

Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee Meeting



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 4, 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: 161 618 6535

Facilitator: Jonathan Porteus, Chair

Scribe: Jennifer Fitzpatrick

Members Present:

- James Musser
- Michelle Monroe
- Jonathan Porteus
- Roshani Mehta
- Bilee Hernandez
- Sunanda Bandyopadhyay
- Cherag Sarkari
- Julie Gallelo
- Monica Montano
- Timothy Martinez
- Robin Blanks-Guster
- Darell Kenworthy
- Shannon McConnell
- Morgan Musser

Members Absent:

- Olivia Kasirye
- Cynthia Stuart
- Mary Jess Wilson
- Rachel Shafer

Members Called in:

- Cathy Levering

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Public Present in person or teleconference: Amanda Morgan, A Figueras, Adriane Sawyer, Barbara Aved, Bre Stark, Chris Llamas, Cynthia Johnston, Danielle Cannarozzi, David Hughes, Debbie Blanchard, Debra Payne, Destiny Rockwood, Dorothy Seleski, Eddie Hu, Fanny Saldana, Felicia Fondren, Jan Resler, Jeannette Diaz, Jennifer Duong, Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Kim Benton, Kimberly Arredondo-Blanco, Lisa Hooks, Margaret Delmore, Michael Tavallaez, N Young, Paul Glassman, Robin Alongi, Robin Muck, Susan McLearn, Tiffany Turner, Tracy Ngo, Vanessa Stacholy.

Welcome and Introductions	Meeting called to order at 2:05 pm by Jonathan Porteus.
Approve Meeting Minutes (Action)	February 1, 2024 minutes reviewed by the Committee. Motion to approve: Michelle Monroe Second: Roshani Mehta Motion Carried.
DHCS Update	DHCS representative is not present to provide an update. Item postponed to next regular meeting on June 6, 2024.
Approve New MCDAC Members-Robyn Alongi (Sacramento County Department of Health Services) and Debra Payne (Member-at-Large) (Action)	Committee approves new member Robyn Alongi (Sacramento County Department of Health Services). Motion to approve: James Musser Second: Julie Gallelo Motion Carried. Committee approves new member Debra Payne (Member-at-Large). Motion to approve: James Musser Second: Julie Gallelo Motion Carried.
Center for Oral Health/Early Smiles Sacramento Update	Presented by Tiffany Turner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navigation is a unique feature of the program. • In 2023 COH provided services at 470 school and community events in Sacramento County, screening over 28,000 children. • Increased numbers of repeat encounters and children connected to their dental home via MDRAN. • Goals for 2024 include increasing consent return rates by launching electronic consents (available in 8 languages) and marketing with wristbands containing a QR code.


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<p>MCDAC Subcommittee Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Porteus is working on recommendations to encourage local Alcohol and Drug programs to engage in oral health. • GA Workgroup: no update to report. • Oral Health Integration Workgroup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identified strategies and topics for further consideration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Expanding on existing systems and complementary objectives ▪ Access to bidirectional referral systems ▪ Education to medical providers ▪ Resources available from MMC plans • Disparities and Inequities Workgroup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identified several groups with disparities: prenatal and pregnant people, those with disabilities, refugee populations, Black, Indigenous, and people of color, foster children, and older adults ○ Some strategies include education for providers and caregivers. Would like to enlist a representative from Alta Regional, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, and Sacramento Native American Health Center • Dental Plan Dental Directors meet regularly and will work to include the Sacramento FQHC Dental Directors—Dr. Lisa Nguyen and Dr. Brittany Vacura. • FFS Provider Network Adequacy Subcommittee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Porteus to request an update from DHCS on the number of members moving from DMC to FFS and if members are allowed to transition back when requested. ○ Need more information from DHCS to determine which providers are FFS, DMC, or both? There are some discrepancies in provider active status (14% inaccuracies in the past) ○ Sacramento County is calling providers to ask who accepts FFS ○ A real-time assessment should be performed
<p>CDA Update</p>	<p>Presented by Monica Montano</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDA is sponsoring AB 2701 which would increase the current adult benefits from one cleaning and one exam to two dental cleanings and two exams per year. • CDA is still advocating for \$50 million to be appropriated for the specialty dental clinic grant.
<p>Dental Plan Updates</p>	<p>For Access Dental Plan, Destiny Rockwood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member outreach update: new member portal to enhance member experience and improve services

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	<p>through better transparency, access to information and care management tools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New public-facing website design was launched in January • Attended SETA Health Services Advisory Committee meeting • Dr. Mehta presented oral health topics to Head Start families and Head Start staff • Attended a community resource fair supporting immigrant families and handed out dental kits and mental health information • Attended the National Association Dental Plans Conference and served on committees • Attended Capital Day and met with legislators about upcoming bills concerning dental plans, members and providers • Contacted providers for benchmarking discussions with 89 provider webinars with 105 on-site visits completed. • Added 53 providers to the network <p>For Health Net, Felisha Fondren</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolling out two incentive programs in July. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For children there is a bundled service incentive including cleaning, fluoride, and one sealant reimbursement on top of what they receive from the main account ○ For adults the incentive is \$125 additional reimbursement with an exam and cleaning ○ Q4 adult encounters were 588 and children were 1281 <p>For Liberty, Bre Stark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended Capital Day and SDDS Midwinter Convention • Launched a new case management project • 524 provider service calls in March and 175 visits • Added 7 offices and a total of 58 dental providers <div style="text-align: right;">  <p>MCDAC Grievances Presentation.pptx</p> </div> <p>Presentation by Dr. Cherag Sakari on Member Grievance Process</p>
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Glassman provided updates on the planned move of CNSU from Elk Grove to Sacramento in July. Surgical Center in the dental building is planned for next year. CNSU will have an additional site at the old Arco Arena that will see complicated medical or physical cases requiring sedation. There will also be an

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	<p>outpatient special needs clinic. The outpatient clinic will be ready by the end of the year while the hospital surgical facility will take a few years to complete.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Kim Benton provided updates on UOP’s dental building which will house dedicated sensory rooms. The ambulatory surgical center should be up and running in December to facilitate services for Oak Park and surrounding areas.• Dr. Sarkari shared that Health Net is funding a pilot project with 175 clients who fit criteria for referral to GA but will instead be referred to dental homes for basic diagnostic and restorative services with desensitization services. 6 RDAs will be registered as behavioral therapists and work in 6 identified offices using ADA code for desensitization
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm by Julie Gallelo.• Next Meeting June 6, 2024 2:00 -4:00 pm