

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

AGENDA

DATE: Friday, August 16, 2024 TIME: 9:00 a.m. PST

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The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

1.) Call to Order and Roll call - Chair Dr. Lisa Collier. Jannette Gomez order 9:03 a.m.

Members:

Dr. Lisa Collier, DDS, Council Chair

Dr. Tina Brandon Abbatangelo DDS

Ms. Terri Chandler RDH

Dr. Bryce Putnam, DMD

Dr. Jose Cucalon Calderon MD, FAAP

2.) PUBLIC COMMENT

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No Public Comment.

3.) Review and possible approval of meeting minutes from May 17, 2024 – Action Item

THERE WAS A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2024, BY MS. TERRI CHANDLER. 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



The Oral Health Program (OHP) has been working on the HRSA Oral Health Workforce Grants and developing a statewide needs assessment, with help from Strategic Progress, as it was listed as one of the objectives on the state plan. This needs assessment will have helpful data with different populations. The OHP has been working with the Office of Analytics in narrowing down a surveillance plan for the Oral Health Dashboard to have that data be viewed publicly. With the new fiscal year, Jannette is working on the implementation and an evaluation plan for the state plan. This should be sent out within a few months. This will include information on everything that was accomplished and include new focus objectives. The Dental Assisting Program in Elko starts Fall 2024 through the HRSA Grant. TMCC is providing a yearlong education for high school students in their junior and senior years to introduce them to the profession of dental assisting. This will give the students the education they will need to continue in the dental field. It will have two (2) semesters; fall and spring with hands-on sessions every semester. At the time of this meeting there were 25 students enrolled just in Elko, Nevada. There is a plan in the future to expand this program to rural areas such as White Pine and Churchill. Dr. Benson and Jannette have been doing school nurse trainings through the HRSA Grant. The OHP is looking into doing an older adult basic screening survey. Jannette and team have applied for a CDC Oral Health Grant, results will be shared soon. The team had a strong application with all the data that was accumulated through the state plan and the 3rd grade BSS; will share results in the next meeting. The CDC Grant focuses on community water fluoridation, especially in communities with less than 10,000 people. This grant also focuses on school-based oral health programs, sealants and fluoride varnish application, medical dental integration for adults with type one diabetes and collecting that data making it publicly disseminating the importance of oral health and the effect on diabetes, infection prevention, and control in community clinics. There was a standing order signed by the medical director that allows community health nurses to apply fluoride varnish. Jannette did a training and encouraged those nurses to take the Smiles for Life curriculum because the nurses would receive a CE credit.

5.) Nevada Medicaid Dental Benefits and 1115 Waiver update. Informational – Dr. Keith Benson, State Dental Health Officer, Division of Healthcare Financing and Policy

Dr. Benson attended a meeting on July 29th at the Reno Sparks Tribal Health Center with the participation of almost all 8 tribes. Current Nevada Medicaid Dental benefits include comprehensive benefits for children including orthodontics that is carved out of Liberty, and this is in the Medicaid fee-for-service. For adults the benefits include palliative, emergency care, and denture benefits. For pregnant individuals it is more comprehensive, including palliative care, emergency care, dentures and fillings and especially the periodontal services. Starting January 1st, 2023, Comprehensive dental benefits for patients 21 and over on our ID waiver was originally funded through HCBS ARPA funds however, with cooperation with state leadership, including the Governors office, this was added into the budget so that program continues. On June 21st, Dr. Benson received approval from CMS for the 1115 waiver that will be going ongoing from July 1st, 2024, through June 30th, 2029, and there are instruments to continue the waiver after that 2029 date. This waiver was born from Assembly Bill 223 that was sponsored by now Senator Neil in the 80th legislative session in 2019. Originally it only included Nevada FQHCs however, Dr. Benson was able to work with CMS to allow the addition of tribal health clinics with payment at their All-Inclusive Rate (AIR). The benefits for each eligible recipient can receive five (5) encounters with no limit on procedures completed per encounter at Nevada FQHCs and participating Tribal Health



Center. With those five (5) encounters, those are per demonstration/calendar year, they can not be carried over. For the expansive pregnancy benefits can be found in the NV Billing Guide. The eligibility is determined at DHCFP from claims review and the participants must be a patient of record within a year at the participating clinics including the FQHCs and Tribal Health Clinics. Eligibility is also determined by the diagnosis of type 1 or type 2 diabetes, adults without children and adults with children or caretakers, ages 21-64, and at or below 138% Federal Propery Level. The rationale is that by providing this dental care to Medicaid recipients, it is going to help those recipients to have control of their diabetes and have an overall systemic health benefit, which not only benefits providers by keeping patients healthy, but there is also cost reductions that will be looked at through the emergency department utilization and admission to hospitals. As oral health professionals, it is known that there is a strong association with dentistry and medicine between diabetes, specifically periodontal disease and HbA1C control and overall diabetic control. One of the benefits of FQHCs and Tribal Health Centers is that both medical and dental clinics work together to allow more collaboration and warm hand offs. With the delivery system and payment rates, there are two dental payers in Nevada. First being Liberty Dental-DBA which operates in Washoe and Clark County making Liberty working with the largest population in Nevada. There is also Fee for Service (FFS) of Medicaid which is outside of those counties. The payment rate is the PPS rate, and the Tribal Health Clinics have a similar PPS rate that is federally funded. There is a lot of reporting that is going to come from DHCFP, and it is revolved around the five (5) goals that were put into this 1115 waiver. DHCFP is going to try to utilize claims reports to fulfill these reporting requirements. One of the goals would be to reduce levels of and management of A1C for the demonstration population and this is for patients that participate. This will help with determining the benefits of the new dental services. Shadow billing is going to be required for this waiver, so it is easier to keep track and see what actual procedures are being completed. DHCFP is working closely with Gainwell right now to develop the actual billing mechanisms that DHCFP is going to employ to not only track, but to pay. In the law that developed the 1115 waiver was built around completing an exam, 4 quads of SRP, and then a periodontal maintenance. With the extensive pregnancy benefits of patients that maybe have not had an exam in five (5) years, it is found that there is either an asymptomatic or a chronic tooth causing infection. This would be something that can be addressed in this waiver. That should have definite benefits to the diabetic control of patients, but also covering procedures like fillings, pro fees and all the diagnostics. DHCFPs evaluation plan is due to CMS in 180 days. DHCFP and CMS are having biweekly meetings to talk about this waiver and to work through some of the reporting and specific set that are due. There is no exact implementation date for shadow billing, but Dr. Benson knows that it is coming overall, and Dr. Benson believes that this will also apply to medical. Dr. Benson states that a rural clinic that is outside of the Liberty network is going to bill a 41899 code which says a dental procedure was completed and that is what comes to DHCFP for that rate and encounter. DHCFP is looking for a mechanism in which a provider can report that the encounter was completed and that all the procedures that were done in that encounter, probably in an ADA form. This will then send DHCFP the data and the provider will just not be paid; the provider will still get that PPS rate.

6.) Update on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) finding for school based oral health programs. Informational – Ms. Lynn Short, Sealant Coordinator, Division of Healthcare Financing and Policy



ARPA has finished up the nine contracts with school-based providers across the state to provide those services. Those contracts ended June 30th, 2024. There was an RFA that went out in the spring and ARPA is now in the process of contracting with other school-based providers or similar school-based providers to provide services the next school year. Those contracts should be completed shortly with those providers to be able to go into the schools this school year. Part of the funding opportunity is that the providers will need to provide data to ARPA. ARPA is working with a doctoral student at UNR to evaluate all the data that was provided. Lynn stated that a little over 8,300 students received a dental screening as part of this school-based program across the state and a little more than 4,200 students received dental sealants as part of this program. In the next meeting, Lynn will share more data with the program moving forward until the end of June of 2026.

7.) Organized dentistry update from the Nevada Dental Association. Informational – Jodi Metzgar Please note that Jodi Metzgar is no longer with the Nevada Dental Association Marianna Kacyra is the new Executive Director of the NDA

Marianna has worked for the Nevada Dental Association for two years as a membership director and just recently got promoted to Executive Director. The NDA has a lot going on and there will be a more in-depth discussion for the following AC4OH meeting. The NDA is now in the process of changing the database from American Dental Association which will give the NDA a lot of data for doctors and what those doctors are looking for. This will make the doctors experience much easier signing into the membership with more options. The trainings that are provided are eight (8) hours a day. The NDAs legislative team are working on some legislative items for 2025 legislative season. The NDA does not have all the bills narrowed down yet but in the next meeting the NDA will be able to provide an update on what the NDA is working towards. The NDA has confirmed for April 15th, 2024, on oral health day. The ADA has a lobby day in DC for March 30th through April 1st, 2024, if the committee is interested.

8.) Organized dentistry update and report from the Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association. Informational – Christy Davis, Christy Thomas Davis is the president of the Nevada Dental Hygienists Association.

The NDHA is embarking on their annual House of Delegate, which is next month in Reno on September 27th, 2024. NDHA is currently waiting for verbiage to be solidified for the hygienists at NDHA to be out in the community assisting the underserved. The bylaws were passed a couple of years back, but the NDHA is just connecting with the Dental Association for verbiage to provide guidelines on how these hygienists can be out in the community. This is a legislative year for the NDHA from 2024-2025. The NDHA will be traveling to Carson City and meet with their lobbyist, who is working with a governing body and teledentistry, to provide information on how these hygienists can be out in the community working with teledentistry. NDHA is looking for more providers and dental hygienists to partner with the Nevada Dental Hygienists Association. There are about 1,500 registered dental hygienists in the state of Nevada and the membership of the NDHA is 91. The NDHA is looking for ways to have the dental hygienists to become more involved with professional organizations. NDHA partnered with Colgate in 2023-2024 year and provided a webinar for the Reno area for Children's Dental Health Month. Colgate is coming back in October and there will be an in-person event in the Southern Nevada area. In April the NDHA hosted their first annual Oral Cancer Walk partnered with the Oral Cancer Foundation and raised over \$15,000



for awareness, education and provided oral cancer screenings. There were 200 participants. The state of Nevada will be partnered with several states where hygienists can work across state lines and the NDHA is going before legislature committee this year with that. NDHA is meeting later this year with their lobbyists to make sure that all the verbiage is there to get this compact passed to meet the underserved of Nevada. There are many dental offices in Nevada that specifically do not have a dental hygienist at all. Across the United States back in 2020, 22% of dental hygienists walked away from a full-time position.

9.) LIBERTY dental update. Informational – Bre Stark

Bre Stark wanted to share that Liberty in continuing to have a strong focus in engaging with the provider community and recognizing that providers are the backbone of Liberty. Liberty has been celebrating their platinum practice providers as well as launching a provider grant program and is continuing to have ongoing counseling and engagement. Liberty is focusing on getting out in the community, especially with the back-to-school season. It is an opportunity for Liberty to engage with parents and kids as well as participate in additional events. Liberty was able to at World Refugee Day events in both Northern and Southern Nevada. Liberty also has the opportunity to attend the Anthem Wellness Center anniversary. Liberty is continuing to have a presence in DWWS offices and conducting outreach calls to non-utilizers to make sure that it is understood what benefits are available to those non-utilizers and hopefully connect clients to a dental home to get an appointment scheduled. Liberty wants to thank Absolute Dental and Future Smiles in partnering with Liberty on some dental days to be able to provide care and education to both children and adults in the community with their dental needs.

10.) Discussion and possible action regarding continuation of workgroups for the application of Silver Diamine Fluoride by dental hygienist who hold public health endorsement, and IDD provider shortage workgroups. Action Item.

THERE WAS A MOTION TO CONTINUE THE WORK GROUPS AND FOR THE NEXT MEETING TO REEVALUATE WHERE THE COMMITTEE IS AND TO ADD NEW MEMBERS BY DR. BRYCE PUTNAM. THERE WAS A SECOND THE MOTION BY DR. TINA BRANDON ABBATANGELO. MOTION CARRIED. JANNETTE GOMEZ WILL ADD THE LETTER THAT WAS SENT TO THE DENTAL BOARD IN THE NEXT MEETING MATERIALS.

11.) Open Discussion about the applicants for the open seats on the committee and possible action to recommend to the Administrator appointment of members for eight open positions on the committee. Action Item – Chair Dr. Lisa Collier

The committee received nine (9) applications and resumes for the eight (8) open seats on the committee. Six (6) of the nine (9) applicants are previous committee members and three (3) are new. The new applicants had the opportunity to discuss their reasonings for joining the committee.

Dr. John J. Koopman is a physician employed by the Renown Medical Group in the Reno area and has served a joint position with the UNR Family Medicine Residency Program as one of the junior core faculty members. Dr. Catherine McCarthy is the one who suggested to Dr. Koopman in looking



into the AC4OH committee. For a little background, Dr. Koopman works with Dr. Catherine McCarthy and Dr. Leslie Greenburg. Dr. Koopman promotes oral health in the community and provides further education to learners who come through the residency site such as, PA students, medical students in their third or fourth year, and residents; talking a bit about dental care, oral healthcare as a whole and some information that is unfortunately not provided by many medical schools. Dr. Koopman did training at the University of Colorado where oral health is well integrated. Dr. Koopman states that a lot of providers that work with Renown in the northern area, do not have a great network system for how the providers provide oral healthcare referrals in the community. Dr. Koopman and team are looking at a lot of dental oral health integration in the community; also working on an initiative and clinical improvement practice to try and integrate dental health referrals better so that Medicaid clients can get established with a dentist as opposed to letting the client go with no further follow up. Dr. Koopman is looking forward to the opportunity and thanks the committee for their consideration.

Dr. Maryam Tabrizi thanks the committee for the opportunity and allowing submission of Dr. Tabrizi's application. Dr. Tabrizi is a full-time faculty member at the School of Dentistry in the Las Vegas area. Maryam teaches, treats, and advocates for older adults and adults with special needs. Dr. Tabrizi states that this specific group of adults is neglected or under viewed within the medical and oral health society. Dr. Tabrizi believes that being a part of the committee will allow Maryam to be more active in the field and bring in clinical issue that are often heard of and hard to address when there are very little professionals in dentistry/oral health. Maryam acknowledges that there is a need of education, teaching, treating, money, and advocacy but is willing to help in any way that is required.

THERE WAS A MOTION MADE FOR THE SIX (6) PREVIOUS AC40H MEMBERS TO BE REINSTATED WHOM ARE LYNN SHORT, DR. WHITNEY BRYANT, DR. CATHERINE MCCARTHY, DR. TARA VAN ORDEN, MS. JENNIFER BRADLEY, AND BEN PROHASKA AND FOR DR. JOHN J KOOPMAN AND DR. MARYAM TABRIZI TO BE THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF AC40H BY DR. BRYCE PUTNAM. THERE WAS A SECOND TO THE MOTION BY MS. TERRI CHANDLER. MOTION PASSED AND THE COMMITTEE WILL SEND THOSE RESUMES FROM THE MEMBERS TO THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR FINAL APPROVAL. THE MEMBERS SHOULD RECEIVE A LETTER FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.

12.) Discussion and possible action to elect a Chair and a Vice Chair. Action Item – Chair Dr. Lisa Collier

THERE WAS A MOTION TO APPOINT DR. LISA COLLIER AS THE CHAIR AND DR. WHITNEY BRYANT DDS AS THE VICE CHAIR BY MS. TERRI CHANDLER. THERE WAS A SECOND TO THE MOTION BY DR. BRYCE PUTNAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13.) Nevada Medicaid Fee Rate Review Process. Informational – Dr. Keith Benson

Dr. Benson wanted to bring some information to the committee for some possible contemplation and ideas. The Nevada Dental Association (NDA) has a quadrennial rate review that is completed



every four (4) years and PT22 (dentists) came up. This rate review is through a survey and historically has a very low participation rate. The NDA sent out this survey to the members to try and drum up some more information for the NDA and through that process Dr. Benson has received some critiques in the process and agrees with some of those critiques. This quadrennial rate review is legislated to DHCFP to provide every four (4) years the cost of dental treatments. Some of the critique was that most dentists have a rate. That rate is going to include not only the cost of treatment but also other things that go in running a business such as overhead. Dr. Benson states that there seems to be a disconnect about what the legislature was asking for in the cost. The rate review sits in the DHCFP website, and it is by NRS 422.2704. It is the providers reimbursement that is on the actual cost of providing the service. Some of the feedback that Dr. Benson got was that it is an onerous process to figure out what it costs for doing a Class 2 composite is a difficult thing to put in this context. Terri Chandler made aware to the committee that through Dentrix and Henry Schein, Terri is able to receive, for the Las Vegas area, a document with an average rate that is being billed through Dentrix. That document has information about what the variance is. For example, the average private practice rate for a sealant is around \$63 and the Medicaid rate is \$23 but within that same document, Henry Schein has different percentages. In Dr. Bensons mind, the legislature is asking for not what the rate is or what the average rate is but what the cost is. Dr. Benson looked over Medicaid Fee Schedule and compared it to the ADAs 2022 regional survey of Fee Schedules and Medicaid is much lower than what the average private practice pays. Dr. Whitney Bryant sits on the board for the Northern Nevada Dental Society and a big question would be was this the difference between the cost and the rate. Dr. Bryant thinks that everyone should petition to go ahead and utilize the rate simply because even evaluating a Medicaid rate versus a private practice, both rates need to create sustainability. Dr. Whitney Bryant believes that there needs to be a legislative motion to change the verbiage. Dr. Benson states that rates are one of the most common reasons that is heard from oral health professionals for not participating in Medicaid. Terri Chandler states that with the research that she has done, of all the children in Nevada that are Medicaid enrollees, about 7% of them are actively getting a service at a dental office. This 7% comes from the Office of Analytics and this also goes across the entire state of Nevada. Dr. Benson might have access to a more recent report as sometimes this kind of information is hard to get. Dr. Putnam would like to see if the committee can compile some of those reports for the next meeting to look over. Dr. Putnam states that every year when the Office of Analytics does those studies, the state comes out with provider shortage areas. There is an argument to be made because yes, there are Medicaid providers but most of the time, these providers are not actively seeing patients. This affects HPSA scores, and it affects shortage areas. Dr. Koopman acknowledges to the committee that the physician fee schedule does not reimburse for dental sealants. The rate is so low and there is such a high no show rate, and it is not a feasible model for the clinic that Dr. Koopman practices in. Dr. Koopman agrees that if pay went up, there is a possibility that all areas can start to see more providers joining. Dr. Collier would find it interesting if there was a breakout based on whether the provider is covered by the MCO or the fee for service model and by area as well. To break out an average cost per visit would be a difficult and most likely impossible because the cost per procedure is going to change based of everything a provider is doing in that visit.

Dr. Calderon wanted to bring up to the committee to take in the consideration that Dr. Gray is the only one who is providing sedation services to care for children with complex medical and behavioral needs in the Reno area. The wait time is over six months. Dr. Collier states that Liberty has done some special rates to try and get services to their members across the state. This sedation



situation is something that the state needs to look at closely on how the state can increase the rates to the point where people can afford to render the services but then encourage more people to other services. Dr. Benson has been working with Dr. Gray and Summit Surgery Center around this situation and there was an LOA with Summit Surgery to try to get more dental blocks. It comes down to how many dentists bring patients to the clinic and how many of those patients are seen. Dr. Benson is also working with Dr. Arian at Liberty in discussing and continuing to find new access points for the kids. Dr. Benson has some public facing reports like the CMS 416 report that could be brought up to discuss in the next meeting.

Dr. Calderon wanted to see if there was an update that Dr. Benson or the committee can provide about frenectomies that are happening at the dental offices without an actual medical recommendation. Dr. Calderon wanted to point Dr. Benson towards the American Academy of Pediatrics as there was an update on its policy recommendation on frenectomies because that update has been decreasing the amount of frenectomies necessary. The talk about this procedure has made it to where recommendation is being made within the community without an actual medical recommendation. Dr. Benson would like to set a meeting with Dr. Jose Cucalon Calderon and Dr. Lisa Collier to receive their interpretation and point of view of this situation.

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

THERE WAS A MOTION MADE TO INCLUDE A MEDICAID RATES DISCUSSION TO THE NEXT AC4OH MEETING BY DR. BRYCE PUTNAM. THERE WAS A SECOND TO THE MOTION BY DR. JOSE CUCALON CALDERON. MOTION CARRIED.

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No Public Comment.

16.) Adjournment. **Dr. Lisa Collier – Chair** 10:38 a.m. Ms. Terri Chandler motion – Dr. Putnam 2nd.

THERE WAS A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:38 A.M, BY MS. TERRI CHANDLER. THERE WAS A SECOND TO THE MOTION BY DR. BRYCE PUTNAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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