

**Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, April 4, 2019**  
**2:00pm – 4:00pm**



**Sacramento First 5 – Community Room**  
2750 Gateway Oaks Ste. 330  
Sacramento CA 95833

**Join by Phone: (916) 876-4100**  
**Conference ID: 890250**

**Minutes**

1. 2:00 Welcome & Introductions

Terry Jones

**Members Present:**

Robin Blanks-Guster, Olivia Kasirye, Terry Jones, Debra Payne, Jim Musser, Melinda Anderson-Bitney, Mary Jess Wilson, Martha Cisneros-Campos, Dorothy Seleski, Katie Andrew, Dharia McGrew, Maritza Valencia, Julie Gallelo, Jan Resler, Cynthia Vanzant, Devon McCracken

**Members Absent:**

Steve Heath, Cathy Levering, Griselda Zamora, Jonathan Porteus

**Public Present:**

Cherag Dinshaw Sarkari, Kris Clinton, Robyn Alongi, Sonya Bingaman, Carolyn Brookins, Lisa Rufo, Danielle Cannarozzi, Barbara Aved, Rachel Dagbovie, Mira Yang, Bryan Nokelby, Tessa Hammer, Lynn Constant, Brian Kennedy, Sean Leonard, Yumei Weinberg, Stacy Anderson, Jesus Chavarin-Rivas, Susan Flores, Alani Jackson, Edward Bynum

2. 2:05 Approve February 7, 2019, Meeting Minutes ([Action](#))

A motion to approve the February 7, 2019 minutes was made by Debra Payne and seconded by Jim Musser. Minutes were approved.

3. 2:10 New MCDAC Beneficiary/Parent Seat ([Action](#))

A motion to have Devon McCracken and Robin Blanks-Guster fill the beneficiary/parent seats was made by Debra Payne and seconded by Mary Jess Wilson. The motion passed.

4. 2:15 DHCS Update

Reported by Carolyn Brookins:

a) [Dental Transformation Initiative Update](#)

DHCS is drafting the Year 3 (2018) annual Dental Transformation Initiative report. Highlights from Year 2 program (2017 calendar year) data was shared.

Based on procedure codes, utilization of preventive services for ages 1-20 years increased by 7.48%. The number of dentists providing dental services to children ages 1-20 increased by 7.17% from 2014 to 2017. A total \$46.5 million for program Year 1 was paid out to all Domain 1 providers.

Domain 1: DHCS has delayed the 2019 January payment because they found errors in baseline methodology. DHCS will send letters to providers to inform them what their corrected baseline is and then the payment will go out. Our goal is to issue the payment by end of May.

Domain 2: CRA categories for ages 0-6 years.  
DHCS saw a higher number of preventive services in the initial 11 pilot counties, compared to the control groups.

Since December 2018, 11 dentists have opted into Domain 2 for Sacramento County bringing the total to 107 dentists (from 96 in December 2018).

Domain 3: Program Year 2: From 2015-17, the percentage of 0-20 year olds with a 2-year continuity of care increased by 2.60%; and a 3-year continuity of care increase by 1.98%.

From CY 2014 to CY 2017, DHCS observed a 27.71% increase in the number of preventive dental services performed and a 6.95% increase in treatment services during that period.

Domain 4: 13 LDPP's contracts are executed, all 13 are submitting invoices.

b) Prop 56 update

The Governor's January budget proposed an extension of Prop 56 funding through 2019-20. The proposed budget is pending approval. In May or June DHCS will have a better idea if they will leave Prop 56 as is or if the procedure codes will be changed.

Dental Loan Repayment Program – DHCS passed out the California Healthcare fact sheet that included information about the application and the deadline to apply. The fact sheet was sent to DHCS stakeholders and it will be posted on their website.

The application period is open through April 26, 2019. Approximately 20 loans of up to \$300,000 will be made to dentists in exchange for a 5-year service commitment.

The Practice Support Grant provides up to \$300,000 total per person and requires a 10-year commitment. This grant service as a way for providers to move their practice or start a new practice in high need area. Applicants must have graduated within the last 15 years and must practice in a federally identified dental health professional shortage area.

c) 2018 Sacramento County Medi-Cal Dental Fact Sheet

The 2018 Sacramento County Medi-Cal Dental Fact Sheet was shared.

Jim Musser reports the number of hospitals allowing operating room time has decreased. Sacramento has one dental anesthesiologist and only one oral surgeon serving disabled adults. Mercy San Juan is closing its surgery center. On a limited basis, Sutter Roseville, Kaiser Roseville, The Greater Sacramento Surgery Center, and Sutter General offer OR time.

This item will be brought back to MCDAC at the next meeting for further discussion.

6. 3:00 Presentation to Board of Supervisors (**Action**) Debra Payne  
A motion to submit the drafted report to the Board of Supervisors with the agreed upon changes was made by Jim Musser and seconded by Mary Jess Wilson. The motion passed.
7. 3:15 Dental Plans Update Dental Plans  
**Liberty Dental Plan**  
Danielle Cannarozzi reported: Liberty is participating in and sponsoring events in the coming months. A list of events with the dates, times and locations will be sent out via email by Jan Resler and include:  
Kids Day at the Capitol  
Hatching Health Babies Community Baby Shower  
Valley Hi & Shabazz Health & Safety Fair  
Kids Day in the Park  
Russian Community Outreach Meeting  
North Sacramento FRC Community Carnival  
Yarmarka  
Senator Pan's Picnic @ the Capital  
Morey Ave Multicultural Celebration  
International Kids Day

The Sacramento District Dental Society hosted a provider training for front office staff and 55 people attended. Another training is planned for September.

#### **HealthNet Dental Plan**

Dorothy Seleski reported: Health Net has been spending time at medical events versus dental events. Celebrate Oak Park is Saturday, April 13th. Felicia Fondren is working to increase medical/dental collaboration at FQHC's.

#### **Access Dental Plan**

Martha Cisneros reported: Access goes to many of the same events as Liberty but they are trying to be at different events to increase outreach efforts. Access and Liberty will join efforts for the Million Meals events and Access's dental van will be at open meal sites to screen adults. The Dental Day at Fairytale Town had 1,725 participants.

8. 3:30 California Dental Association Update Dharia McGrew  
a. Health Education Framework: Dharia provided information regarding the open comment period for the Health Education Framework. CDA and CSPD together provided comments to CDE, which were largely incorporated in the second round proposal.

- b. State Budget: A major priority for CDA is creating stability for Prop 56 funding. They are advocating for multi-year renewals instead of yearly renewals.
- c. Legislation: There is a five bill package all aimed at reducing consumption of sugar sweetened beverages (SSB). CDA is working with the California Medical Association to cosponsor three of the five bills - AB 764 (Bonta), AB 765 (Wicks), and AB 766 (Chiu). Two other bills are AB 138 (Bloom), a statewide soda tax, and SB 347 (Monning), which would require a health warning label on SSBs. SB 347 has passed out of the Senate Health Committee.

CDA is also sponsoring two other bills: SB 154 (Pan) would add silver diamine fluoride as a Medi-Cal benefit for specific populations including children 6 years old and under, people with special needs, and adults in skilled nursing facilities. AB 954 (Wood), which would increase transparency in network leasing contracts (applicable for private plans, not Medi-Cal).

- 9. 3:35 Children Now Update Katie Andrew  
Katie Andrew reported on the Medical Dental Collaboration Learning Collaborative sponsored by Access Dental. Dr. Assael, the Dean of Northstate University was the speaker. The next Learning Collaborative is on June 20<sup>th</sup> and a speaker from the American Cancer Society will present on HPV and oral cancers.

The next joint Children Now and Center for Oral Health webinar is tentatively set for May 9<sup>th</sup> and the speaker will be Kim Caldewey who will present on Sonoma's perinatal improvement project.

Katie, Dr. Jay Kumar and Dr. Bahar Amanzadeh will present at the National Oral Health Conference on medical dental innovation and care coordination.

- 10. 3:40 Every Smile Counts Update Debra Payne

Debra Payne reported on the Kings Dental event at Noralto elementary school. Robyn Alongi reported that all North Valley Kaiser pediatric staff will receive fluoride varnish training in May. They will also receive training on the pilot protocols and oral health education.

The Parent Oral Health Education modules are being translated and will be posted as they become available.

- 11. 3:45 Early Smiles - Center for Oral Health Mira Yang  
Mira Yang reported since July 2018, COH has served 16,584 children. More than 14,000 children have received fluoride varnish and 63% have been navigated to a dental home. Since February 2019, over 4,000 children have received oral health education. COH has participated in community events including Super Tooth Day at Fairytale Town where 150 people, including 10% adults, were served.

12. 3:50 Agenda Items for June 6, 2019 MCDAC Meeting

All

a. Other Items & Announcements

Jim Musser would like MCDAC to develop a plan or strategies to increase access to dental care under general anesthesia and understand the limited number of providers available to provide these services who have access to the OR.

It was suggested that staff create a table of hours available for hospital dentistry over time to show the decline of availability and the supply/demand balance. MCDAC can make recommendations and send a letter to DHCS.

Alta Regional Center will present at the next MCDAC meeting.

13. 4:00 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm

**Public comment may be given on any of the agenda items and before a vote.**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the advisory committee is to provide oversight and guidance to improve Denti-Cal utilization rates, the delivery of oral health and dental care services, including prevention and education services, dental managed care and fee-for-service Medi-Cal Dental.

**Authority:** AB 1467 (Budget Committee), Effective July 1, 2012; Sacramento County BOS, Dec 11, 2012, Resolution No. 2012-0903 establishing a Sacramento County Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee & Resolution No. 2012-0904 appointing the initial membership to the Advisory Committee.

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