Collier, Jannette Gomez

Members Present:

Dr. Lisa Collier, DDS, Council Chair
Dr. Tina Brandon Abbatangelo DMD
Ms. Terri Chandler RDH
Dr. Bryce Putnam, DMD
Ms. Lynn Short RDH, MPH
Dr. Jose Cucalon Calderon MD, FAAP
Dr. Tara Van Orden, Commander, DMD, MPH
Ms. Jessica Woods RDH, MPH
Ms. Breanna Taylor RN, MSN
Mr. Ben Prohaska
Ms. Jennifer Bradley

Members Excused:

Dr. Whitney Bryant
Dr. Catherine McCarthy

2.) PUBLIC COMMENT

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No public comment.

3.) Review and possible approval of meeting minutes from June 16, 2023 - **Action Item**

THERE WAS A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2023, BY DR. TINA BRANDON ABBATANGELO. THERE WAS A SECOND TO THE MOTION BY MS. JENNIFER BRADLEY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.) Update of Oral Health Program. **Informational – Jannette Gomez, Nevada Public Health Dental Hygienist, Division of Public and Behavioral Health**

The Nevada Oral Health Program has completed the Evaluation Plan and Implementation plan for the Nevada Oral Health State Plan 2022-2032. These will be shared at each AC4OH quarterly meeting. The Implementation Plan will be updated each year and shared with the AC4OH for input on activities and timelines. The implementation plan will be addressed at the beginning of each fiscal year for the following year's activities. The plan will be evaluated at the end of the fiscal year and shared with the AC4OH committee. The 3rd grade Basic Screening Survey will be complete by the end of the year with UNLV partnership.

5.) Nevada Medicaid Dental Benefits and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA funding). **Informational – Dr. Benson**

Services for ID/DD Medicaid dental benefits, funded by ARPA will continue. 1115 Waiver, still awaiting CMS approval, hoping for early fall. Tribal Health Clinics have been added to Waiver. There will be a final list of Tribal Health Clinics that will want to participate. Medicaid rate increase for PT 22 and PT 20 providers, 5% increase, will be implemented January 1, 2024. Legislation SB 44- passed, puts State Public Health Dental hygienist and the Dental Director under the director's office, change in licensure and ability to work outside of positions. AB 147- Bill authorizes teledentistry and vaccination by dentists and dental hygienists, will be implemented January 1 after getting regulations from state dental board. SB 385- includes addition of fillings and crowns for adult dental benefits, left our preventative and periodontal piece which will pose challenges for providers, bill is in progress. SB 310 expands functions of dental assistant and dental hygienist, January 1, 2024 for implementation with regulations needing to be developed by Nevada State Dental Board of Examiners.

6.) Update on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for school based oral health programs. **Informational- Ms. Lynn Short**

Applications were due June 30th. Working with 8 entities for subrecipient agreements. Applications are currently in review process. Start date projected for September 1, current grant period through June 30, 2024. Another RFA will be released in September for additional funding.

7.) Organized dentistry update from the Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association. **Informational – Fei Yu**

NDHA Update: July 31, 2023. NDHA 2023 Annual Session Preparation Meeting. This year's schedule: House of Delegate 8 am -12 pm. Lunch with Vendors 11 am -1 pm. Continuing education courses 1 pm-5 pm. Continue Education Courses: 1. Sue Scherer, RDH, BS Treating Patients During Pregnancy. 2. Dr. Herb Moskowitz Oral Rinse: What's Safe? What's Effective. Dr. Cucalon's CE on August 26th. NDHA will have a lot of work in front of them on the implementation of these bills that passed this year. Our main concerns moving forward should include submitting a request to the dental board for a workshop regarding the newly passed dental bills so they will not delay implementation, and schedule a meeting to work on licensure compact language for 2025 and having NDHA as a primary driver, not a sideline member of discussions.

8.) Introduction of Nevada Dental Association's new Executive Director. **Informational – Jodi Metzgar**

9.) Improving the delivery of preventative services for children aged 2-20 and coordination of transportation services for eligible Nevada Medicaid program enrollees. **Informational – Dr. Arian**

Delivery of preventive services for children. Community events to outreach parents and guardians to educate them on oral hygiene instructions and scheduling appointments. School based programs relationship. The goal is to identify the highest volume of non-utilizers. Proprietary value-based program BRUSH. This program encourages providers to increase utilization, providers are incentivized and rewarded when improvement is seen.

10.) Presentation of general anesthesia cases in Las Vegas, experiences, and challenges. **Informational- Sun Valley Surgery Center**

Business director at Sun Valley- Gina Hernandez. Serve kids and special needs patients. Facing a lot of challenges. State cut funds by 50%, no longer lucrative to see children. We ended up seeing all the kids waiting for surgery. We would rather go bankrupt, than not see these kids. Demand was huge. We work 12-14 hours a day, even Saturdays. The fixed rate at \$965 is barely cutting it with all expenses. We are facing a new issue, anesthesia shortage. Anesthesia is not reimbursing appropriate amounts. All supply costs have gone up 20-30%, and labor has gone up after COVID. We were the only surgery center open during COVID. We would like to know, who can we advocate with? Who can we contact to raise rates? There is also a critical anesthesia shortage in Nevada. Sun Valley used to supplement and pay stipend, since rates have been cut, they can no longer do that. There has to be something we can do with DHCFP. Utah and Minnesota have increased rates. Other states are doing it. Dr. Weichers states the rate that is acceptable is what Medicare says is acceptable. Medicare has raised rates, but Medicaid is not ready to raise rates. Dr. Putnam suggested that the AC4OH submit a letter of support and Terri Chandler suggested that this subject continue to be a line item on the AC4OH agenda.

THERE WAS A MOTION TO DEVELOP A LETTER BY THE AC4OH TO SUPPORT SUN VALLEY SURGERY CENTER, BY DR. BRYCE PUTNAM. THERE WAS A SECOND TO THE MOTION BY MS. TERRI CHANDLER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.) Legislative updates- Informational- Dr. Benson, Jannette Gomez

Addressed by Dr. Benson in agenda item #6.

12.) Discussion of actions needed to fund Nevada Oral Health Program. Informational

The Oral Health Program needs to find sustainable funding. Address at each AC4OH meeting.

13.) Discussion of recommendations for future agenda. Action Item.

Future agenda items to include implementation and evaluation plan updates, work group updates including SDF and ID/DD workgroups, approval of letters for SDF and Sun Valley Surgery Center, Sun Valley Surgery Center Update.

THERE WAS A MOTION TO HAVE ADDITIONAL MEETINGS TO DISCUSS TWO LETTERS, BY MS. JESSICA WOODS. THERE WAS A SECOND TO THE MOTION BY MS. TERRI CHANDLER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14.) PUBLIC COMMENT

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No public comment

15.) Adjournment Dr. Lisa Collier – Chair

THERE WAS A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:26am, BY DR. TARA VAN ORDEN. THERE WAS A SECOND TO THE MOTION BY DR. PUTNAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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