



Board Meeting – Annual Meeting of the Board MINUTES

Friday, June 7, 2024, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Central Bank meeting room, 2nd floor of the Motor Bank, 500 Madison St., Jefferson City, MO 65101

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

Vision: *Oral Health for all Missourians.*

Attendance: Dr. Dwight McLeod, Beth Vossler, Dr. John Dane, Vicki Wilbers, Dr. Jacqueline Miller, Toni Meyerkord, Dr. Mack Taylor, Vanessa Draper, Joe Pierle

Others in attendance: Gary Harbison, Dr. Drue Barton, Julie Boeckman, David Thielemeir (Dentaquest), Ashley Herrman, Melissa Kleffner-Wansing, Jessica Emmerich, Sarah Dirksen,

DRAFT AGENDA

Decisions reached on consensus of the Board

Call to order & Introductions – D. McLeod

Approval of Agenda – D. McLeod – Approved without changes.

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

- Board Minutes, March 28, 2024 [attachment 1, Board Minutes, March 28, 2024]
- Financial Reports March 2024 [attachment 2, Financial Reports, March 2024 MCOH]
- 2023 Year-End Financial Summary [attachment 3, MCOH FS 2023]

Executive Director Report – G. Harbison

- Grants and Agreements [attachment 4, Matrix Grants MCOH]
 - Matrix outlines active grants and 2 in process grants
 - A recent Health Forward Foundation email provided an update. They will consider future funds to be a gift and not a grant. There would still be an application.
 - MCOH will apply for another MFH grant to continue our work on Medicaid coverage and submitting another grant to Delta Dental
- 2023 Independent Financial Audit [attachment 5, MCOH Management Letter 2023; attachment 6, MCOH Communication of Audit Results 2022; attachment 7, MCOH Audit Report 2022] – Approved.
 - No concerns on the financial reports
 - Only finding was due being a small organization-Segregation of duties (a common finding for any smaller organization)
 - Ratio 5:1, for every dollar of liability, we have \$5 on hand. This is a financially healthy ratio.
 - We have about 3.5 months cash on hand, also financially healthy.
 - Question about audit costs: we have seen a steady increase in audit costs. The business not doing the presentation does not lower costs.
- Donation – A donation from Dr. Michael Lee was acknowledged. Our thanks to Dr. Lee for the support.
 - Media Campaign – The next phase of the targeted media campaign includes interviews with providers. One such video was previewed. There are several videos that were taken and being used for media campaigns, targeting dental providers.
 - Ads launched this week with a positive response.

Executive Committee Report – D. McLeod

- Board Meeting Schedule [attachment 8, Board Meeting Schedule 2024-2025 MCOH] – Approved.
 - Schedule runs through the end of 2024 and into 2025
 - Board meeting 9-18-24, 12-11-24, and 2-19-25 will be via Zoom
 - Board meeting 6-6-2025 will be in person in Jefferson City
 - Executive Committee Meetings all via zoom: 8-7-24, 11-13-24, 1-15-25, and 4-30-25
- Financial Reports, April 2024 [attachment 9, Financial Reports, April 2024] – Approved.
 - Good standing with no concerns. Better position than the previous year of 2023.
- Financial Reports, May 2024 [attachment 10, Financial Reports, May 2024] – Approved.
 - Good standing with no concerns. Better position than the previous year of 2023.
- Board Resignation - Kelly Vollmar has resigned from the Board. Accepted.

Nominating Committee Report – V. Wilbers [attachment 11, Nominating Committee Report MCOH] – Approved.

- Officers: Dr. McLeod (Chair), Mack Taylor (Vice), Beth Vossler (Secretary), Toni Meyerkord (at-large), Vicki Wilbers (at-large)
- Renewal of terms: Dr. Dane, Dr. Miller, Dr. McCunniff, Jackie Miller
- New Board member: David Thielemeyer

Policy Committee Report – G. Harbison

- Monitored this legislative session. No bills of interest passed.
- We may need to look for a new oral health champion for next session. Options were discussed. Dr. Miller suggestion-Kyle Marquart & John Simmons (they are running against each other), Dr. Taylor suggestion-Jason Bean (helped smiles of hope as well as supportive funding)
- The budget was passed, however there will most likely be a supplemental budget. There was NDI by MO HealthNet Division that increased the Medicaid dental extraction and sedation rates.

Conference Committee Report – M. Taylor

- Had a very good turnout for the conference. 156 registrants. It was noted that though 25 students registered; 22 did not show. This results in some loss because meals were prepared for all registrants. The Conference Committee may discuss establishing a reduced fee for students to reduce no-shows.
- Overall, good responses on surveys.
- We will be moving the conference back to Capitol Plaza for 2025 to accommodate capacity. Sponsors had to be outside of the conference rooms.
- Financially, brought in over \$40,000 and costs were a little over \$20,000 (see financial report for more information).

Survey Reports – M. Kleffner-Wansing [attachment 12, 2024 Conference Survey Highlights; attachment 13, 2024 Conference Survey Report; attachment 14, 2023 Membership Survey Highlights; attachment 15, Cumulative Membership Survey Report 2012-2023; attachment 16, 2023 Membership Survey Report]

- Conference highlights: 93% say the conference inspires them. Survey respondents-large majority had positive responses.
- Membership Survey: 16% response rate, would like that to be higher. The Coalition Blast! had only a 46% rate of “helpful”. Looking at the year-to-year comparison, Member Outcomes there is growth or maintained in all 7 categories from 2012-2023.

Dental Director Update – J. Miller [attachment 17, Update]

- Oral Health Plan 2025-2023-draft was emailed this week and open to suggestions. Edits will be made and then posted on website.
- New Decision item: Substance Use Disorder (SUD), seeking \$3.8 million-replacement of teeth for those suffering with SUD. Community Dental health Care would educate those providing care such as Community Healthcare Worker. Would also support SUD to navigate oral health care and tooth replacement paid by the opioid settlement funds. This will be the second time it is presented because it was not include in this budget.
- New Decision Item: RDH in Schools \$400,000-proposes to contract with dental clinics to employ 5 RDH across the state to provide school based oral health services. Within 2 years, the hope is program would become self-sustaining by billing Medicaid through the FQHC.
- New Decision Items: Water Fluoridation Program \$293,242. Ask is for continued funding every year. Statewide training for water operators, water system to repair.
- ODH Changes: No longer Associated State Dental Director position, Dr. Barton will be lost due to budget constraints. Consolidating PSP consultant positions as of 10-1-24, creating 2 full-time positions (State Dental Hygienist & Public Health Professional)
- PSP: Switching from a screening to a review allowing more individuals (medical students, RDH students, licensed professionals, etc) to conduct review. Those individuals must complete the PSP calibration training.
- Independence is not fluoridated. Local dentists willing to assist with education. Looking at oral health campaigns
- North Central Wholesale Water Commission meeting July 2024 to discuss 90-day notification process. 11 communities on system.
- Clarence Cannon had a tie vote. Conversations to begin again Fall 2025
- Coming soon: Missouri School Children Dental Sealant dashboard.
- Emergency Department Medicaid visits: as of Sept. 2023 it is 193 per 100,000 individuals
- Brushing for Two Kits: Funded by MCH. Include literature. Items for both mom and new born. Sent to LPHA/WIC departments.
- CareQuest Veteran Oral Health: Submitted early May, will find out if funded by August 15th. Proposal to evaluate current veterans pieces of HRSA grant. Create oral health website, literature specifically for veterans.
- CDC grant: submitted 5-24-2024, find out if awarded mid-August. 3 year grant focused on CWF and Dental Sealants, Infection prevention, medical/dental integration
- Nursing home pilot project: provide triage, monthly meetings, align technology, 2-page informational sheet
- High School Dental Assistant Program: 2 locations Pike Lincoln & St. Charles Career Centers. Instructors have been hired. Purchases supplies. August start date.
- OPA-EFDA: Collaborative efforts with MDA and MDB. Waivers posted May 1st. New rule filed.

Stakeholders Updates – D. McLeod

- Dr. Dane noted that a recent poorly-performed study about fluoridated water and pregnancy is gaining media attention. It has been printed in the Kansas City Star. The American Fluoridation Society is creating a rebuttal. It was noted that the Jefferson City News Tribune also ran the article.

- Dr. McLeod reported on ATSU. The recent graduation class is comprised of 62 students. Working with development of the Dexter Clinic treatment facility. Noted Hannibal Free Clinic is offering opportunities for dental students.

Upcoming Meetings – see attachment 8

Webinar - [Advancing Veteran Oral Health in Missouri](#) (MCOH & AIDPH) – June 28, 2024, 12:00 PM

Save the Date – 2025 MO Oral Health Policy Conference – March 6-7, 2025

Capitol Plaza Hotel & Convention Center, Jefferson City