

Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee Meeting



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 5, 2025 – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sacramento County Public Health Education Programs
7001 East Parkway-Conference Room 1
Sacramento CA 95823

Zoom Meeting ID: 161 836 4667

Facilitator: Jonathan Porteus

Scribe: Alexis Ousley

Members Present:

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| • Julie Gallelo | • Shannon | • Debra Payne |
| • Robin Blanks- | McConnell | • Jonathan Porteus |
| Guster | • Roshani Mehta | • Cherag Sarkari |
| • Darrell | • Michelle Monroe | • Cynthia Stuart |
| Kenworthy | • Monica Montano | |
| • Timothy | • James Musser | |
| Martinez | • Morgan Musser | |

Members Absent:

- Robyn Alongi
- Sunanda Bandyopadhyay
- Bilee Hernandez
- David Hughes

Members Called in:


- Mary Jess Wilson
- Olivia Kasirye

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Public Present in person or teleconference:

Debbie Blanchard, Amanda Morgan, Margaret Delmore, David Goodman, Judy Lema, Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Alexis Ousley, Felisha Scott, Caroll Badgley, Rodney Bughao, Karyn Dugger, Cynthia Johnston, Heather Lawler, Donnell Kenworthy, Adriane Sawyer, Candy Stirdivant, Destiny Rockwood, Pankat Patel, Alan Vallerine, Anja Westerhaus, Dave Westerhaus, Marcus Kasper, Alisha Gutierrez, Patricia Ryan, Joseph Canas, Shuruq Emanu, Barbara Aved, David Ferber, Dorothy Seleski, Lisa B. Nguyen, Elizabeth Xiu Wong, Helen Pham, Linh Le, Rima Hakim, Katherine Martinez, Kelsey Hovey, Matthew Mouille, N.Young, Paula Lee, Richard Newman , Rajvir Bhogal, Rhoda Gonzales, Rosanna Jackson, Sam Seiden, Sarah Costa, Shu Xu, Susan McLearn, Tiffany Turner, Valerie Huevo, Yanique Guy.

2:05 PM	Welcome and Introductions	Meeting called to order at 2:05 pm by Jonathan Porteus.
2:08 PM	Approve April 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes (Action)	<p>The April 3rd, 2025 meeting minutes were reviewed by the Committee.</p> <p>Motion to approve: Julie Gallelo Second: Cherag Sarkari Motion Carried.</p>
2:10 PM	DHCS Update	<p>Presented by Linh Le and DHCS team.</p> <p>a. Sacramento County Medi-Cal Dental Fact Sheet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fact sheet was not approved for distribution before the meeting was called to order. DHCS will provide the fact sheet to MCDAC members as soon as it has completed the DHCS approval <div style="text-align: center;">  MCDAC-FactSheet-J une-2025-Final.pdf process. </div> <p>b. Dental Managed Care Plan Transition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Ferber provided updates on the collaboration between current and new dental managed care plans, as well as fee-for-service fiscal intermediaries. The focus remains on ensuring a smooth transition for Medi-Cal members affected by the dental managed care contract changes, with an emphasis on member choice, continuity of care, and member-provider linkage. <p>c. FFS vs. DMC Performance Fact Sheet:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kelsey Hovey provided updates on key findings and format changes to the MCDAC fact sheet and responded to questions from the committee. Both members and non-members are encouraged to contact dental@dhcs.ca.gov for additional information or inquiries.  <p>FFS-DMC-Fact-Sheet-February-2025.pdf</p> <p>d. Medi-Cal Dental: 25-26 May Revision Impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Le reported that the Governor released the revised FY 2025–2026 State Budget on May 14, 2025. DHCS does not have any additional information at this time, as the budget is still moving through the legislative process. Individuals with questions are encouraged to monitor the official website for updates. Jonathan Porteus uses this time to invite board members to participate in a discussion on the potential impacts of termination of Proposition 56 Supplemental Payments.
2:50 PM	Approve New MCDAC Members (Action)	<p>Committee considers new MCDAC members Judy Lema (Member-at-Large), Caroll Badgley (SDDS), and Denise Canacari (Registered Dental Hygienist).</p> <p>Motion to approve new members: Darrell Kenworthy Second: Cynthia Stuart Motion Carried.</p>
2:52 PM	Approve Term Renewal for Existing MCDAC Members (Action)	<p>Committee considers term renewal for existing MCDAC members Cynthia Stuart, Michelle Monroe, and Bilee Hernandez.</p> <p>Motion to approve term renewal: Debra Payne Second: Robin Blanks-Guster Motion Carried.</p>
2:53 PM	Board of Supervisors Presentation Update	Jonathan Porteus and Julie Gallelo report that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) presentation went well. Due to time constraints, they were unable to include the MDRAN data provided by Robyn Alongi.
2:55 PM	MCDAC Workgroup Updates and Next Steps	<p>a. General Anesthesia Workgroup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morgan Musser reported updates for the general anesthesia workgroup. <p>b. Oral Health Equity Workgroup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debra Payne reported updates on the development of the Community Health Worker training. <p>c. Oral Health Care Integration Workgroup</p>

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3:00PM	Center for Oral Health/Early Smiles Sacramento Update	<p>Presented by Tiffany Turner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Center for Oral Health screened 24,000 children, provided fluoride varnish to approximately 15,000, completed 4,500 KOHA assessments through passive consent, and recommended sealants for 9,000 children. They implemented electronic consents in high schools and middle schools, with plans to expand to smaller elementary school districts next year. COH surveyed parents to assess the effectiveness of COH services and received 700 responses. Survey results will be shared next year. COH is collaborating with SDDS to push oral health education to increase awareness about the impact of oral health on overall health and education. Center for Oral Health will present at the American Public Health Association's annual meeting in November where they will highlight the Early Smiles Sacramento program. They will host a 40th Anniversary gala in September.
3:05 PM	California Dental Association (CDA) Update	<p>Presented by Monica Montano</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDA will host a June 18th webinar to train dentists on talking to patients about fluoride. CDA is focused on potential cuts to Prop 56 funding and wants to reiterate to stakeholders that if there are massive cuts to Medicaid, adult dental benefits may be considered optional.
3:10 PM	Sacramento County Oral Health Program Update	<p>Presented by Jennifer Fitzpatrick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCOHP trained public health nurses on how to integrate oral health into their home visiting care. SCOHP is running a paid media campaign to promote the benefits of sealants. SCOHP is promoting the library of on-demand dental provider trainings as well as wrapping up production on a prenatal provider training called <i>Bumps & Bicuspid</i>s and another for pediatric primary care providers, <i>Healthy Smiles 101</i>.

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3:15 PM	Letter to Legislature and Governor Opposing the May Revise Budget Proposal to Eliminate Funding for Prop 56 Supplemental Payments (Action)	<p>Committee discusses sending a letter to the Governor and Legislature in opposition to terminating Prop 56 supplemental payments. This motion coincides with the discussion of Prop 56 during Item d of the DHCS Update. After discussing the contents of the letter, the motion passes with a collective understanding that the letter will be drafted by Monday, June 9, 2025, sent to the committee for feedback, and then officially sent to both the legislature and Governor.</p> <p>Motion to approve: James Musser Second: Julie Gallelo Motion Carried.</p> <p>Discussion continued with a motion to highlight potential financial implications of terminating Prop 56 funding for supplemental provider payments.</p> <p>Motion to approve: Debra Payne Second: Morgan Musser Motion Carried.</p> <p>Discussion continued further as the committee reached consensus that the letter should include additional topics to address the broader consequences of terminating Prop 56 supplemental payment funding, specifically the impact on access to dental care and the resulting equity issues.</p> <p>Motion to approve: Darrell Kenworthy Second: Morgan Musser Motion: Carried</p>
3:50 PM	Health Authority Commission Update	Julie Gallelo reported that the commission has not met, so there is no update to report.
3:52PM	Dental Plan Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates were provided by Destiny Rockwood for Liberty Dental. Updates were provided by Felisha Scott for Health Net Dental Plan. Updates were provided by Roshani Mehta Access Dental Plan.

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3:57PM	Announcements/Public Comment	<p>Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No new announcements were made. <p>Public Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. James Musser reiterates that if Prop 56 is terminated then he plans to retire.
4:00 PM	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting adjourned by Jonathan Porteus.• Next Meeting August 7th, 2025 2:00 -4:00 pm