

# Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee Meeting



## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 3, 2024 – 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:** 161 219 2856

**Facilitator:** Julie Gallelo, Vice-Chair

**Scribe:** Jennifer Fitzpatrick

### Members Present:

- James Musser
- Timothy Martinez
- Darrell Kenworthy
- Robyn Alongi
- Cherag Sarkari
- Morgan Musser
- Sunanda Bandyopadhyay
- Rachel Shafer
- Monica Montano
- Julie Gallelo
- Robin Blanks-Guster
- Cynthia Stuart
- David Hughes
- Roshani Mehta
- Michelle Monroe
- Debra Payne

### Members Absent:

- Jonthan Porteus
- Bilee Hernandez


### Members Called in:

- Mary Jess Wilson
- Cathy Levering
- Olivia Kasirye
- Shannon McConnell

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**Public Present in person or teleconference:** Adriane Sawyer, Adrianna Alcalá-Beshara, Amanda Morgan, Andrew Menor, Bakir Abduljabbar, Chris Llamas, Candy Stirdivant, Cordia Losh, Cynthia Johnston, Darren Vinson, Debbie Blanchard, D Ferber, David Goodman, Destiny Rockwood, Doreena Wong, Dorothy Seleski, Eddie Hu, Elizabeth Wong, Eric Hansen, Felicia Scott, Helen Pham, H Stearns, Jan Resler, Joseph Canas, Judy Lema, Kelsey Hovey, Jennifer Fitzpatrick, K. Morrill, Kim Benton, Kimberly Arredondo-Blanco, Lisa Nguyen, Lisa Hooks, Liz Bishop, Margaret Delmore, Mariana Torres, Martin Gonzalez, M Saeteurn, Michael Tavallazi, Mugunth Nandagopal, Navish Reddy, Paula Lee, Rhoda Gonzales, Richard Newman, Rosanna Jackson, Rima Hakim, Robin Muck, Dr. Shakalpi Pendurkar, Susan McLearn, Tiffany Turner.

2:07	Welcome and Introductions	Meeting called to order by Julie Gallelo.
2:10	Welcome CA Department of Public Health Dental Director	Dr. Shakalpi Pendurkar, State Dental Director introduction. Dr. Pendurkar speaks of her continued vision for the California State Oral Health Plan and outlines the credentials that brought her to this position.
2:15	Approve Meeting Minutes ( <b>Action</b> )	August 1, 2024 minutes reviewed by the Committee. Motion to approve: Cynthia Stuart                      Second: Debra Payne                      Motion Carried.
2:20	Presentation by Adrianna Alcalá-Beshara	<p>DHCS Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Dental Managed Care Contract Procurement Update- awards granted to California Dental Network, HealthNet, and Liberty Dental. Adrianna Alcalá-Beshara thanked Access Dental for their service through the years. The new contracts will commence July 1, 2025. Progress updates on contracts will be available online.</li> <li>b. Medi-Cal Dental Little Hoover Commission Report- statement from DHCS is that they have completed the recommendations in the report.</li> <li>c. <a href="#">Sacramento County Medi-Cal Dental Fact Sheet</a>- Kelsey Hovey presented DHCS fact sheets. </li> <li>d. <a href="#">FFS vs. DMC Performance Fact Sheet</a></li> <li>e. 1915(b) CalAIM Waiver Plan Parity with FFS- no update.</li> </ul> <p>MCDACFactSheet_ Oct2024.pdf</p>

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		<p>f. Children’s Presumptive Eligibility (CPE) Program Update- Dentists may opt in to the program which grants a 60-day presumption of eligibility to applicants. Up to 200 providers have opted in.</p> <p>g. <a href="#">Care Coordination Referral</a> vs <a href="#">Case Management Referral</a>-Care Coordination Form is available on the DHCS website and takes less than 2 minutes to complete. Turnaround time is 3 days; currently only available to FFS beneficiaries. Case Management is for beneficiaries who need coordinated care due to comorbid health conditions. Referrals much be made by providers, case workers, or other health care representatives.</p> <p>h. Coming soon—Community Health Worker billable code CDT 9994</p>
2:50	Approve Term Renewal for Existing MCDAC Members- Jim Musser, Jonathan Porteus, Mary Jess Wilson, Robin Blanks-Guster, Julie Gallelo, Olivia Kasirye, Cathy Levering, Monica Montano, & Darrell Kenworthy <b>(Action)</b>	<p>Discussion regarding attendance compliance preceded vote.</p> <p>Motion to approve: Debra Payne                      Second: David Hughes                      Motion Carried.</p>
3:00	MCDAC Workgroup Updates and Next Steps	<p>a. General Anesthesia Workgroup has not met. Discussion about the need for more sedation and hospital access. Suggestion to take it to the Health Authority. Adrianna reminds the committee that there are contractual requirements for managed care plans re: time and distance standards.</p> <p>b. Disparities and Inequities in Oral Health Care Workgroup—update provided by Debra Payne. AB 2510 legislation would allow other entities to bill for fluoride varnish. Workgroup plans to meet once a month.</p> <p>c. Oral Health Care Integration Workgroup—no update to report.</p> <p>d. Provider Network Adequacy Workgroup—update provided by Cordia Losh.</p>
3:25	Center for Oral Health/Early Smiles Sacramento Update	<p>Presented by Rachel Shafer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School screenings have resumed. Consents have been updated and incentive wristbands have had a positive effect on return rates.</li> <li>• 70 screenings are scheduled for October</li> <li>• COH continues to partner with Sacramento County Oral Health program and SDDS.</li> </ul>

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3:30	CDA Update	<p>Presented by Monica Montano</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AB 2701, which would allow for two covered cleanings per year for Medi-Cal Dental adult beneficiaries, has been held up in Senate appropriations.</li> </ul>
3:33	Sacramento County Oral Health Program Update	<p>Presented by Jennifer Fitzpatrick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concluded a spring media campaign which featured community water fluoridation, Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment, and healthy nutrition messaging.</li> <li>• Promoted Rethink Your Drink at two events in September.</li> <li>• Provided presentations to two local dental hygiene colleges.</li> <li>• Attended the SDDS nurses meeting to promote Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment and Brush Book Bed in a Box classroom oral health literacy kits.</li> <li>• Will attend two community health fair events in October and co-present at CA Foster Parent Conference.</li> <li>• Continuing to work on two health care provider training videos; one for pregnant and perinatal providers which will launch in Spring 2025, and one for pediatric providers which will launch before the end of the year.</li> </ul>
3:35	Health Authority Commission Update	<p>Presented by Michelle Monroe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working on getting dental included in the strategic plan to increase focus and accountability</li> <li>• Noted drops in enrollment from Medi-Cal post determination</li> </ul>
3:37	Dental Plan Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liz Bishop provided update for Access Dental Plan</li> <li>• Felisha Scott provided update for Health Net Dental Plan</li> <li>• Dr. Sarkari provided update for Liberty Dental Plan</li> </ul>
3:50	Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michelle Monroe announces two new One Community Health dental service locations; one is a mobile van at Arden and will serve the unhoused population. OCH has also opened a health center in Carmichael.</li> <li>• Agenda items for December 5, 2024             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MCDAC presentation to the Board of Supervisors review and approval</li> <li>○ MCDAC Legislative Report review and approval</li> <li>○ Gainwell introduction and Q &amp; A</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3:56	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting adjourned by Julie Gallelo.</li> </ul> <p>Next Meeting December 5, 2024 2:00 -4:00 pm</p>