



Policy Committee Minutes

Friday, March 23, 2018, 9 AM

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: Michael McCunniff (Chair), Diann Bomkamp, John Dane, Melissa Kleffner-Wansing, Karen Dent, Gary Harbison.

Minutes (see February 23, 2018 minutes) - Approved

Medicaid Adult Dental – Funding included in 2019 budget. No signs of faltering support. There is an issue between legislature and MO DHSS regarding release of information, which may result in some reduced funding for DHSS (as threatened by the legislative committee). Donated Dental Services and Elks Mobile Dental Services are funded in the budget.

Dental Director Update – Dr. Dane provided and update on current activities -

Final grant submitted to HRSA – Received acknowledgement of submission. If accepted, notice of award will come later. Includes funding for many important projects, as well as partial funding for the Dental Director position.

CDC grant writing started, emphasis on Dental Sealants, Water Fluoridation and Monitoring – First draft being created now; work is ongoing with a short timeline. Dental sealants may be limited to enhancements of existing use of sealants. Basic data collection, new state dental plan, preservation and enhancement of fluoridation and other areas likely to be included. Work on oral health relationship to chronic diseases included. Will need to consider which disease. There is an interest in interprofessional relationships. New educational accreditation standards include interprofessional work; these may be connected with the grant application and the proposal is developed.

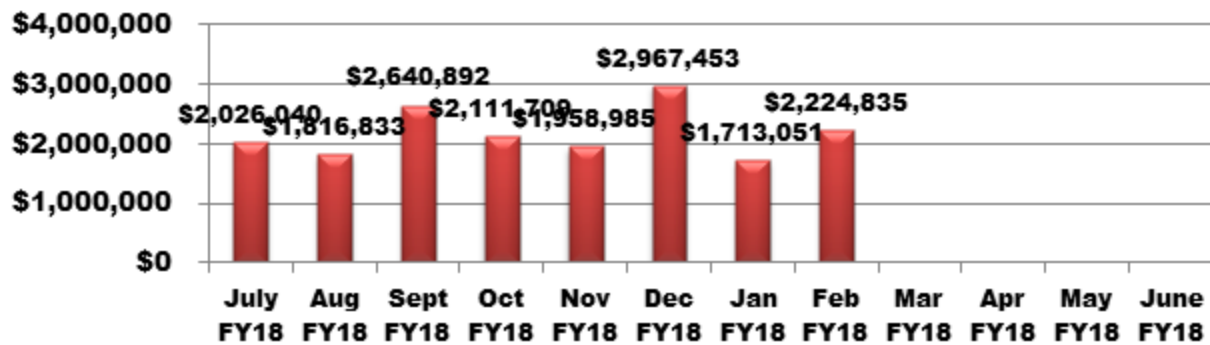
New anti-fluoridation activity around Cabool, including national anti groups, has been discussed this week.

Efforts are under way to coordinate a local response.

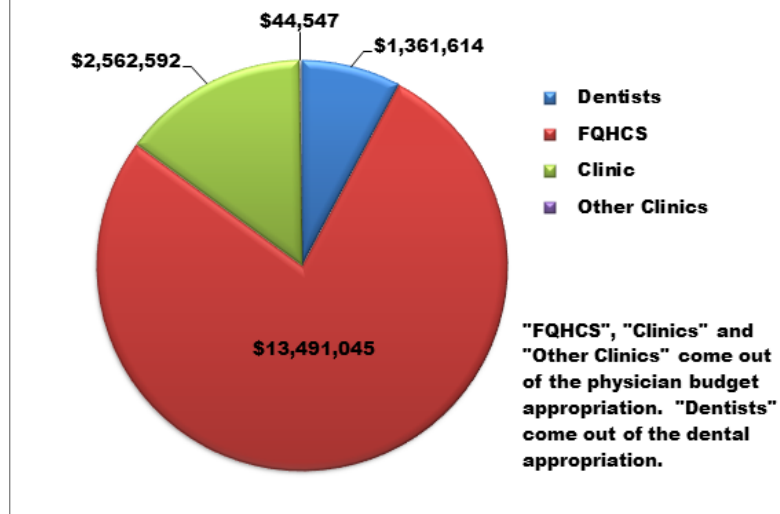
New data on Adult dental services –

Expenditures for 2017 and 2018 appear to be about \$2 million per month. See tables below.

Adult Dental Monthly Expenditures - FY18



Expenditures by Provider Type - FY18



Fluoridation Legislation (see HB 2213) – Not scheduled for a hearing. Unlikely to move this session.

Telehealth Legislation (see HB 1617) – Working through Senate process. Appears likely to pass this session.

Oral Health Caucus – No meeting scheduled. Rep. Lichtenegger says she will schedule a meeting.

Recommended Policy Goals – Were accepted by the Board at the March 1 meeting. See updated list of goals at the bottom on this page and online.

2018 Oral Health Legislative Awareness Event – Twenty-One Coalition members made 54 legislative visits. New members attended and participated. More experienced members assisted new members. Found support and appreciation from legislators, demonstrating the impact of the Coalition in gaining support from legislators for oral health policy.

2018 Missouri Oral Health Policy Conference – 98 total attendees, including several school nurses, local public health.

Thanks to Karen Dent and MPCA for providing CEUs.

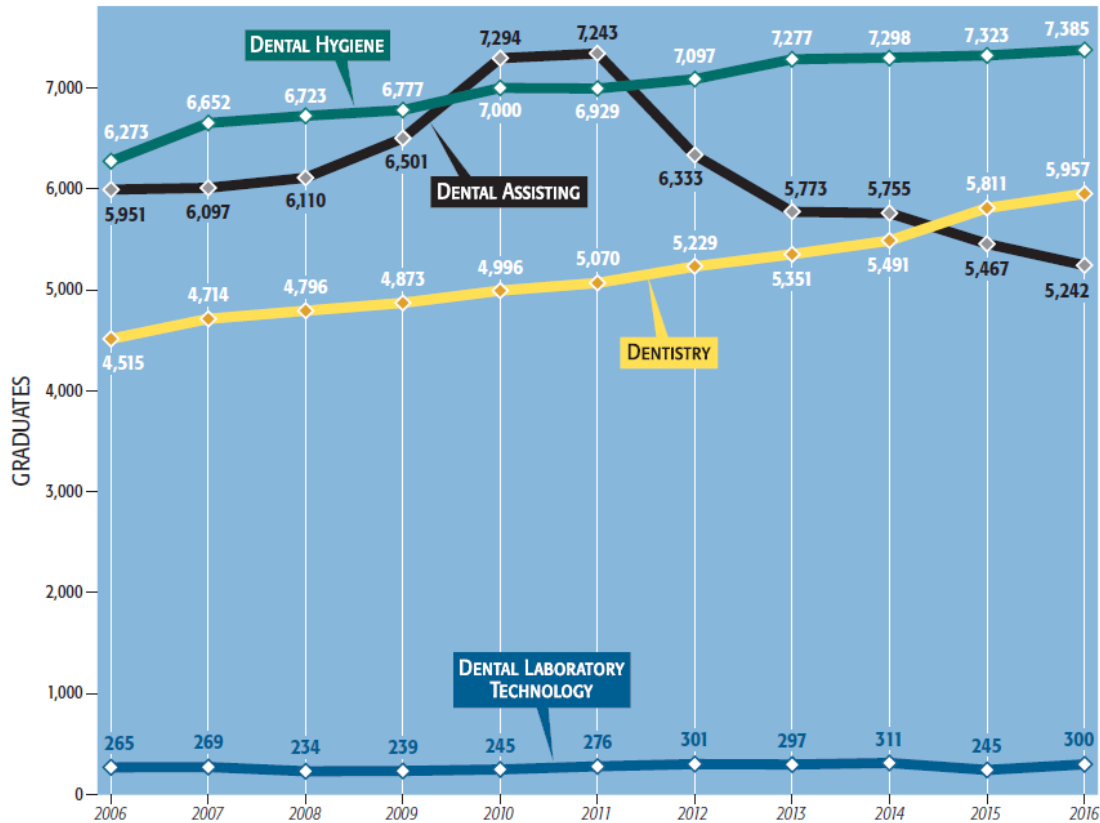
Discussed new and developing relationships

Committee Member Updates

Dr. McCunniff – Attended the recent ADEA meeting in Orlando. Dental school applications are down nationally. Number of dentist school graduates as proportion of population is down. See table below.

Are There Enough Dental Graduates?

IN 1977, THE U.S. POPULATION WAS 220 MILLION, AND THERE WERE 5,177 DENTAL SCHOOL GRADUATES (OR 2.4 DENTAL SCHOOL GRADUATES PER 100,000 PEOPLE). IN 2016, THE U.S. POPULATION GREW TO 323 MILLION, WITH 5,957 DENTAL SCHOOL GRADUATES (OR 1.8 DENTAL SCHOOL GRADUATES PER 100,000 PEOPLE). AT THE SAME TIME, THERE HAVE BEEN FLUCTUATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF GRADUATES FROM OTHER DENTAL PROFESSIONS.



Source: American Dental Association, Health Policy Institute, Surveys of Dental Hygiene Education Programs, Surveys of Dental Assisting Education Programs, Surveys of Dental Laboratory Technology Education Programs, and Surveys of Dental Education.

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Dr. McCunniff also mentioned a recent article by Marko Vujicic with the ADA. See attached.

Annual Campaign for Dental Health Meeting, March 20 & 21, 2018, on PWS Fluoride – Dr. Dane, Gary Harbison and Deb Cook (School Health Services, Kennett Public Schools) attended from Missouri. Many excellent resources and presentations at the meeting, including a good resource for community members – FluorideExposed.org New tablet system for PWS fluoridation will result in lower cost and ease of application. Watch for more information.

Upcoming Meetings – [check the Events page on the Coalition website](#)

- **Policy Committee – May 4, 2018, 9 AM, conference call**
- **Board - Annual Meeting – June 22, 2018, 10:30 AM, 213 Adams St., Jefferson City, MO & via conf. call**

Coalition Policy Goals

- *Improvement of MO HealthNet by implementing best practices and system improvements to increase provider participation and MO HealthNet participant usage*
- *Inclusion of a comprehensive dental benefit in MO HealthNet*
- *Protection and expansion of public water system fluoridation*
- *Expansion of access to dental sealants for children without routine dental care*
- *Integration of oral health care in school-based health*
- *Expanded coverage of and access to silver diamine fluoride for all Missourians*
- *Inclusion of a comprehensive dental benefit in Medicare*
- *Implementation of a statewide public awareness campaign about the importance of oral health to overall health*
- *Strengthening provider networks and expansion of service delivery of dental care for high-risk, vulnerable, MO HealthNet and uninsured populations, including people with disabilities and special health care needs*
- *Incorporation of oral health in the patient-centered medical home*