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

**Draft Minutes**

**DATE: Friday, February 16, 2023**

**TIME: 9a.m.**

**Meeting Locations**

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The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM.

**1.) Call to Order and Roll call – Vice Council Chair Dr. Whitney Bryant order 9:05**

**Members Present:**

Dr. Whitney Bryant DDS, MBA, Vice Council Chair  
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  
Ms. Jennifer Bradley

**Members Excused:**

Dr. Lisa Collier, DDS, Council Chair  
Dr. Tina Brandon Abbatangelo DMD  
Dr. Catherine McCarthy MD, FAAFP  
Mr. Ben Prohaska

**2.) PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Terri Chandler- Nevada Medicaid requesting public comment 1332 waivers. I encourage all of you to bring comments, to allow our voices as providers to be heard. We have until March 16<sup>th</sup>.

3.) Review and possible approval of meeting minutes from November 17, 2023 - **Action Item**

THERE WAS A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2023, BY DR. BRYANT. THERE WAS A SECOND TO THE MOTION BY DR. VAN ORDEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.) Hospital Dentistry in Northern Nevada Presentation- **Dr. Mark Rosenberg, MA, DDS, MPH, FAGD, Captain, DC, USPHS retired.**

Dr. Rosenberg provided a presentation on hospital dentistry in Northern Nevada. Discussion followed. The presentation is posted on the AC4OH Meeting Information page.

Dr. Weichers, Sun Valley Surgical Center- even though G code is adopted by CMS it is not adopted by Nevada, that is a struggle. The State did give us a moderate temporary increase, above what we were getting paid in 1999, but it is only for 1 year. It will phase out after 1 year if the state legislature does not pick up after a year. The problem is it is hard to get anesthesia coverage. Our facility only does 80% of cases. We have donated our incomes last 4 or 5 years because we are not getting paid. We are hoping the state will adopt G code and the facility can get higher reimbursement. If they do adopt G code, it will incentivize anesthesia to come here. We have been told by the State that they can't do anything without legislation which won't happen until 2025. A letter from AC4OH would help.

Dr. Rosenberg and Dr. Weichers will provide a list of points for the AC4OH to draft a letter of support. Dr. Putnam will draft a letter of support with the information for the next AC4OH meeting.

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

Jannette provided updates for the ID Waiver program for Dr. Benson. 788 recipients, 1,302 claims and 199 rendering providers. Dr. Benson is working on adding procedure codes to the ID Waiver. Jannette provided an update for the Nevada Oral Health program. Shannan Canfield is the management analyst hired through the HRSA 22-050 grant and will provide fiscal and programmatic support for the grant. We are working with TMCC dental hygiene school to implement a dental assisting pipeline program in Elko high schools. On March 2<sup>nd</sup> we are hosting a CE event at Roseman University by Dr. Wong, "The Joy of Treating Patients with Special Needs", if you are in the area, we encourage you to register. Data entry for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Basic Screening Survey is complete and we will have a final report by the end of March. The Nevada Oral Health program successfully submitted the HRSA 23-039 Improving Oral Health Integration Projects in January and will hear if we receive the grant in June.

- 6.) Nevada Medicaid Dental Benefits and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA funding).  
**Informational – Dr. Benson, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy.**

Jannete provided update above.

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

Awarded \$2.7 million in ARPA funds in order to expand school-based sealant programs.

The first semi-annual reports documented the programs' production through December 31<sup>st</sup> -

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

The dental associations has been very busy working on writing regulations for the bills that were passed last year. They include SB310, AB 147, modernization of dentistry, SB393 medical loss ratio. We are also looking into the compact. Next year 2025 is our legislative session and the areas of interest include workforce shortages, dental program enrollment and insurance billing issues. We had our House of Delegates meeting in January and our next one is coming up in June.

- 9.) Organized dentistry update from the Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association. **Informational – Christy Davis**

We are waiting to hear about the activation of the Advanced Therapy RDH. The state is working on a Dentist & RDH license compact to allow professionals to provide services in other states within an agreement. The Northern, Southern Components and the State Association have

created a phenomenal program this 2023-24 session with a vast array of Continuing Education courses, meet ups and events. The first Oral Cancer Walk will be held April 28, 2024. In Henderson @ Cornerstone Park. We are also hosting a Poker & Paint event in Reno/Sparks in Might as well as a Hats & Bow ties Derby Event that will include a silent auction. This is in addition to the Sat webinar series. The Nevada Dental Hygienist Association works closely with other dental professionals and is actively seeking to reconnect. We have been in talks to partner with Colgate for an event for children.

**10.) LIBERTY Dental update. Informational – Dr. Arian**

Presentation on population health management program. This program was established in 2023 with the goal of improving oral health outcomes for our members. The program mainly focuses on preventive measures, health, education, access to care services and addressing social determinants of health, such as housing, education and other social and economic factors rely on strong partnership with healthcare providers, community organizations and other stakeholders to implement intervention. It includes initiatives that would promote better health outcomes across all population regardless of their race and ethnicity.

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

Update from agenda item 4. Sun Valley spoke with DHCFP and got a relief of payment for 1 year.

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

Dr. Putnam- the AC4OH has enough information now to write a letter of support for the statewide issue of dental anesthesia reimbursement rates. Dr. Putnam will lead the effort for the AC4OH. The letter will be ready for the next AC4OH meeting.

There was a concern about the timeline of the letter being complete. Julie Knight provided clarification that the final governor's recommended budget is not made public until he gives the state of the state address prior to the beginning of the next legislative session. The AC4OH is right in line with being able to get a letter drafted and have it approved appropriately at the next meeting and still be in time for it to be considered during budget build.

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

The Nevada Oral Health Program has been notified that funding from the State will discontinue June 2025. This funding provides .50 FTE salary for the public health dental hygienist, funding for educational resources and supplies, as well as some funding for data collection such as the Basic Screening Survey that needs to be complete every 5 years.

AC4OH recommendations included collaborating with the Nevada Dental Association that holds a lobby day to have communication with legislators on the importance of the oral health program. Collaboration with coalitions that value and understand the importance of oral health and that have a voice. The dental society can be vocal about their expectation of an office of oral health and oral health being represented at the state level. The more voices that are heard, the more importance of it, it won't come from sitting here, it needs to come from the outside and that is what these organizations can do.

The AC4OH will format a template for a letter regarding the oral health program and budget to provide to partners so that they can write letters of support. Terri Chandler and Jannette Gomez will draft the letter with assistance from Ronricco Mangapit, Dr. Van Orden and Lynn Short.

THERE WAS A MOTION TO FORM A WORKGROUP FOR THE FUNDING OF THE NEVADA ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM LETTER BY DR. BRYANT. THERE WAS A SECOND TO THE MOTION BY MS. TERRI CHANDLER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

None.

**15.) PUBLIC COMMENT** 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 online, by phone or written comment. Due to time considerations, each individual offering public comment will be limited to not more than three (3) minutes.

Jessica Woods- following up on the status of the SDF letter sent to the dental board.

No one has received an update on the status of the letter.

**16.) Adjournment Dr. Lisa Collier – Chair 10:58am Putnam motion – Tara Van orden 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

THERE WAS A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:58AM, BY DR. PUTNAM. THERE WAS A SECOND TO THE MOTION BY DR. VAN ORDEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



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AGENDA POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:  
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