



Board of Directors *MINUTES*

March 10, 2016, 6:30 PM

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 – Board Members: Dr. Michael McCunniff, Beth Vossler, Vicki Wilbers, Diann Bomkamp, Joe Pierle, Dr. Nathan Suter, Michael French, Lauren Martinez, Cathy Enfield, Dr. Gary M. Henley, Scott Lakin
Others: Dr. Rita Burnett (Swope Health Services), Dr. Abiye Okah (Children’s Mercy Hospital), Pat Mason Dozier (Family Health Center, Columbia), Dr. Sujatha Sivaraman (Family Health Center, Columbia), Dotty Gholson (Community Caring Council), Dr. John Dane (State Dental Director), Dawn Downes (REACH), Dr. Doug Smith (Clarity HealthCare, Hannibal), Gary Harbison, Melissa Kleffner-Wansing, Nancy Kettenbrink

Call to order & Introductions – M. McCunniff – introductions by those in attendance were made and the meeting was called to order.

Approval of Agenda – M. McCunniff – There were no changes to agenda.

Consent Agenda (*previously approved by the Executive Committee*) – M. McCunniff – Consent agenda was approved.

- Minutes [attachment 1, Board Minutes November 20, 2015 MCOH]
- Financial Reports November 2015 [attachment 2, Financial Reports November 2015 MCOH]
- Financial Reports December 2015 [attachment 3, Financial Reports December 2015 MCOH]
- Financial Reports January 2016 [attachment 4, Financial Reports January 2016 MCOH]

Executive Director Report – G. Harbison

- MO HealthNet Adult Dental – As the group heard from Mike Sutherland with the MO Budget Project, the adult dental benefit seems rock solid in the budget. However, Gary mentioned his concern about the Senate matters at hand. Currently, the adult dental benefit is being treated as a core item and not a new decision item, which is promising, but the Coalition will need to be vigilant about keeping this in the budget.
- Oral Health Caucus [attachment 5, Oral Health Caucus MO Legislature] – First meeting of the caucus was held on Monday, March 7, 2016 with the introduction of Dr. John Dane. Dr. Dane gave input on his position at DHSS and DSS and his priorities. He was asked questions by the caucus members on matters related to oral health. Representative Lichtenegger and Senator Wallingford are heading the oral health caucus. Scott Lakin encouraged coalition members to find support from the Democrats in both chambers to be a part of the oral health caucus.

- Fluoridation Notification [attachment 6, HCS HB 1717] – Has advanced through the House and to the Senate. Referred to Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment. Gary expressed concerned that it is last on the list of the committee bills and we need get word to the Senate. Members of the committee were contacted by Coalition members at the Oral Health Legislative Awareness Event this morning and seemed to be on board with the bill. Gary feels there is strong support from the Senate; however, the concern now is having it actually be a priority so it is heard in the Senate. Scott Lakin asked if there are bills we could identify to attach this legislation to. Gary said we need to be talking to committee members to get a hearing. Discussions will occur with Senator Silvey.
- Telehealth bills in House and Senate have both moved to opposite chambers.
- Oral Health Advocacy Webinars – Held webinar March 1 in preparation for this morning’s Oral Health Legislative Awareness Event. Ten attended. Also available for review afterwards. Planning another webinar for April or May to help build capacity of the membership to advocate for oral health policy. Local fluoridation issues will be used as an example.
- Oral Health Legislative Awareness Event – held this morning. About 30 participated, including new members. Individuals shared their communications with legislators and will share more data information once forms from meetings are tabulated.
- 2015 Audit – Is in process, should be completed in time for report at Annual Meeting of the Board on June 17, 2016.
- The Coalition received donations from Lauren Martinez, Michael French and the Missouri Budget Project. The Coalition thankfully acknowledges these generous donations.

Executive Committee Report – M. McCunniff – Reviewed financial reports and answered questions. Approved.

- Financial Reports February 2016 [attachment 7, Financial Reports February 2016 MCOH]

Policy Committee Report – M. McCunniff

- Raise Your Hand for Kids [attachment 8, Early Childhood IP Summary, attachment 9, Press Release, additional information available at [Raise Your Hand For Kids](#) and [Kansas City Star](#)] – Policy Committee recommends to the Board to support this project. Following Board discussion with additional information and specifically concerns with large tobacco support for this initiative, the Board did not have consensus on support for the project.

Stakeholder Updates –

Dr. John Dane – Mayor of Versailles contacted Oral Health Program regarding interest in grant funding for fluoride equipment.

Scott Lakin – 880,000 people that live in Tobacco 21 communities are affected. Has been speaking with Wildwood, Jefferson City, St. Louis area about support, Liberty will pass in next couple of months, Independence, Mo. to

discuss. Campaign is moving to the Kansas area where Prairie Village passed it, other Kansas towns passing initiative. Data showing 30-40% decrease in teenage smoking.

Dr. Nathan Suter – Reported on an MFH grant to COMTREA Health Center for \$3 million dollar grant over three year period to expand dental services, including one new clinic a year in Jefferson County. One will be co-located with a new CODA accredited Dental Assisting program. Grant award expected in June. Starting to see adult dental patients coming into the system at COMTREA, they are providing pre-screening.

Cathy Enfield - HB1565 raises the MO HealthNet assets limits for disabled persons. Concern was noted and Cathy has met with legislators to discuss concerns.

Dr. Gary Henley – He represents the Mound City Dental Society and there is an additional representative planning to join the MCOH group. SLU Center for Advanced Dental Education will be implementing a pediatric dental residency program in 2017.

Upcoming Meetings –

Policy Committee, March 27, 2016, 9 AM

Executive Committee, April 10, 2016, 10:30 AM

Board Meeting – *Annual Meeting*, June 17, 2016, 10:30 AM, Providence Bank, 300 Ellis Blvd, Jefferson City, MO 65101 – Thanks to Beth Vossler, Vice-Chair, for leading this meeting. Dr. McCunniff is not available.