



Board Meeting – Annual Meeting of the Board – MINUTES

Friday, June 6, 2025, 10:30 AM

Central Bank (motor bank), 2nd Floor Meeting Room, 500 Madison St., Jefferson City, MO 65101 (In person)

Lunch Provided - Open to the membership

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

Vision: *Oral Health for all Missourians.*

DRAFT AGENDA

Decisions reached on consensus of the Board

Attendance: Dr. Dwight McLeod (Chair), Vicki Wilbers (at-large), Dr. Mack Taylor (Vice-Chair), Beth Vossler (Secretary), Dr. McCunniff (Treasurer), Vanessa Draper, David Thielemeyer.

Also in attendance: Gary Harbison (Executive Director), Halie Payne, Julie Boeckman, Sarah Dirksen, Melissa Kleffner-Wansing, Ashley Hermann, Jessica Emmerich.

Call to order & Introductions – D. McLeod

Approval of Agenda – D. McLeod - **Approved**

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

- Board Minutes, 19Feb2025 [attachment 1, Board Minutes, 19Feb2025 MCOH]
- Financial Reports February 2025 [attachment 2, Financial Reports, February 2025 MCOH]
- Financial Reports March 2025 [attachment 3, Financial Reports, March 2025 MCOH]

Executive Director Report – G. Harbison

- Grants and Agreements [attachment 4, Matrix Grants MCOH] – Reviewed briefly.
Attachment shows what grants are active with terms of grant. It was noted that we operate off of soft money, but our grants are mission driven and the funders/grants may change over time. Question from David: Most grant terms end in 2025. What is the plan? Gary is constantly looking for other opportunities. Some grants may have extension into the future. In process of applying for Delta Dental. May get special money from CareQuest, but that is not finalized as of yet (invitation only grant). Question from Dr. McLeod: What about private donations? Gary stated we do receive some, but it is not significant. Unless we find a large corporate donation, it is not a big part of funding. Could consider some fundraising.
- Community Water Fluoridation Sign-On Letter [attachment 5, CWF Sign-On Letter]
Consistent with our policy goals, MCOH signed on to this letter. Letter to congressional delegation. We are being asked to sign on to more letters. Gary signed another one yesterday that aligned with our mission. The topic was to not cut oral health support to a special population.

Executive Committee Report – D. McLeod

- Financial Reports, April 2025 [attachment 6, Financial Reports, April 2025] - **Accepted**
- Financial Reports, May 2025 [attachment 7, Financial Reports, May 2025] - Nothing significant outstanding and still in good fiscal standing with cash in the bank. - **Accepted**
- Board Meeting schedule [attachment 8, 2025-2026, Board Schedule] – **Approved**

2024 Independent Financial Audit – G. Harbison [attachment 9, MCOH Management Letter 2024; attachment 10, MCOH Communication of Audit Results 2024; attachment 11, MCOH Audit Report 2024] – **Accepted**

Audit firm was not present but did provide talking points.

Segregation of duties, due to size of the organization, is noted annually. If the organization ever grew, it would need to be a conversation.

Financial health ratio is 6:1=healthy ratio

Biggest change this year is that there was a 25% change to restricted funds

Reference to future financial commitments - conference for 2026 is already booked. Is a little bit of a risk, but necessary for planning.

Nominating Committee Report – V. Wilbers [attachment 12, Nominating Committee Recommendations]

Renewing Terms: Vanessa Draper, Cathy Enfield, Dr. Mack Taylor, Beth Vossler, Vicki Wilbers

Officers: Dr. Taylor (chair), Dr. McCunniff (Vice), Beth Vossler (secretary), Vickie Wilbers (treasurer), Dr. McLeod (at-large)

New Board Members: Dr. Megan Krohn, Karen Davis

Recommendations Accepted

Thanks to exiting Board member, Toni Meyerkord.

Honored Dr. McLeod for serving as chair for the last 2 years

Strategic Plan – G. Harbison [attachment 13, Strategic Plan 2025-2029 MCOH] - ***Accepted***

Plan is streamlined.

Most changes to remove DEI language from the plan - align with current climate but does not change the activities of the Coalition.

There are updates in the Note section on the right side of the plan.

Report on MCOH – G. Harbison [attachment 14, Report on the Missouri Coalition for Oral Health]

The attached document gives a quick update for the past year. Plan is to update it more regularly.

2024 Membership Survey Report – M. Kleffner-Wansing [attachment 15, 2024 Membership Survey Highlights; attachment 16, Cumulative Membership Survey; attachment 17, 2024 Membership Survey Report]

17% of members completed survey for the year

42% of respondents made some sort of contact with legislator

Reviewed highlights of the Membership Survey

Conference Committee Report – M. Taylor [attachment 18, 2025 Conference Survey Highlights; attachment 19, 2025 Oral Health Policy Conference Igniting Innovation Survey]

Total attendance: 136; Total Conference Income: \$44,345.00 - Registrations, Exhibitors (14), Sponsorships (12)

Total Conference Expense: \$18,909.05 - hotel charges, speaker expenses, awards, conference supplies;

Total after expenses: \$25,435.95

Melissa provided an overview of the Conference survey results (see attachments). 41% completed survey

Conversation about making sure exhibitor costs are reasonable. The consensus is that current rates are fair.

Policy Committee Report - M. McCunniff

2025 session -

Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact – [SB 7](#) (Sen. Mike Bernskoetter); [HB 56](#) (Rep. Jeff Coleman); [SB 327](#) – Sen. Ben Brown (see ANOHC Dental Compact Map) - HB 56 was passed by the House and sent to the Senate where it was attached to an omnibus health bill, SB7. In the final days of the 2025 session the Senate concluded business early following unrelated use of "calling the previous question" to end debate and move legislation. This controversial procedure effectively ended all other Senate work. Therefore SB 7 was not passed. Thanks to all of the hard work and support provided this legislation. We look to next session.

Budget – Dental rates were maintained. The SFY 2026 budget includes an increase of the Medical Provider General Anesthesia rates to 63% UCR effective July 1, 2025. This increase will help dental providers be able to provide services in Ambulatory Surgical Centers and Outpatient Hospital Settings, which has been an issue.

The budget includes funding for Elks Mobile Dental and for Donated Dental. The Governor is expected to sign the SFY 2026 budget near the end of June. The state fiscal year starts July 1.

Veterans Oral Health Work Group – A. Herrman - This is a work group of the Policy Committee. 25 member in work group. Meet monthly. Understanding landscape of Missouri Veterans. Looking at recommendation for Policy Committee

MO Medicaid Matters Update – J. Emmerich [attachment 20, MO Medicaid Matters update]

Reviewed recent changes since 2022. Not anticipating any negative changes. 694 new to Medicaid dental providers since work began in 2022. 81,017 more Medicaid participants accessed dental services in 2024, compared to 2022. At the beginning of the work, there were 36 counties that did not have any Medicaid providers, and as of 2024, that has been reduced to only 17 counties without Medicaid providers.

Stakeholders Updates – D. McLeod

- Dexter-Smiles for Hope groundbreaking is coming up soon (June 21st)
- UMKC new Dean started this week
- MDA: work force shortages is a major focus
- Missouri updates (Julie): Dr. Kohn starting June 16th. June 25th there is a workforce meeting. Hannibal and Crane, Missouri are voting for rollback for fluoridation. Rolla was voting but they voted to keep water fluoridation. Trenton, Missouri may be discussing rollback. There are dates for water fluoridation trainings for dental & public health professionals. There is a video of the work done with Smiles of Hope (video from May) that includes interviews with veterans. Looking to put an adaptive care center to support dental needs of IDD.

Upcoming Meetings –

- Additional meetings to be set following approved of the Board meeting schedule.
- ***2026 MO Oral Health Policy Conference – March 5 & 6, 2026***