



Executive Committee MINUTES

February 19, 2016, 10:30 AM

Attendance: Michael McCunniff (Chair), Beth Vossler (Vice-Chair), Vicki Wilbers, Scott Lakin, Joe Pierle, Diann Bomkamp, Gary Harbison.

Minutes (see Executive Committee Minutes, January 8, 2016) – approved.

Executive Director Update

- Adult Dental - The House Appropriations Committee included funding of \$14.783 million for dental services for adults who are insured by Medicaid (state and federal). No indications of controversy or faltering support. Provider rate not included. Media attention is fairly intense. Implementation timeline has not changed.
- Oral Health Caucus (see Caucus) – Rep. Lichtenegger is working to re-form what had been the Oral Health Issue Development Committee. Sen. Wayne Wallingford will co-chair. Interest in the caucus is strong. Support for oral health remains strong. Meeting tentatively set for Monday, February 29, 11 AM. Will need to confirm this date and time. Dr. Dane will be introduced.
- Fluoridation Notification (see [bill tracking](#) & HCS HB1717) – Bill has been amended to remove the emergency clause and voted do pass by Conservation and Natural Resources Committee after a public hearing on Feb. 1. Gary testified in support as did Delta Dental, MO American Water and MDA. Rep. Ross forwarded 2 amendments, but withdrew before committee vote. Voted do pass by Select Committee on Agriculture on Feb. 4. Perfected on Feb. 16. Third Read on Feb. 18 and sent to the Senate, where Sen. Wayne Wallingford is handling the bill. First read by Senate Feb. 18. Second read and referral to committee is next. If Senate passed the bill without changes, the bill heads to the Governor's desk. It appears possible this could happen prior to legislative spring break starts on March 17. Rep. Ross (clearly under the influence of anti-fluoridation constituents) had stated he planned to attempt to amend to require a recurring vote of the public on fluoridation and/or to require local municipalities or water companies to pay for home filtration to remove fluoride for anyone who requests it. Rep. Ross introduced such amendments in the Conservation and Natural Resources Committee, but withdrew them prior to allowing them to be voted down, which would surely have occurred. Rep. Lichtenegger has received strong support to date and has worked to ensure Rep. Ross does not succeed. He has not attempted to interfere with the bill to date. Rep. Ross appears to have little support and less chance of interfering with the bill.

- 2016 Conference – Approximately 85 registrants to date, about half have not been at the conference previously, many are new members. Working on final details.
- Oral Health Advocacy Webinars – Webinar on March 1 for those attending Oral Health Legislative Awareness Event on March 10 (Gary will also be at the Cap that morning). Three advocacy webinars after conference, with emphasis on local fluoridation.
- Telehealth legislation is moving forward in the 2016 session (HB 1923 and SB 621).
- Oral Health America – Has asked to partner. Recommended to partner as commitment seems workable and beneficial to Coalition mission. Accepted by Exec. Comm. on behalf of Board.
- Raise Your Hand for Kids (see Early Childhood IP Summary, [Raise Your Hand For Kids](#) & [Kansas City Star](#)) – Policy Committee is recommending endorsement. Gary recommends discussion at Board meeting on March 10. There is some controversy around an opposing tobacco tax proposal supported by convenience store owners. Big tobacco supports Raise Your Hand For Kids, at least in part because proposal includes differential for off-brand tobacco. This will be discussed and decided at the Board meeting on March 10.

Organizational Issues

- Monthly Financial Report (see Financial Reports December 2015 & January 2016) – Accepted as submitted.
- Annual Meeting – Proposed Date Change from June 24 to June 10 – Move recommended because of dates of regional DentaQuest Foundation grantees meeting. Accepted by Executive Committee. Email on this topic go out to entire Board.

Scott Reported Tobacco 21 being passed by a number of municipalities around the state and in Kansas.

Upcoming Meetings - [See Coalition Events](#)

- **Policy Committee, February 26, 2016, 9 AM, conference call**
- **Advocacy for Oral Health Policy 101 (webinar), March 1, 2016, 8:30 – 10:30 AM**
 - **for those participating in the Oral Health Legislative Awareness Event of March 10, 2016**
- **Board Meeting, March 10, 2016, ~ 6:30 PM, in conjunction with the conference**
- **Executive Committee, April 15, 2016, 10:30 AM, conference call**

2016 Oral Health Policy Conference
New Horizons in Oral Health
March 10 & 11, 2016
Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO