



Executive Committee Minutes

Thursday, January 18, 2024, 8:30 AM Via Zoom

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), Vicki Wilbers, Beth Vossler, Kelley Vollmar, Gary Harbison.

Unable to attend: Toni Meyerkord, Dr. Michael McCunniff.

AGENDA

Board decision-making process is based on consensus of the Board of Directors

Introductions – D. McLeod

Minutes (attachment 1, Board Minutes, December 7, 2023; attachment 2, Executive Committee Minutes, October 26, 2023) – D. McLeod – Approved.

Executive Director Update – G. Harbison

- Michael French, MCOH Board Member, has passed away. More information will be shared when the obituary is available.
- 2024 Session ([HB 2075](#) - Coleman; [SB 778](#) – Eslinger; [HB 1621](#) – Justus) – Hearings held on HB 2075 and SB 778 last week. MCOH testified in favor, as did MDA, MDHA, The Council of State Governments (HB 2075 only), and the Association of Dental Support Organizations. No opposition.
<https://ddhcompact.org/compact-map/>
- Grants (attachment 3, Matrix Grants MCOH)
- 2023 Audit – In process now. Some Board members may receive some small requests related to this. Please respond in a timely fashion.
- MCOH continues to advocate for improvements in the Medicaid system.
- 2024 MO Oral Health Policy Conference – Please register. This is a good way for all Board members to show support for the organization.
- Also discussed - Credit Card Payments (virtual credit card – VCC) – These are difficult for providers. MDA is working on this issue. One significant payor is using credit card payments. MDA has legislation in play to allow option of practice to accept payment. Impact on practices from payors is intense.
- Dr. McLeod discussed dental vaccination bill. Senator Roberts has filed bill. See [SB 1215](#). MCOH supports this legislation and will monitor for movement.

Organizational Issues – D. McLeod

- Financial Reports December 2023 (attachment 4, Financial Reports December 2023 MCOH) – Approved.

Other/Updates – Dr. McLeod

Vicki mentioned OPA/EFTA first training this weekend for the collaborative pilot project. There is not a waiver of rule yet, but it is expected soon. This is hard work from Dental Board, Office of Dental Health and MDA.

Governor's Office is attuned and supportive. This project is focused on rural Missouri. Looking forward to results.

Dr. McLeod mentioned that entire nation is suffering from lack of dental faculty. Would like to have some dialogue around this issue. It is a challenging time for dental education. Urged support from all concerned with dental care.

Upcoming Meetings –

- Board Meeting – Thursday, March 28, 2024, 8:30 AM – via Zoom
- Board Executive Committee – Thursday, April 25, 2024, 8:30 AM – via Zoom
- Policy Committee – Friday, January 19, 2024, 9 AM – via Zoom

2024 Missouri Oral Health Policy Conference - Capturing the Future - Thursday and Friday, March 7 - 8, 2024

DoubleTree by Hilton, Jefferson City, MO

REGISTER

Learn about support MCOH offers dental providers through MO Medicaid Matters, a collaborative project with the Missouri Dental Association and MO HealthNet. You will find resources and contact information here:

