

Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee Meeting



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 1, 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: 161 564 4896

Facilitator: Julie Gallelo, Vice-Chair

Scribe: Jennifer Fitzpatrick

Members Present:

- James Musser
- Timothy Martinez
- Darrell Kenworthy
- Robyn Alongi
- Cherag Sarkari
- Cathy Levering
- Rachel Shafer
- Monica Montano
- Julie Gallelo
- Robin Blanks-Guster
- Cynthia Stuart
- Shannon McConnell
- Mehta Roshani
- Michelle Monroe
- Debra Payne

Members Absent:

- Jonthan Porteus
- Olivia Kasirye
- Bilee Hernandez
- Sunanda Bandyopadhyay

Members Called in:

- Mary Jess Wilson
- Morgan Musser

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Public Present in person or teleconference: Adriane Sawyer, Adrianna Alcalá-Beshara, Bakir


Abduljabbar, Bary Bailey, Bre Stark, Brian Jones, Chris Llamas, Candy Stirdivant, Cynthia

Johnston, Darren Vinson, Debbie Blanchard, Danielle Cannarozzi, Destiny Rockwood, Doreena Wong, Dorothy Seleski, Eddie Hu, Eric Hansen,

Felicia Scott, Garrett Heenan, Helen Pham, Jennifer Fitzpatrick, K. Morrill, Kim Benton, Kimberly Arredondo-Blanco, Jeannette Diaz, Judy Lema,

Linh Le, Liz Bishop, Martin Gonzalez, M Saeteurn, Michelle Rush, Paula Lee, Rhoda Gonzales, Rima Hakim, Robin Muck, Susan McLearan, Thaddeus

Archie, Tiffany Turner, Tracy Ngo, Tram Chau.

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| 2:06 | Welcome and Introductions | Meeting called to order by Julie Gallelo. |
| 2:11 | Approve Meeting Minutes (Action) | June 6, 2024 minutes reviewed by the Committee. Motion to approve: Debra Payne Second: Michelle Monroe Motion Carried. |
| 2:12 | Presentation by Dr. Kim Benton of University of the Pacific Health Care Collaborative | All students are international and may apply for additional visas after graduation to work in this country. Will take FFS Medical-Dental for now and will be trained to see special needs population. There will eventually be anesthesiologists on staff.  UOP PHCC August 1 2024.pdf |
| 2:27 | Discuss Data for Annual Report to Board of Supervisors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update BOS on 1915b Waiver Plan Parity changes • New DMC contracts are still TBD • There is a federal requirement to have an NPI -provider number—Tiffany Turner points out that this has been a challenge for COH as a non-profit, but they have achieved a workaround. DCHS will look into the problem • Discussion about the challenges of the PAVE portal when there are associates or partners in the practice—Adrianna Alcalá-Beshara will look into this. |
| 3:00 | MCDAC Subcommittee Updates | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. General Anesthesia Workgroup—the workgroup has not met. b. Disparities and Inequities in Oral Health Care Workgroup—no report today, will update at next meeting. c. Oral Health Care Integration Workgroup—workgroup has not met since last meeting. d. FFS Provider Network Adequacy Subcommittee—haven’t met since the last MCDAC meeting and are having trouble getting some data about provider networks—Darell Kenworthy spoke of his difficulties in Yolo (FFS) county and having to get services for his son (who requires sedation for multiple services at the same time) in Sacramento |

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| | | County. How is case management handled by others? DCHS wants to make sure those resources are available to other families who face similar challenges |
| 3:12 | Center for Oral Health/Early Smiles Sacramento Update | <p>Presented by Rachel Shafer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finished the 23-24 school year screenings with close to 27,000 school-based screenings provided—year-end reports have been sent to the school districts • Working on urgent care follow-ups • Updating toolkits • Starting the 24-25 school year screenings tomorrow |
| 3:20 | CDA Update | <p>Presented by Monica Montano</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB 2701 that would allow for 2 Medi-Cal Dental cleanings per year for adults is moving through the legislative process • Funding for a \$50 million grant program to expand specialty dental clinics serving patients with special health care needs has been restored. Applications are being reviewed |
| 3:21 | Sacramento County Oral Health Program Updates | <p>Presented by Debbie Blanchard and Jennifer Fitzpatrick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prop56 grant FY23-24 activities were shared • First Five Oral Health Systems Improvement grant implementation plan shared with the committee |
| 3:30 | Dental Plan Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Felisha Scott provided updates for Health Net Dental Plan • Liz Bishop provided updates for Access Dental Plan • Bre Stark provided updates for Liberty Dental Plan |
| 3:40 | Announcements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Health Works is having a community event on October 19th • SDDS is preparing for Smile for Kids Day 2025. Nurses meeting on September 17th for more information <p>Agenda items for October 3, 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report approval for the board of supervisors • DCHS will be present • Adriana Alcala-Beshara would like some examples of the challenges with operating rooms being unwilling to schedule dental procedures. DHCS has been successful in helping other counties, but they need to know where the problems are |

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| 4:05 | Adjournment | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting adjourned by Julie Gallelo.• Next Meeting October 3, 2024 2:00 -4:00 pm |
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