



Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 1 PM via Zoom

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

Vision: Oral Health for all Missourians.

AGENDA

Decisions reached on consensus of the Board

Attendance: Dr. Dwight McLeod (Board Chair) , Beth Vossler, Dr. John Dane, Toni Meyerkord, Dr. Mack Taylor, Vanessa Draper, Joe Pierle, Michael McCunniff, David Thielemeir.

Others in attendance: Gary Harbison, Dr. Jackie Miller, Shelley Howard, Halie Payne, Julie Boeckman, Ashley Herrman, Melissa Kleffner-Wansing, Jessica Emmerich, Sarah Dirksen, Melissa Ortega.

Call to order & Introductions – D. McLeod

Approval of Agenda – D. McLeod – Approved.

Consent Agenda (items previously approved by the Executive Committee) – D. McLeod

- Board Minutes, June 7, 2024 [attachment 1, Board Minutes, June 7, 2024]
- Financial Reports June 2024 [attachment 2, Financial Reports, June 2024 MCOH]
- Financial Reports July 2024 [attachment 3, Financial Reports, July 2024 MCOH]

Executive Director Report – G. Harbison

- Dental Director – Dr. Miller is no longer in the position of Dental Director. MCOH is committed to seeing this important position filled with a capable applicant. We registered that commitment with the Department of Health and Senior Services shortly after Dr. Miller left the position. Our best to Dr. Miller and our thanks for her dedicated work in service to Missourians. Dr. McLeod thanked her for her dedication.
- Grants and Agreements [attachment 4, Matrix Grants MCOH] – Reviewed briefly, noting new grant from Delta Dental to also support dental provider work. MFH grant for that purpose is ending in a few months. An application for continuation has been submitted.
- Donation – Thanks to Diann Bomkamp for her kind donation to MCOH.

Executive Committee Report – D. McLeod

- Financial Reports, August 2024 [attachment 5, Financial Reports, August 2024] - Approved

Policy Committee Report - M. McCunniff – Started the Veterans Work Group to discuss Missouri veteran oral health issues. Please let Ashley Herrman or Gary Harbison know you are interested in serving on this Work Group. The first meeting is scheduled for October 18.

Conference Committee Report – M. Taylor – First meeting of the Committee was Friday, Sept. 13. Reviewing various topics and speakers. Moving back to Capitol Plaza for 2025. Rooms at Cap. Plaza and at Courtyard by Marriott (walking distance). Discounted room rates. No themes were decided, that will be at the next meeting. Will work on Theme and other details in future meetings.

MO HealthNet Dental Update – J. Emmerich

New MO HealthNet Policy Changes

- D0120 – Periodic exam twice per calendar year – added to the adult limited benefits **Approved by CMS, claims are being recycled and paying accordingly

- SDF – Removed Age limitations, making it available to all Medicaid participants with Comprehensive coverage (Children, Pregnant Women, Nursing Home) **Policy Change, no CMS approval needed
- Dental Extraction & Sedation Rate Increase to 80% UCR **Pending CMS Approval expected in October, at that time, claims with these codes will be recycled to pay the difference
- MO HealthNet Provider Overview Guide & MO HealthNet Provider Enrollment Guide – These guides were created with new providers in mind and will help providers navigate the enrollment application and MO HealthNet resources
- MMAC Provider Communication Portal – allows existing Medicaid providers to upload documents when needed (provider update request, revalidation, etc.) and other features.
- MO HealthNet has offered training for providing dental services in a hospital and ambulatory surgical center setting. These training courses were to help address the barrier of providing services in these setting by providing instructions for the hospital and ASC on proper billing.

Increasing Access to Medicaid Dental -

FY2021 – 912 dental providers enrolled – 95 new providers

FY2022 – 955 dental providers enrolled – 101 new providers

FY2023 – 959 dental providers enrolled – 184 new providers

FY2024 – 1,043 dental providers enrolled – 265 new providers

- June 28, 2024, there were 1043 dental providers enrolled
- We anticipate new maps showing the number of providers in each county later this fall.
- We have requested more information on the number of new specialty providers, as this is one of the main concerns new providers have raised.

Office of Dental Health Update – J. Boeckman

ODH has received the new CDC grant, will be funded for 3 years, funding to end 8/31/2027. Main deliverables:

Evidence Based Preventive Services = sealants, fluoride varnish, CWF

Medical Dental Integration = ODH going to work with an FQHC to have bidirectional hygienist (if medical patients haven't had dental visit in 6 months, will be given warm hand off to dental side) and contractors to conduct diabetes screening form (ATSU is also doing the diabetes screening form as part of Veteran dental services).

Infection Prevention and Control = will be conducting compliance visits

Population of focus is school children

HRSA grant, entering year 3 of 4. Part of grant is the EFDAs and hygienists in nursing homes to provide care to residents and to test this new mode of supervision. Dentists will go in & provide care they need to, but hygienists and EFDAs are doing the work they are allowed to do, so going to the top of scope of their practice. Should be sending out an RFA for another contractor in a few months with carry over funding from Year 2. Currently have an LOA for a clinic in NW MO to go into a nursing home to provide care as part of this contract. MFH match money will be done September 30, but have in kind donations (Align, Donated Dental Services, ATSU & Affinia) should meet match. Will also be asking Veteran's United Foundation for more funds to provide for the dental services in the ATSU/Affinia clinic. Contractors are finding the need for dental care in nursing homes is extremely high. Have secured rights to Mouthcare Without a Battle and working on a solution to get the training to facilities.

Veteran's piece of grant, completed a report and can be found on our data page [smiles-for-veterans.pdf](#) (mo.gov)

Awarded 4 students each with a \$10,000 scholarship for their work in providing care at the clinic. Two are veterans themselves. Will be continuing that program for Year 3 and awarding to more students.

Received CareQuest grant to evaluate our work with ATSU & Affinia in providing care to the veterans. Doing satisfaction surveys with students providing care and veterans receiving the care. Will also be creating a webpage for resources, a video, report and possibly literature which shows the results of this work. Working with the Coalition on evaluation.

Recently made some changes to our data page, easier to find data. Oral Health Data | Oral Health | Health & Senior Services (mo.gov)

PSP 71,222, up from last year. This is first year non-dental professionals can conduct review. Going to look at it and see the numbers of non-dental professionals who conduct PSP. 20% of kids had unsatisfactory oral health. Report will be on data page when IT adds it.

New program with Cannabis funding – SUD Recovery Smiles Program, program is in early stages. Main goal is to give individuals with SUD history dental care they need. Helps them to get a job, better mental health, etc. Trying to hire a person to manage & coordinate program.

Personnel updates: 5 OHCs who are part time are being replaced by 2 full time employees, one being the State Dental Hygienist and the other being a Program Associate. Both main duties will be PSP, coordination, but also outreach. Hygienist will be doing outreach and education among nurses, hope to do 100 MMC (after 1st of year) and Associate will be doing a lot of the emails, supplies, tracking. OHCs last day is Sept. 20 and new positions hope to start either Oct. 1 or 16. PSP will continue before new people start, Dione, Kally will be working with schools and warehouse to ensure orders are being filled. State Dentist position will be out for hiring sometime soon.

There was discussion about appropriateness of the title.

Stakeholders Updates – D. McLeod

Toni Meyerkord - MDHA just hosted its annual session a week ago

Dr. McLeod - Had a great time at the Smiles for Hope Clinic in Dexter recently- had D3 and D4 students involved. D2 students from Kirksville came as well. They not only help veterans and other underserved individuals; they also provide services to inmates. Mack Taylor applauded participation by MOSDOH and mentioned they have also opened a small clinic in the St. Louis (Festus) area. Jackie Miller asked if the 30+ chair addition to the Dexter clinic has begun – Mack Taylor said it has not yet.

Jackie Miller - Dr. Ferguson with State Fair Community College has a satellite program in Columbia that is working to train RDHs in FQHCs. This program has been approved by Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). **Upcoming Meetings –**

Conference Committee – October 11, 2024, 8:30 AM via Zoom

Policy Committee – October 25, 2024, 9 AM via Zoom

Executive Committee – November 13, 2024, 1 PM via Zoom

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