

# Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee Meeting



## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 5, 2023 – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Sacramento County Public Health Education Programs**  
9616 Micron Avenue, Suite 900 – Conference Room 1  
Sacramento CA 95827

**Zoom Meeting ID:** 160 536 3975

**Facilitator:** Jonathan Porteus, Chair

**Scribe:** Jennifer Fitzpatrick

### Members Present:

- James Musser
- Olivia Kasirye
- Cynthia Stuart
- Sunanda Bandyopadhyay
- Michelle Monroe
- Robin Blanks-Guster
- Julie Gallelo
- Katie Andrew
- Cathy Levering
- Roshani Mehta
- Jonathan Porteus

### Members Absent:

- Maritza Valencia
- Vanessa Stacholy
- Darrell Kenworthy
- Bilee Hernandez

### Members Called in:

- Mary Jess Wilson
- Monica Montano
- Dorothy Seleski

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**Public Present in person or teleconference:** Adrienne Sammut, Adrianna Alcala-Beshara, Amber Kwiecien, Andrew Menor, Adriane Sawyer, Annaly Quintero-Pulido, Bre Stark, Brittany Vacura, Chris Llamas, Candy Stirdivant, Cherag Sarkari, Debbie Blanchard, Denise Canacari, Destiny Rockwood, David Hughes, D Ferber, Debra Payne, Eric Hansen, Felicia Fondren, F Saldana, Jennifer Duong, Jan Resler, Joseph Canas, Jay Anderson, Jeanette Diaz, Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Katherine Martinez, Kristy Wiese, K Morrill, Judy Lema, Liz Bishop, Linh Le, Margaret Delmore, Melody Law, May Saeturn, Navish Reddy, Peter Mendoza, Rima Hakim, Rhoda Gonzales, Rosanna Jackson, Rachel Shafer, Shannon McConnell, Susan McLearn, Tatevik Movsesyan, Tiffany Turner, Tim Martinez, Tram Chau, T Lao, Thomas Lovinger.

2:00	Welcome and Introductions	Meeting called to order at 2:05 pm Jonathan Porteus.
2:07	Approve Meeting Minutes <b>(Action)</b>	June 1, 2023 meeting minutes reviewed by the Committee. Motion to approve: Julie Gallelo      Second: Cathy Levering      Motion Carried.
2:08	Approve Meeting Minutes <b>(Action)</b>	August 3, 2023 meeting minutes reviewed by the Committee. Motion to approve: Julie Gallelo      Second: Cathy Levering      Motion Carried.
2:10	Approve MCDAC Member Appointment to <a href="#">Health Authority Commission</a> Oral Health Seat <b>(Action)</b>	James Musser nominates Cathy Levering. Cathy accepts the nomination. Second: Robin Blanks-Guster Motion Carried.
2:20	Approve New MCDAC Members- Timothy Martinez (Dental Plan Rep-Health Net), Shannon McConnell (RDH), Rachel Shafer (Member-at-Large) <b>(Action)</b>	Committee approves new member Shannon McConnell (RDH seat). Motion to approve: Michelle Monroe      Second: Cynthia Stuart      Motion Carried. Committee approves new member Tim Martinez (Dental Plan Representative- Health Net) Motion to approve: Michelle Monroe      Second: Katie Andrew      Motion Carried. Committee roll call vote to appoint new member to Member-at-large seat (2 candidates). David Hughes- 1 vote      Rachel Shafer- 10 votes Cathy Levering moves to appoint David Hughes as the PHAB representative on MCDAC. Cynthia Stuart seconds. David accepts. Committee will approve David’s MCDAC membership following his appointment to PHAB.

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2:35	Discuss DHCS RFP for Dental Managed Care Contract Procurement	RFP was released by DHCS immediately following the August MCDAC meeting. Committee members expressed frustration at the lack of advance notice and missed opportunity for providing feedback. Committee members will submit a letter to DHCS requesting to be part of the RFP process in the future and to thank DHCS for retaining the GMC model. Committee members discussed forming a subcommittee to be proactive in addressing the evaluation phase of the current RFP and deliverables for future procurements. Subcommittee members would like to discuss the application and process with the Dental Plans after they've submitted their respective proposals on November 20. Volunteers for the subcommittee: Brittany Vacura, Jonathan Porteus, David Hughes, Michelle Monroe, Dr. Bandyopadhyay, Susan McLearn, Dr. Mehta, Julie Gallelo, Rachel Shafer, Cynthia Stuart, Cathy Levering, Thomas Lovinger, and Shannon McConnell.
2:50	Review Brown Act and Rules for Changes to Committee Charter	Julie Gallelo reviews Brown Act rules for attendance and quorum as well as proposed changes to Brown Act legislation. Committee members debate a suggestion to reduce the number of meetings from 6 to 4 per year. No motion is made. Committee members discuss changes to the number of seats on the committee. Discussion results in proposal of the following changes: an increase in number of FQHC seats from 2 to 5, member-at-large seats from 2 to 3, number of dental provider seats from 2 to 3; and the addition of a seat dedicated for Alta California Regional Center representation. The committee will vote on changes to the Charter at the December meeting.
3:05	MCDAC Work Plan Updates	No update at this time. Will provide an update in December.
3:30	Center for Oral Health/Early Smiles Sacramento Update	Presented by Rachel Shafer ESS rolled out new consent forms which have been translated into multiple languages and created a toolbox highlighting the ESS program which will be going out to school district nurses. Development of an e-consent is in progress. ESS is working with SCOHP on KOHA strategies and implementation of passive consent policy in Sacramento County school districts. COH released a 6-yr evaluation of ESS which highlights the program from its inception in 2016 to June 2022.

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3:35	California Dental Association Update	Presented by Monica Montano No update at this time.
3:55	Dental Plan Updates	<p>Presented by Katie Andrew (Liberty), Felicia Fondren &amp; Tim Martinez (Health Net), Elizabeth Bishop (Access)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liberty Dental added 11 dental offices in the month of August which represents the addition of 2 dental providers to the Liberty network. In August and September, Liberty participated in 26 community events, did 8 donation drop offs at back-to-school backpack drives, 5 educational presentations, 15 screening events, and attended 5 community meetings. As of September 29, Liberty will conduct monthly screenings at the County Safe Stay site, as well as IRC. Liberty continues to promote the Healthy Behaviors incentive program, which incentivizes members who have not had a dental visit in the past 12 months to complete a dental appointment.</li> <li>• In September, Access Dental attended 3 community health fair events- a SETA community health fair, offering dental screenings and oral hygiene kits; a WellSpace Health outreach event, providing 300 dental hygiene kits for Sac County residents; and a Volunteers of America health fair for veterans. Access text campaigns for August and September focused on baby’s oral health and fruit and veggies month. Access provided 30 educational trainings and attended the California Dental Association convention with the goal of recruiting new providers to the Access network.</li> <li>• Health Net attended 3 events in September- Community Against Sexual Harm where they provided toothbrush kits and educational materials; Sacramento Heart and Stroke Walk; and LaFamilia Counseling Center Health and Safety event. Health Net has 2 events coming up in October and the mid-winter event coming up in February. Health Net is hosting a fluoride varnish application training for non-dental primary care providers on October 18. In Q1-3, the provider incentive program resulted in 5900 new encounters for the preventive billing bundle, 2500 encounters for sealants and 4000 encounters for outreach. Partnership with regional centers demonstrates success in implementing dental desensitization to eliminate use of restraints and unlearn past traumatic dental experiences.</li> </ul>
4:00	Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sac Covered has re-branded to Community Health Works.</li> <li>• SDDS hosted an event for school nurses from five counties including Sacramento.</li> <li>• First 5 Sacramento released an RFP for Oral Health Systems Improvement projects.</li> <li>• Agenda items for next meeting:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Work group updates and 2023 Work Plan discussion</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Update to MCDAC Committee Charter</li></ul>
4:07	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm by Julie Gallelo.</li><li>• Next Meeting is December 7, 2023 2:00 -4:00 pm.</li></ul>