

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

AGENDA

DATE: Friday, May 17th, 2024

TIME: 9:00 a.m. PST

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 a.m.

1.) Call to Order and Roll Call – Chair Dr. Lisa Collier. Shannan Canfield order 9:02 a.m.

<i>Members Present</i>	<i>Members Excused:</i>
Dr. Lisa Collier, DDS, Council Chair	Dr. Whitney Bryant DDS, MBA, Vice Council
Chair Dr. Tina Brandon Abbatangelo, DDS	Dr. Jose Cucional Calderon MD, FAAP
Ms. Terri Chandler, RDH	Dr. Tara Van Orden, Commander, DMD, MPH
Dr. Bryce Putnam, DMD	Dr. Catherine McCarthy Md, FAAP
Ms. Lynn Short RDH, MPH	
Ms. Jessica Woods RDH, MPH	
Ms. Breanna Taylor RN, MSN	
Mr. Ben Prohaska	
Ms. Jennifer Bradley	

2.) PUBLIC COMMENT

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No Public Comment.

3.) Review and possible approval of meeting minutes from February 16, 2024 – Action Item

THERE WAS A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES BY FEBRUARY. LISA COLLIER, DDS, REQUESTED THAT ITEM #16 BE EDITED TO ADJOURNMENT BY WHITNEY BRYANT AS LISA COLLIER WAS NOT PRESENT AT THAT MEETING. BRYCE PUTNAM, DMD, AND BREANNA TAYLOR RN, MSM MAKE A MOTION TO APPROVE. THE MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Dr. Benson asked if everyone would share the basic screening survey results that were distributed to this committee with stakeholders. Dr. Benson recommended the basic screening results be shared in PDF format. Dr. Benson also shared that Jannette has been working on a grant application for the CDC state promotion of strategies to advance oral health. The award will be announced July 31st and is for three (3) years. It focuses on community water fluoridation for populations below 10,000, the integration of preventative dental services, data supporting integrated medical and dental services for persons with diabetes, and access to dental services, and infection prevention control.

Jessica Woods asked if there was an update around the diabetes waiver. Dr. Benson stated that the 1115 waiver is still in the process of being approved by CMS.

Jennifer Bradley asked who might want to speak about the I.D. Waiver to the media. Lisa Collier suggested that Jannette and Dr. Benson discuss who the appropriate person is. Dr. Benson stated that this generally goes through the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy's (DHCFP) information officer and will follow up with Janette.

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

Dr. Benson stated the contract with Strategic Progress is complete. Strategic Progress has been helping with the ID waiver benefits program as far as communication to ADSD service coordinators, and recipients. With the deliverables including the ADA remediation process and leadership approval. These documents have some great information including dental disability needs assessment, research on access to ambulatory surgery centers, and anesthesia.

Dr. Benson also mentioned that Medicaid has had some challenges regarding the program. For example, DHCFP is still waiting for additional procedures to the program and internally. In addition, there have been some challenges including a lot of phone calls regarding when the 5% rate increase is going to hit. This has been a challenge for PT22 in general. DHCFP has also found a system error regarding paying incorrect amounts on the I.D. waiver identified. Also, there was a

payment lapse. This is DHCFPs number one priority with third-party billers right now. Dr. Benson and his team are trying to get all these fixes done as soon as possible.

Dr. Benson and Dr. Benson's team just completed a school tour of almost every school district in Nevada. There has been a lot of discussion around changes and opportunities with the school-based programs provider type 60. Dr. Benson shared that almost every school district stated that getting dental services has been challenging and the most difficult thing to do. These schools discussed barriers and finding providers that can help. It is important to advance dental care especially in the smaller rural school districts. Currently DHCFP is trying to do some of this, especially in the preventive side with the ARPA programs.

Jessica Wood stated for those who have a school-based program and have a dentist on staff it would be beneficial to find out more information on how to get a better understanding of how school-based programs might be able to reach some those districts that might not have access and are in great need. Dr. Benson stated that it was unfortunate because some of these communities have Dentist's in the area, however, these Dentists are just not serving those on Medicaid or those who do not have dental insurance.

Terri Chandler added that there is a dental clinic on school campus with a dentist that works full time, however the Clark County School District prohibits these Dentists from providing any restorative treatment on a child unless the parents are present. This is a barrier even if the child is 16 or 17 years old, their risk management department has a lot of issues with parental consent. Dr. Benson stated that a lot of the schools do not have that high of Medicaid population and there were barriers. The schools are trying to look at ways of helping parents enroll in Medicaid if the parents qualify. Terri talked about the concept of doing a school site Medicaid enrollment with certified application folks as Clark County School District currently have staff who have gone through the process. There is still a huge uninsured population that no matter what will never be eligible. There should be a safety net for the children and or parents that do not qualify. Jessica suggested speaking to the school districts about more of the minimally invasive ways of managing carries. Jessica Woods stated that Lincoln County is using intermediate therapeutic restorations to address some of the need that is going on. Terri stated the Clark County School District prohibits even SDF as they are very risk averse.

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

ARPA is in the process of completing their first year of funding, which ends on June 30th. The last request for reimbursement must be received by all programs no later than July 10th, and that is for funding from June 1st through June 30th. As part of the requirement of the funding, there is data that needs to be reported semiannually. There will be more information regarding the date and the impact that these programs have had at the next meeting. The data is due by all programs by June 30th. ARPA has also released a new RFA or Request for Applications for school years 2024 through 2026. The next two all-in-one programs, providers, school based, or school districts can apply for one year of funding or two years of funding. If an entity is going to apply for the second year of

funding, they need to apply now because this will be the only RFA that goes out for the next two school years. Everyone on the distribution list should have received the RFA that was sent out. Currently there are about 85 people on the list, as well as organizations and individuals hoping to share that information. The applications are due no later than Friday, March 31st, two weeks from today at 5:00 P.M. Pacific Standard Time (PST). There were a few changes included in the application. including a few changes from DHCFPs contracts and fiscal department. DHCFP is looking for information about fiscal management of potential subrecipients and how their programs are managed. ARPA is also requiring that within 120 days of the contract, that providers become Medicaid providers, hoping to address some of the issues in getting access for children and gaining sustainability in the program. ARPA does not want providers to utilize funding then go away leaving gaps in service going forward. The goal is to have sustainability with the ability to get reimbursed.

7.) Organized dentistry update from the Nevada Dental Association. Informational – Nicollette Schmeichel

Nicollette Schmeichel was not present. Shannan Canfield provided an update on behalf of the Nevada Dental Association. The NDA is currently preparing for their Summer Hour of Delegates meeting which will be from Friday, June 21st through Saturday, June 22nd. The NDA is also in the beginning states of working on the 1st annual conference which will be held in 2026 in Las Vegas. For legislation, the NDA's Lobby Team TriStrategies, are in the process of finalizing some BDR's including:

- a) A bill to allow immediate and temporary hygienist licensing with a sunset clause
- b) Joining the National Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact
- c) A bill to increase Medicaid rates for specific dental care services for vulnerable populations
- d) Establishing a state coding review and appeal process between Provider and Insurance Plan through the Nevada State Dental Health Officer/Office
- e) Prohibit insurance form denying payment for procedures rendered in one setting.

Maryam Tabrizi asked if the NDA has a definition for a vulnerable population. Shannan Canfield suggested that Maryam follow up with the NDA directly to answer Maryam's question.

8.) Organized dentistry update and report from the Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association Informational – Christy Davis

Agenda Item #8 Christy Davis was not present, moved on to agenda item # 9.

9.) LIBERTY Dental update. Informational – Dr. Arian

Dr. Arian discussed some of the challenges that Liberty has encountered regarding sedations that have been done in the past. As Dr. Rosenberg mentioned as well as observed, surgical centers and hospitals have continuously reduced the number of dental sedation cases. This is mainly because of locality compensation, the long treatment times for dental procedures, and the low reimbursement to medical anesthesiologists who perform these sedations. By the end of 2022,

Liberty was notified that one of the hospitals in Southern Nevada was cutting back on dental OR days and Liberty also had one provider in Northern Nevada that was raising the issue of having a backlog of dental members that needed sedation. Dr. Benson and Dr. Arian were able to have discussions with some of the CEOs of the surgical centers and hospitals both in Southern and Northern Nevada, trying to sort out the root cause of these issues. Ultimately it would always be the high cost and lower reimbursement fees. It is a challenge to resolve these issues because all the costs associated with sedations performed in surgical centers and hospitals are the responsibility of the medical MCO. The fees of reimbursement are also being set and regulated by the medical MCOs. It was during this time that Liberty decided to promote and encourage more dental offices to have sedations completed in office rather than in surgical centers or hospitals. There was a pilot program started in January of 2023 with one of the dental anesthesiologists in Southern Nevada by offering higher solution fees and allowed similar fees for other offices that are doing high volume sedations. This strategy paid off and worked for Liberty to help get anesthesiologists and providers more interested and involved in this program and gradually Liberty noticed the shift and an increase in office sedations. As of today (5/17/2024) Liberty has 4 dental anesthesiologists that serve in both Clark and Washoe Counties and have been able to perform in-office sedations for almost 900 members in 2023. Currently Liberty is not experiencing any access to care issues for our sedation member and one of the recent secret shopper calls to the offices in Northern Nevada regarding sedation wait time, Liberty found that the average time to be 2-3 months. Liberty realized that this sedation issue in Nevada may never be resolved completely without medical, dental cooperation and compromise.

Bre with Liberty stated that some of the providers have been impacted by Change Healthcare and the primary impact to Liberty was that many of Liberty's providers use CHC as an approved claims Clearinghouse, therefore, Liberty immediately directed providers to use alternative approved clearing houses, use the portal or at the last resort to submit paper claims. One of the issues that is still ongoing is provider payments. Immediately after Liberty was notified of the issue with Change Healthcare, Liberty brought provider payments in house, and quickly worked with providers who wanted to be set up on EFT to make sure those providers were getting paid. The outage is still ongoing, so Liberty has set up an internal team that meets on a weekly basis. That team continues to evaluate any impacts that Liberty is seeing to members and providers. Liberty will continue to do so until the outage is restored. Progress will be shared in the next meeting.

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

Sun Valley was not present at this meeting. Lisa Collier stated that the drafted letter is addressed to DHCFP and wanted to know if the letter could be sent directly to DHCFP or if it needed to go to Administration first. The drafted letter is regarding the need for increased funding for surgical treatments for dental patients. Since the bylaws state that, "Official statements regarding the program must be approved in advance by the administrator of the division." Dr. Benson will follow up on the correct protocol. Once it has been signed by the right entity, Lisa Collier will sign and send the signed letter over to Jannette Gomez.

Jannette provided an update that Gina at Sun Valley Surgery stated that that doctors were happy with the letter.

THERE WAS A MOTION TO APPROVE THE LETTER AS IT IS WRITTEN, WITH THE CAVEAT OF CHANING THE ADDRESS AS NEEDED WITH DR. BENSON'S APPROVAL BY DR. PUTNAM. THERE WAS A SECOND TO THE MOTION BY TERRI CHANDLER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Dr. Putnam thought that agenda item #11 was a standing agenda item to make sure that there was support for Jannette now and in the future. Lisa Collier tables agenda #11 and will leave it as a standing agenda item for the next meeting.

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

Lisa Collier stated that there are several members whose terms are coming to an end in June 2024. If Jennifer Bradley, Dr. Whitney Bryant, Dr. Catherine McCarthy, Benjamin Prohaska, Lynn Short, Breanna Taylor, Dr. Tara Van Orden, or Jessica Woods are interested in continuing to serve on the committee, send Jannette Gomez an email. This will ensure that the entity will be in the next meeting to make an official vote.

13.) PUBLIC COMMENT

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Ronrico Mangapit – has collected some sample sentences and phrases for the letter of support for funding of the Nevada Oral Health Program. Ronrico asks who to send that information to.

Send that information to Jannette Gomez via email at jannettegomez@health.nv.gov

14.) Adjournment Dr. Lisa Collier – Chair

THERE WAS A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:39 AM BY DR. PUTNAM. THERE WAS A SECOND TO THE MOTION BY DR. BRANDON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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