



Board Minutes

Thursday, December 7, 2023, 8:30 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: Dr. Dwight McLeod (Chair), Dr. Mike McCunniff (Treasurer), Vicki Wilbers, Dr. Jacqueline Miller, Dr. John Dane, Joe Pierle, Dr. Mack Taylor, Vanessa Draper, Toni Meyerkord, Kelley Vollmar (Vice Chair), Cathy Enfield.

Unable to Attend: Michael French, Beth Vossler

Additional in Attendance: Dr. Diane Ede-Nichols, Halie Payne, Julie Boeckman, Gary Harbison (Executive Director), Melissa Kleffner-Wansing (MCOH), Ashley Herrman (MCOH), Jessi Emmerich (MCOH), Sarah Dirksen (MCOH).

AGENDA

Decisions reached on consensus of the Board

Call to order & Introductions – D. McLeod

Approval of Agenda – D. McLeod – Approved without modification

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

- Board Minutes, Sept 21, 2023 [attachment 1]
- Financial Reports September 2023 [attachment 2]

Executive Director Report – G. Harbison

- Grants and Agreements [attachment 3, Matrix Grants MCOH] – Briefly reviewed.
- Provider Survey Report [attachment 4, Dental Provider Survey Report MCOH] Noted themes and efforts to respond. Briefly discussed provisional data from DHSS, which shows we are increasing providers and access to care. Much work remains to be done.

Also, MCOH has received data from MHD (reporting slowed due to MHD being hacked several months ago)

- Reported to MCOH by MHD 6Dec2023 – *Based on the information from MMAC and the claims data there was a significant increase in providers enrolling (who were not enrolled previously) and the number of providers billing in FY2023. The data showed an additional 50,180 participants receiving care, an increase in billing providers, and participants accessed care in more counties in the state.*

184 new dental providers enrolled in FY2023 compared to 101 in FY2022.

This summary includes FY2022 and FY2023 claims data. We pulled all paid dental claims to see who provided dental services, how many participants received services, and where services were provided. We found an increase in participants receiving services, billing providers, and access to care.

It's important to note that there is a lag time for claims processing which means there is still a potential for these numbers to increase.

	FY22	FY23	Increase
Enrolled Total Participants	1,448,416	1,621,131	172,715
Unique Billing Dental Providers by NPI	743	845	102
Unique Participants Served	344,119	394,299	50,180
Participants Served Less than 21 Years of Age	271,456	294,872	23,416
Participants Served Age 21 Years and Older	73,027	100,146	27,119*

**Totals take in to account participants who turned 21 within the timeframe*

- 2024 Budget [attachment 5, 2024 budget MCOH] – Briefly reviewed. Approved.

Executive Committee Report – D. McLeod

- Financial Reports, October 2023 [attachment 6] – Approved.
- Financial Reports, November 2023 [attachment 7] – Approved.

Policy Committee Report - M. McCunniff – Approved after discussion.

Recommended Policy Goal:

Adoption of the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Licensure Compact in the State of Missouri

Background: We are specifically referring to the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Licensure Compact (DDH Compact) developed by the US Department of Defense, the Council of State Governments (CSG), the American Dental Association, the American Dental Education Association, the American Dental Hygienists' Association, the American Student Dental Association, the American Association of Dental Administrators and current state members of dental boards.

Bill has been filed in MO - SB778 (Sen. Eslinger) - Establishes provisions relating to licensure of dentists and dental hygienists, including license reciprocity and the Dental and Dental Hygienist Compact

https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=382 There is also a House version of this bill sponsored by Rep. Jeff Coleman.

MDA will be creating and sharing talking points supporting this bill; Support of the bill is encouraged. There may be opposition. There is a great deal of misinformation about the compact. Toni Meyerkord noted that MDHA is aligned with support for this compact.

Medicaid Work Group – J. Dane – Provided an update on discussion around inclusion of certain codes. And other discussions of the Work Group. Ready to make recommendations to Policy Committee. Dr. Miller and staff are creating a white paper on the D0120 to address costs. Work Group meeting is tomorrow.

Conference Committee Report – M. Taylor - Provided an overview of the work of the committee to date and the preparation for the conference. Conference registrations has opened.

- Oral Health Champion Award Recommendations [attachment 8] – Approved (Dr. Miller recused herself from this decision).

Missouri Dental Director Update – J. Miller [attachment 9, DHSS ODH Update MCOH 7Dec23] – see attachment for details.

Applying for funding New Decision Item - \$3.7 million would go to dental care for services not covered by Medicaid.

PSP – over 59,000 students screened during 2022. With fluoride varnish provided, this program saved the state of Missouri \$1.8 million. There was a 10% decrease in decay in 3rd graders. There is a PSP Dashboard available.

Basic Screening Surveys- dental health survey with 3rd graders are being scheduled. ASTDD assigned 53 schools to ODH. The results from this survey will be compared to the surveys completed in 2018. This screening is done every 5 years.

CWF – ODH efforts have become more of a proactive exercise versus reactive. ODH is in contact with water districts that fluoridate. ODH staff is going through water operator certification. The City of Branson voted to discontinue fluoridation. Lake Winnebago voted to continue fluoridation. There are potential initiations of CWF efforts underway in Independence, Warsaw, and Versailles. ODH staff and Roger Sullivan have been visiting water districts across the state to discuss continuation of CWF or initiation of CWF.

Teledentistry HRSA Project – there are 4 contracts to provide care in nursing homes. Should have initial data in late January.

Working with ATSU related to dental care for veterans. Also working with UMKC toward establishing scholarships for dental students to provide dental care to veterans.

Sealants- over 10,500 sealants have been placed. A new provider includes St. Louis Community College. They will begin providing sealants during this school year. This funding comes from the CDC. ODH will re-apply for funding in 2024 – it has become very competitive. Only 16 states will be funded. In 2022/2023 – 995 students received 4,505 sealants. A sealant dashboard has also been created and available online.

3,000 First Aid Trauma Kits have been distributed across the state to school nurses.

10,000 Newborn Dental Kits will be assembled early next year to be distributed to new moms. Approximately 60,000 babies are born each year in Missouri. ODH is hopeful to find funding for more kits to be made with a goal of each newborn receiving a kit.

OPA EFDA – train the trainer has happened. There are 12 sites involved. Training of EFDAs will begin in January. The clinical side of this project will begin in May.

A virtual event is occurring in February across 8 states in high schools. Missouri is one of the states. ODH has filmed a video that will be shown to students to help increase interest in dental professions.

The Oral Health Plan will be updated soon. 3-4 meetings will occur in early-mid 2024.

Some follow-up discussion about EFDA and other training that will be held at a facility in Jefferson City by the MDA.

Also shared - Information on the [3rd Annual Health Care Career Day](#) on **February 23**, can be found [here](#). This statewide, virtual event will take students inside Missouri healthcare organizations to learn about the hottest careers in health care and engage in real world learning. Both K-12 and higher education students and school groups can [REGISTER](#) free of charge, to see inside various occupational pathways, learn about the future of healthcare and virtually engage directly with professionals from some of the best health care centers around the state. *Please **help us spread the word** by [promoting](#) the event to your local schools and communities through your website, social media, email and/or newsletter. Event resources: [Flyer](#), [Agenda](#), [Promotional Toolkit](#)

Stakeholders Updates – D. McLeod

Dr. McLeod - ATSU celebrated 10th year anniversary in Kirksville yesterday. This was the final of 3 celebrations. Other celebrations in Dexter and St. Louis previously.

V. Wilbers – spoke about MDA’s legislative agenda for 2024. 1. Dental insurance reform – requesting a dental loss ratio. 2. Virtual credit card where dental offices are charged a percentage – MDA wants to set up an “opt-in” type program where dental offices decide if and which credit cards they will accept for payments.3.

Assignment of benefits – this continues to be an issue in Missouri with pre-paid dental plans that won’t accept an assignment of benefit when a patient asks for a service to be paid directly to the provider.

Gary reviewed the conference session and the possibility of having Dr. Adam Barefoot as a speaker. He has challenges as a federal employee because of the continuing resolution and lack of clarity about government continuity. Board members are urged to register.

Upcoming Meetings –

Missouri Oral Health Policy Conference – Capturing the Future – Registration is open

Thursday and Friday, March 7-8, 2024, DoubleTree by Hilton, Jefferson City, MO

Board Meeting – Thursday, March 28, 2024, 8:30 AM via Zoom

Board Executive Committee – Thursday, January 18, 2024, 8:30 AM via Zoom

Policy Committee – Friday, December 15, 2023, 9 AM via Zoom

Medicaid Work Group – Friday, December 8, 2023, 10 AM via Zoom