



March 9, 2017, 6:30 PM

Board of Directors Minutes

Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, Missouri (conference call not available)

Mission: *To improve oral health for all Missourians through sound public policy and public awareness.*

Vision: *Oral Health is a high priority for all Missourians.*

Attendance: Beth Vossler, Nathan Suter, Meagan Berry, Cathy Enfield, Joe Pierle, Michael French, Scott Lakin, Gary M. Henley, Vicki Wilbers, Diann Bomkamp, John Dane. **Unable to attend:** Michael McCunniff, Shannon Woodcock.

Others in attendance: Gary Harbison (Executive Director), Nancy Kettenbrink (MCOH), Melissa Kleffner-Wansing (MCOH), Richard Enfield, Karmen Vaughn (Clay Co. Public Health Center), Dotty Gholson (Community Caring Council, Cape Girardeau), Bonnie Branson (UMKC), Amy Kelsey (DHSS Oral Health Program), Cheryl West (DHSS), Lori Henderson, DDS (MoAPD Public Policy Advocate), Abiye Okah, MD, Molly Wagenknecht (ATSU dental student), Lisa Bosch (ATSU dental student).

Call to order & Introductions – B. Vossler Meeting began at 6:31 PM.

Approval of Agenda – B. Vossler-agenda approved.

Consent Agenda (previously approved by the Executive Committee) – B. Vossler-consent agenda approved.

- Board Minutes, December 9, 2016 [attachment 1, Board Minutes Dec 9 2016 MCOH]
Financial Reports December 2016 [attachment 2, Financial Reports December 2016 MCOH]
- Financial Reports January 2017 [attachment 3, Financial Reports January 2017 MCOH]
- 2017 Budget r [attachment 4, 2017 Budget MCOH]

Executive Director Report – G. Harbison-

- State Budget [attachment 5, FY_2018_EB_Social_Services]- Governor's proposed budget includes a 3% provider rate cute and a transfer of funds into managed care (going statewide May 1), but does not reduce the adult dental benefit. So far in the process, adult dental funding appears solid. House Speaker Todd Richardson has held up adult dental as an efficient use of Medicaid dollars. Adult dental appears to remain on solid footing. There is hope that the Budget Committee will reinstate funding for the Elk's Mobile Unit.
- The group present briefly discussed several items. *There was discussion not only to track data on dental-related emergency room but also the link to untreated dental problems to the use of opioids, loss of work days, loss of school days, other economic issues, pregnancy outcomes as well as the link of poor oral health to many chronic diseases. UCLA and Price Center has 15 years of data available with dollar amounts to help make the case. *Linking an oral health home as part of a health home may pull in more conservatives. In addition, we need to relate successful oral health stories and how lives have changed after they have had dental treatment. In addition, making the case to dentists how their treatment of Medicaid recipients has impacted

their patients' lives may further convince them to treat more Medicaid patients. It is important to track dentists who are treating Medicaid recipients because writing off care will contribute to Missouri losing Medicaid funds. *It should be part of the physician's standard of practice to remind their patients to see the dentist routinely. *One issue that will continue to keep private practice dentists from accepting Medicaid patients is the Section 1557 Translation/Interpretation Services under the Affordable Care Act.

- Medicaid Block Grant- SB 28 is advancing in spite of strong opposition. Block granting generally results in reduction of funding for health care. Dental is considered a non-essential service and may be at risk under Medicaid block-granting. It will be important to learn what direction national policy takes as repeal of the ACA is considered. Pat Finnerty will cover block granting at the conference tomorrow.
- Grants-All grants are up to date, as are the reports. Our 2017 budget has been revised to reflect budget grants that were given in another year (previously approved by the Executive Committee).
- Move - The Coalition office is relocating March 31 to new office about 3 blocks away in the JC Area Chamber of Commerce building, which features lower rent, more space, a better maintained building and conference space. Utilities are included in rent. The cost of the move is under expectations. Board meetings may be held at that location depending on availability of meeting space.

Executive Committee Report – B. Vossler

- Financial Reports February 2017 [attachment 6, Financial Reports February 2017] –approved as submitted (Note that the bookkeeping firm will adjust the Feb. financial reports to reflect the timing of receipt of grant funds as reflected in the revised budget).

Conference Committee Report – N. Suter –The preliminary number of registrants for the Conference is 112.

Additional information about the conference will be available later, including conference survey results.

Policy Committee Report – G. Harbison (for M. McCunniff) - Most of the Committee's efforts has been to retain adult dental benefits. Please note that the Policy Committee recommended and the Executive Committee accepted the removed of ACA-related goal from policy goals. This goal is no longer considered relevant.

Missouri Dental Director Update – John N. Dane, DDS, FAAHD, DABSCD [attachment 7, 2017 Spring Update]- See Dr. Dane's ppt. "Update for Dental Health in Missouri."

- Dr. Randall Williams, MD is the new DHSS Director. His is emphasizing reduction of opiate use and reducing infant mortality, as well as healthcare for the aged. He will present these priorities to the Governor and hopes there will be task forces to work on these issues. He will likely look at the issues through the lens of rural health. He was originally scheduled to make comments at our meeting but could not attend. He is invited to speak at a subsequent Board meeting Dr. Dane has recommended a dentist for his task forces.
- The Office of Dental Health was reinstated in Aug., 2016.
- There have been over 221,222 adult dental services provided from Jan. 2016-Jan. 2017 at the cost of \$17.5 million, with 80% of services being done at FQHCs.

- Non-emergent dental visits to emergency rooms have decreased from 9076 in 2015 to 8490 in 2016 from July-Jan. totals.
- Teledentistry bill passed in 2016 with rules still being implemented by the Missouri Dental Board.
- The fluoridation removal notification law went into effect in Aug. 1, 2016, with several local challenges of potential communities considering community water fluoridation removal, most recently in Battlefield, MO.
- Delta Dental Foundation is providing sealant grants for four awardees.
- MO HealthNet now has codes for silver diamide fluoride and distal shoe space maintainers.
- MO HealthNet is converting to managed care throughout the state and there are initial problems dealing with enrollment.
- Nine counties in Missouri have no dentist.
- Fee-for-service provider enrollment has dropped from 720-615 in 2015, a 23.4% drop. Missouri was the second lowest in dental providers seeing children in 2014. The national average was 41.5%.
- Only 39.5% of Medicaid-eligible children were seen in 2015, which makes Missouri fifth lowest in the country. The national average is 49.7%.
- 2017 Priorities: Include continued funding for adult Medicaid dental benefits; joint demonstration project for WIC fluoride varnish program; dental sealant grants; fluoridation training projects for public water supply engineers; education and reach-out to stakeholders dealing with fluoridation and Medicaid; sustainability of the dental director position; inter-professional relations between dental and medical in terms of chronic disease connections, opioid use and maternal dental disease.

Following Dr. Dane's presentation was a discussion on state fluoridation issues, including concern about public voting on fluoridation and being careful of media coverage. The Coalition needs to continue to be vigilant and pro-active in promoting PWS and supporting education on the benefits of fluoridation.

Stakeholder Updates – B. Vossler

MDA - Vicki Wilbers put out a call for volunteers for MOMOM on June 9th and 10th in Joplin. The Coalition will continue to distribute information about MOMOM.

People First Conference - Cathy Enfield reminded participants of the People First Conference on April 21st-23rd.

Upcoming Meetings – [events](#)

- Membership Committee – Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 10 AM, conference call
- Policy Committee - Friday, April 22, 2017, 9 AM, conference call
- Executive Committee – Friday, April 14, 2017, 10:30 AM
- Board Meeting – June 23, 2017, 10:30 AM, Providence Bank, 300 Ellis Blvd, Jefferson City, MO 65101 & via conference call (location subject to change)