



Conference Committee minutes

Friday, October 27, 2023, 8:30 AM via Zoom

Attendance: Dr. Mack Taylor (Committee Chair), Jessica Gibala, Dr. Meghan Krohn, Julie Boeckman, Pat Pou, Gary Harbison, Ashley Hermann, Sarah Dirksen, Jessica Emmerich, Melissa Kleffner-Wansing.

Agenda

- Introductions were made.
- Minutes (see Minutes, September 22, 2023) – Approved.
- 2024 Draft Schedule (not for distribution) – all times are approximate; most speakers un-confirmed.

Thursday, March 7, 2024 -

- 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM - Oral Health Awareness Event – MO State Capitol Visits (optional activity)
- 10:30 AM **Welcome** – followed by
- **1. Session - The Dynamics of HRSA Oral Health** – Dr. Adam Barefoot, DMD, MPH, Chief Dental Officer, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

11:45 AM – Lunch & networking (meals will be by buffet due to low staff at hotel)

- 12:30 PM – **2. Session – The Deal with Missouri Sealants** (sealant contractor panel)

1:30 PM – **3. Sponsor/exhibitor focus**

1:35 PM – **4. Sponsor/exhibitor focus**

1:40 PM – **Break and Networking**

- 1:50 PM – **5. Session – The Joys of Combating Misinformation** – Dr. Johnny Johnson & Roger Sullivan

3:00 PM – **6. Sponsor/exhibitor focus**

3:05 PM – **7. Sponsor/exhibitor focus**

3:10 PM – **Break**

- 3:25 PM – **8. Session – Dying from Dirty Teeth** – Angie Stone, RDH (may not work)

4:50 PM – **9. Sponsor/exhibitor focus**

4:55 PM – **10. Sponsor/exhibitor focus**

- 5:00 PM – **11. Oral Health Champion Awards**

5:30 PM **Networking Mixer** – Upper Floor (next to Sapphires Restaurant & Lounge) - *Dinner on your own*

Friday, March 8, 2024 –

6:30 AM – 8 AM - **Breakfast & Networking discussion tables** - *Join any time & feel free to rotate between tables*

Discussion Topics: Oral Health Access for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities; Preventive Interventions: Community Water Fluoridation; Dental Sealants; Oral Health and Primary Care Integration; Dental Health Equity; Oral Health Advocacy; Maternal and Child Oral Health; Seniors and Oral Health

- 8:00 AM - **12. Session – [The New Frontier: Technology in Dentistry – Jeannette Diaz, RDH]**

9:10 AM – **13. Sponsor/exhibitor focus**

9:15 AM – **14. Sponsor/exhibitor focus**

9:20 AM - **Break**

- 9:30 AM **15. Session – The Dawning New Age of Dental Medicaid** – Jessica Emmerich, Amanda Fahrendorf

10:40 AM – **16 Sponsor/exhibitor focus**

10:45 AM – **17. Sponsor/exhibitor focus**

10:50 – 11 AM – **Break**

- **11 AM – 18. Session - The State of the State of Missouri Oral Health - Dr. Jacqueline Miller, Missouri Dental Director**

12:15 PM - **19. Sponsor/exhibitor focus**

12:20 PM – **20. Sponsor/exhibitor focus**

12:25 PM - **21. Sponsor/exhibitor focus**

12:30 PM – **Lunch, Close, and Networking**

Discussion on use of the Whova app, including exhibitor's scanning the QR code on the name tag.

Jessica Gibala suggested that we ask exhibitors to donate giveaway items – Delta Dental can provide a basket.

➤ **Oral Health Champion Award Recommendations**

Oral Health Champion Awardees are selected by the Board, upon recommendation of the Conference Committee, 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.

Missouri Office of Dental Health; Amanda Fahrendorf; Roger Sullivan – These recommendations will be presented to the Board.

The conference theme was also discussed. The history of themes was reviewed and a theme for 2024 was selected.

2014 – Oral Health by Design

2015 – Moving Forward for Oral Health!

2016 – New Horizons in Oral Health

2017 – Victories & Challenges

2018 – Winds of Change

2019 – Accelerating Community Health!

2020 – Show Me Access to Health!

2021 – Driving Innovation - Meeting Challenges

2022 – On-Point

2023 – Transforming Access

2024 – Capturing the Future

➤ **Committee Member Updates – none at this time.**

Upcoming Meetings –

- Conference Committee – *If needed* – November 17, 2023 – via Zoom
- Policy Committee – Friday, Nov. 17, 2023, 9 AM – via Zoom
 - Medicaid Work Group – Friday, Nov. 4, 2023, 10 AM, via Zoom
- Board Meeting– Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023, 8:30 AM – via Zoom
- [National Oral Health Conference](#) – April 15 – 17, 2023
- [MCOH Webinars](#) –
 - Realities of Medicaid: Understanding What's Covered – Nov. 3, 2023, noon
 - Realities of Medicaid: MO HealthNet Audit Overview – Nov. 17, 2023, noon
- Monthly Discussion for Providers via Zoom – [Let's Talk About Dental Medicaid](#)

