



2025
Missouri Oral Health
Policy Conference

MARCH 6-7, 2025
CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER
JEFFERSON CITY, MO



MCOH Conference Committee - Friday, September 13, 2024, 8:30 AM, via Zoom

Attendance: Dr. Taylor (Committee Chair), Gary Harbison, Dr. Raquia Denson, Dr. Mahdokht Farahani, Tamela Jones, Dr. Richard Campos, Julie Boeckman, Dr. Megan Krohn, Melissa Kleffner-Wansing, Ashley Herrman, Jessica Emmerich, Sarah Dirksen.

- Introductions – M. Taylor, Committee Chair – Introductions were made. New members were welcomed.
- Minutes (see Minutes, October 27, 2023) – Approved.
- Conference Survey Reports & Membership Survey Reports (see Conference Srvy Highlights; Conf. Srvy Report; Membership Srvy Highlights; Cumulative Membership Srvy Report; Membership Srvy Report) - Reviewed briefly.
- 2025 Draft Outline Format – G. Harbison – Reviewed the format.
(Sponsor/exhibitor 5 min presentations throughout; sessions can also be done by pre-conf. webinar)

Thursday, March 6

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM - Oral Health Awareness Event – MO State Capitol Visits (optional activity)

10:30 AM Welcome & Session 1

11:45 AM Lunch/Networking

12:30 PM Session 2

1:50 PM Session 3

3:25 PM Session 4

5 PM Oral Health Champion Awards (Oral Health Champion Awardees are selected by the Board, upon recommendation of the Conference Committee. Nominations are based on significant state-level work on oral health policy and contributing to improving Missouri's oral health or contributing to making oral health and oral health policy a priority for policy-makers and the Missouri public.)

5:30 Networking Mixer

Friday, March 7

7 AM Breakfast

8 AM Session 5

9:30 AM Session 6

11 AM Session 7

12/12:30 PM Lunch, Close, and Networking

- Potential Speakers and Topics – Discussion – All – In addition to the items below, the following were discussed:
Dr. Campos suggested a presentation on the story of gaining the Medicaid rate increase (There was discussion about doing this as a webinar to allow for questions and discussion that may be more difficult with a larger group).
Julie noted that Office of Dental Health is sponsoring a session on Infection Control & one on Medical-Dental Integration. Infection Control is highly clinical and may be managed by a pre-conference webinar. Med-Dental Integration will be covered by Dr. Krohn doing a presentation on a Swope project that is placing hygienists in pediatric clinics.
Tamela Jones suggested Dr. Tija Boyd Hunter for infection control.
There was discussion about Dr. Jackie Miller doing a presentation on increasing rates of HPV vaccinations and dental. Support for Dr. Bosch doing a presentation was discussed.
Dr. Farahani Centurion Health suggested she do a presentation on their work in prison oral health.
Discussed AI in dentistry. Innovative Approaches to Special Populations (Dr. Lisa Bosch, Drug court program, prison dental care).
Support was expressed for the veteran oral health panel.
 - Missouri Veteran Oral Health Panel (Dr. Silva, Rural Parish Health Clinic, Dexter Clinic, Dr. Taylor, Rodney Hummer: MO Governor's Veteran's Commission, Data Overview to start)
 - Oral health integration (Dr. Krohn/Swope: hygienists in pediatric clinics; school based oral health)
 - Facilitated breakout groups (topics from previous breakfast roundtables) – briefly discussed.

- Community perspectives panel (Patient experience from IDD Project, Veteran oral health experiences, other) – asked for assistance finding community members to present on their experience.
- Provider and patient experiences Nursing home pilot
- AI in Dentistry (panel from various companies - How it works, How it can be used in billing, etc.) -
- Theme – G. Harbison – Short and sweet is the pattern. Asked for suggestions.
- Oral Health Champion Awards – M. Taylor – Did not discuss at this meeting.
- Committee Member Updates – M. Taylor – no reports at this time.

Upcoming Meetings –

- Conference Committee – *Friday, October 11, 8:30 AM & Friday, November 8, 8:30 AM* – via Zoom
- Board Meeting– Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024, 1 PM – via Zoom
- Policy Committee – Friday, October 25, 2024, 9 AM – via Zoom

