

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

MINUTES

DATE: Friday, November 17, 2023

TIME: 9a.m.

Meeting Locations

- This is a virtual meeting and there is no physical location to attend.
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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

Members Present:

Dr. Lisa Collier, DDS, Council Chair

Ms. Terri Chandler RDH

Dr. Catherine McCarthy MD, FAAFP

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

Members Excused:

Dr. Whitney Bryant

Dr. Tina Brandon Abbatangelo DMD

Mr. Ben Prohaska, PA-C

Ms. Jennifer Bradley

Ms. Breanna Taylor RN, MSN

Ms. Lynn Short RDH, MPH

2.) PUBLIC COMMENT

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No public comment.

3.) Review and possible approval of meeting minutes from August 18, 2023 - Action Item

THERE WAS A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2023, BY DR. TARA VAN ORDEN. THERE WAS A SECOND TO THE MOTION BY DR. BRYCE PUTNAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Dr. Wong spoke for the Every Smile Matters Nevada Continuing Education event on treating individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the dental office. held at Truckee Meadows Community College. The next event will be at Roseman University in Las Vegas on March 2nd, 2024, we encourage you to join if you live in the Las Vegas area. For the 3rd grade basic screening survey, we have 4 schools left to schedule so will go into January with screenings, they should be complete by early February. For the HRSA workforce grant, the Nevada Dental Foundation has opened their doors. The grand opening was held on November 3rd and they are looking for volunteer dentists and dental hygienists, travel and per diem will be included for volunteers. We are also finalizing contracts for the dental assisting pipeline program for high school students in Elko, Nevada to have an opportunity to learn the basics of dental assisting and develop an interest for the dental field to increase dental workforce in rural communities.

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

I'll start with our ID waiver program. From January 1st to September 30th, we have served 633 recipients through 938 claims including 219 comp exams, 301 fillings, 178 prophys and 203 quads of SRP. I'm trying to add some more procedure codes as well to this program and any feedback would be appreciated. I'm also going to be adding some dental management codes as well to try to help dentists with the extra time and counseling and accommodations that many of these folks require. We have had couple questions come to our office regarding our Liberty contracted members as there was an introduction of some pre authorizations on pediatric codes. These include prefabricated crowns, pulpomies and nitrous for recipients over 12 years old, and I just wanted to let everybody know that we're monitoring the situation and seeing what impacts the pre authorizations have on utilization and access. We've already met with Liberty

and they have assured us that emergency or emergent care with a narrative will be approved if a pre authorization is not possible. One of my asks for the new budget coming up in 2025, of course, will be trying to build up the codes for ASC's and hospitals and as well as dental, anesthesia and medical anesthesia codes in relation to dental cases in the operating rooms. The other thing I would like to look at is prevention. As part of that solution, as I want to keep these little kids out of those high cost higher risk areas of treatment and without getting the cavities that require that, so I think we have to look at giving the treatment as well as the upstream causes that are driving all these kids into the operating rooms.

Dr. Arian- regarding the preauthorization requirements for Nevada Medicaid. I just wanted to say that we are closely monitoring the situation and if anything is causing any delay in treatment or access to care, we will address it. So, we're just waiting for the result for the three first months. It seems we started this initiative, so once we look at those datas, then you know we'll definitely make a decision and keep the keep you informed.

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

Ms. Gomez provided the update for Lynn Short.

The Department of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) was awarded \$2.6 million in ARPA funding for the purpose of increasing the number of the state's children and youth with dental sealants through the expansion of existing school-based sealant programs as well as the institution of new school-based sealant programs, with particular attention paid to rural communities, dental health professional shortages areas (DHPSA), and Title I schools. The first round of applications was due June 30th and as a result, eight sub-recipients were awarded funding totaling \$842,289. The contracts for the sub-recipient programs, which are focused on providing services to elementary, middle, and high school students, began September 1, 2023, and ends June 30, 2024. A second Request for Applications with the continued focus of increasing the number of school-age children and youth receiving dental sealants via school-based programs was released on Thursday, September 7, 2023. As a result, \$464,000 was awarded to five sub-recipients. This funding also ends June 30, 2024. To date, 12 of the 16 Nevada Counties were identified to be served by school-based sealant programs in school year (SY) 2023-2024, and include: Churchill, Elko, Humboldt, Nye, Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln, Pershing, Douglas, Eureka, Lyon, and Washoe.

The Medicaid Dental Program is requesting an extension of funds to continue to support school-based sealant programs in SY2024-2025. Currently, technical assistance and guidance is being offered to the sub-recipients. Collaborations are being promoted and fostered within the sub-recipient pool to support the preventive dental services and needed referrals for dental treatment. The Dental Medicaid Program is preparing an online FAQ and Resources page, which will include the latest evidence to support the delivery of dental sealants in a school setting as well as address potential challenges experienced by any school-based program. A webinar is also

planned for mid-December to review these resources and respond to questions from the sub-recipients.

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

Not present, no update given.

8.) Organized dentistry update from the Nevada Dental Association. **Informational – Jodi Metzgar.**

Not present, no update given.

9.) HealthIE Nevada information exchange and educational webinars for cultural competency. **Informational – Dr. Arian**

HealthIE Nevada- only certified nonprofit health information exchange that has been operating in Nevada for 20 years. It serves more than 1,700 providers and provides a secure network of electronic connections among physicians, hospitals and laboratories and other healthcare organizations. Liberty joined in 2022. Facilitate access to dental, for medical/dental integration. One area where we have penetrated the most is improvement with case management efforts. We have been able to save valuable time in delivering urgent care in cases where it would have taken much longer to reach out to different medical or dental providers for necessary medical information. Another topic is the educational webinars for cultural competency we have started a partnership with High Sierra Area Health Education Center (AHEC) to present a series of webinars that will provide knowledge and insight to cultural competency, There are a total of five sessions with different topics such as identity and intersectionality, race and ethnicity, immigrants and refugees, gender bias, gender identity and sexuality and discrimination and microaggression. These webinars started on October 30th and three of the five sessions have already been completed for the last two sessions on topic of gender bias and discrimination, the webinar presentation is taking place on November 27 and December four 4th from 12 noon to 1:00 PM If anybody is interested in joining, please send a message to me or Lori so we can send you the link.

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

Dr. Weichers- Thank you to Dr. Benson. Since our last meeting with you guys, thank you for listening to us. We did have a meeting with Theresa Carsten and Keith Benson, that ended up being very helpful. Our best chance of getting help is addressing as access to care issue. They went back and worked out an interim solution with a temporary rate increase before the new budget was made. We did draft letter to the state, we hope that letter can be sent before new budget so that permanent solution can be.

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

No new updates at this time.

12.) Review and approval of AC4OH letter to the NSBDE regarding the 2019 Silver Diamine Fluoride Advisory Opinion regarding public health endorsed dental hygienist applying silver diamine fluoride, approval from Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners, and trainings. Action Item.

THERE WAS A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AC4OH LETTER TO THE NSBDE, BY MS. JESSICA WOODS. THERE WAS A SECOND TO THE MOTION BY MS. TERRI CHANDLER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13.) Discussion regarding AC4OH letter to support for Sun Valley Surgery and approval of letter of support. Action Item

Discussion regarding a letter to support Sun Valley Surgery Center- the letter will be drafted after discussion with Dr. Rosenberg and a scheduled AC4OH workgroup to draft the letter. The letter will be prepared for the next AC4OH meeting in February so that the committee can vote on approval.

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

AC4OH Meeting dates for 2024: February, 16th May 17th, August 16th and November 15th.
Workgroup to draft letter of support for Sun Valley Surgery Center.

15.) PUBLIC COMMENT

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Dr. Cucalon Calderon- barriers to access to children with complex needs- I have had a lot of my kids not being able to get dental care. Right now, every single complex children getting placed and checked, 6 month in wait for these patients.

Dr. Benson- May have some options for Dr. Cucalon Calderon and will email him details.

16.) Adjournment Dr. Lisa Collier – Chair



THERE WAS A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:05AM, BY DR. BRYCE PUTNAM.THERE WAS A SECOND TO THE MOTION BY MS. TERRI CHANDLER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

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