



Board Meeting
Thursday, March 23, 2023, 10 AM Via Zoom
Open to the membership

Mission: *To improve oral health with all Missourians by advocating for sound public policy.*

Vision: *Oral Health for all Missourians.*

Attendance: Vicki Wilbers (chair), Dr. Dwight McLeod (Vice Chair), Beth Vossler (Secretary), Dr. Mike McCunniff (Treasurer), Dr. Mack Taylor, Dr. John Dane, Joe Pierle, Vanessa Draper, Michael French
Unable to Attend: Cathy Enfield, Toni Meyerkord, Kelley Vollmar, Dr. Jacqueline Miller.

Additional in Attendance: Gary Harbison (Executive Director), Julie Boeckman, Halie Payne, Dr. Megan Krohn (Swope Health), Melissa Kleffner-Wansing (MCOH), Ashley Herrman (MCOH), Jessi Emmerich (MCOH), Angie Bulmahn, Dr. Rita Burnett, Dr. Latasha Vick.

DRAFT AGENDA

Decisions reached on consensus of the Board

Call to order & Introductions – V. Wilbers

Approval of Agenda – V. Wilbers

No additions. Approved.

Consent Agenda (items previously approved by the Executive Committee) – V. Wilbers

- Board Minutes, Jan. 6, 2023 [attachment 1]; Financial Reports Dec. 2022 [attachment 2]; MCOH FS 2022 [attachment 3]
 - We ended the year in good financial position. No questions or comments. Approved.

Executive Director Report – G. Harbison

- Grants and Agreements [attachment 4, Matrix Grants MCOH]
 - Noe many changes from the last Board meeting. One active agreement with Health Forward Foundation. Another change, new Health Forward Foundation grants. MCOH intends to request funds in the Advocacy Coalitions category. This would be a 2-year grant; requesting roughly \$200,000.
 - Pilot project serving individuals with developmental disabilities: learning a lot from the project and working through improvements moving forward, including provider challenges and outreach challenges. The work is going well. Thanks to the Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council for supporting this important project.
 - Jessi is working full time on expanding Medicaid providers through the Missouri Foundation for Health and Health Forward Foundation. Media campaign work is progressing.
- Session ([HB 1040](#); [HB 249](#); [SS SCS SBs 45 & 90](#))
 - Tracking 3 bills. HB1040 focused on local fluoridation and decision making. Testified in support of HB 1040. HB 1040 was Voted Do Pass (3/6/2023) by House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee. There is some talk of putting HB 1040 in a health omnibus bill. Thanks to those who testified or submitted testimony online in support of this bill, including MDHA, MDA, and Diann Bomkamp. HB 249 would allow dentist to administer vaccines. Several opposed to this bill, including opposition by Missouri Academy of Family Physicians, Missouri

State Medical Association, and Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. It appears difficult for this bill to progress. Dr. McLeod felt that there was some lack of support within the dental community. Dr. Taylor echoed the sentiments of Dr. McLeod. Encouraged online testimony as a way to document a position. SBs 45 & 90 were combined. This is to extend full benefits through full pregnancy and one year after. There has no action since coming back from Spring Break but is expected to be passed. We have been unable to identify a sponsor to chair the Caucus. Rep. Justus has declined.

- [Sign-On letter Medicaid Dental Benefit Act 2023](#)
 - Gary provided this sign-on letter. If passed this Act would make dental coverage for adults in Medicaid required in all states. No comments in opposition. Approved.
- 2023 Oral Health Policy Conference
 - 145 attendees, close to the largest number of attendees. Finances are not final, but should clear funds after expenses are paid. Conference survey is out but not processed as of yet. At first glance, surveys are looking good. 10 MCOH members made it to the Capitol to speak with legislators, making made around 30 legislative visits. Board members in attendance provided positive feedback on the conference.
- Donation - MCOH received a donation from Smile America Partners, a mobile dentistry provider, for \$5,000. Craig Thomas with Smile America Partners attended the conference and was thanked in person.
- The independent financial audit is in process. Expect a report at the June 21 Board meeting.

Executive Committee Report – V. Wilbers

- Financial Reports, January 2023 [attachment 5]
- Financial Reports, February 2023 [attachment 6]
 - Good financial standing. Hotel charge is not posted yet from conference. Comment of the FDIC limit and consider looking into another account. Gary will look into a secondary account. Financial statement for January and February 2023 is approved.

Policy Committee Report - M. McCunniff

- Committee is active and meeting tomorrow. Monitoring bill progress on Medicaid, fluoridation, dentist providing vaccinations, as well as attending to Jessica's new role as Dental Medicaid Facilitator. Bill details covered in the Executive Director's report.

Stakeholders Updates – V. Wilbers

- Dr. McLeod - Thanks to everyone that testified in support of HB 249. The American Dental Association celebrated 100-year anniversary this year. Dentist shortage is still a major topic.
- Missouri Office of Dental Health (Julie Boeckman) - HRSA grant requests for application are at Admin., hopefully out soon. Working with ATSU to provide care for veterans. Possible roll-back attempt in Branson appears to have been delayed, subsequent to an agreement with DHSS. Hoping to initiate fluoridation in Warsaw, MO. Lots of testimony in support at city council meeting, including several dentists from out of the area. Only a chiropractor and his wife spoke against. A petition in support has been started. Still looking for a dental sealant contractor. Dr. Miller is in Honduras this week on a mission trip. Dr. Krohn (Swope Parkway) suggested approaching chiropractors association to work on support of fluoridation.
- Dr. Dane - American Toxicology Association published report on fluoridation. They could not get this published in a peer-reviewed journal, so they self-published. It does come short of calling fluoride a poison.

Upcoming Meetings –

- **Policy Committee** – Friday, March 24, 2023, 9 AM – via Zoom
- **Executive Committee** – Thursday, April 27, 2023, 8 AM
- **Board** – Thursday, June 21, 2023, 10 AM
- **MDA Dental Medicaid Town Hall** – [Webinar, Monday, April 3, 8-9 PM](#) – with Dr. Aaron Bumann, Dr. Emily Hahn, Dr. Ron Wilkerson and Jessica Emmerich