

Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee Meeting



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 5, 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: 160 542 9431

Facilitator: Jonathan Porteus, Chair

Scribe: Jennifer Fitzpatrick

Members Present:

- Jonathan Porteus
- Julie Gallelo
- Cathy Levering
- Timothy Martinez
- Shannon McConnell
- Cherag Sarkari
- Morgan Musser
- Sunanda Bandyopadhyay
- Rachel Shafer
- Robin Alongi
- Robin Blanks-Guster
- Cynthia Stuart
- Mary Jess Wilson
- Roshani Mehta
- Michelle Monroe
- Debra Payne

Members Absent:

- James Musser
- Bilee Hernandez
- Olivia Kasirye
- Monica Montano

Members Called in:

- David Hughes
- Darrell Kenworthy

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Public Present in person or teleconference: Adriane Sawyer, Bakir Abduljabbar, Candy

Stirdivant, Cynthia Johnston, Cynthia Yamasaki, Dana Durham, Darren Vinson, David

Goodman, Debbie Blanchard, Destiny Rockwood, Felicia Scott, Helen Pham, Katherine Martinez, Joseph Canas, Judy Lema, Kelsey Hovey, Kimberly Arredondo-Blanco, Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Linh Le, Lisa Hooks, Lisa Nguyen, Liz Bishop, Margaret Delmore, Martin Gonzalez, M Saeteurn, Melody Law, Mugunth Nandagopal, Paul Glassman, Rhoda Gonzales, Rima Hakim, Robin Muck, Sarah Costa, Susan McLearn, Tiffany Turner.

2:00	Welcome and Introductions	Meeting called to order by Jonathan Porteus.
2:05	Approve Meeting Minutes (Action)	October 3, 2024 minutes reviewed by the Committee. Motion to approve: Debra Payne Second: Cynthia Stuart Motion Carried.
2:15	Appoint MCDAC Member to Sacramento County Health Authority Commission (Action)	Julie Gallelo accepts the nomination to represent MCDAC on SCHAC. Motion to approve: Cathy Levering Second: Robin Blanks-Guster Motion Carried.
2:20	Approval of 2024 MCDAC Presentation to Board of Supervisors (Action)	Item postponed to February meeting.
2:25	Review and Approve 2024 MCDAC Goals and Accomplishments for Legislative Report (Action)	Item postponed to February meeting.
2:30	MCDAC Workgroup Updates and Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. General Anesthesia Workgroup- group has not met; no updates to report. Concerns continue about availability of sites for treatment under anesthesia and the resulting waiting list. One suggestion was Shriner’s and UCD as resources. Dr. Porteus will ask a representative from the Hospital Association to appear at the next MCDAC meeting. b. Oral Health Equity Workgroup- update provided by Debra Payne. The workgroup is meeting monthly and

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		<p>advocating for the following policy changes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expand 9920 to include additional payments to FQHCs 2. Explore opportunities to utilize CHWs in oral health work. There is a payment mechanism in place via Medi-Cal 3. Centralize location for multiple language resources 4. Review denials for RDH reimbursement 5. Recommend continued support for AB2510 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debra encouraged all workgroups to resume regular meetings to determine strategies and next steps. <p>c. Oral Health Care Integration Workgroup—no updates to report; will report at next meeting.</p> <p>d. Provider Network Adequacy Workgroup—no updates to report.</p>
2:58	Center for Oral Health/Early Smiles Sacramento Update	<p>Presented by Rachel Shafer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School screenings, fluoride varnish applications, and dental referral and navigation services continue on school campuses throughout Sac County. • Efforts to improve consent return rates have been successful.
3:00	Sacramento County Oral Health Program Update	<p>Presented by Jennifer Fitzpatrick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to new SCOHP staff member, Alexis Ousley, Health Educator • SCOHP's Advisory Committee meetings will resume in February • SCOHP attended five community events this Fall • Updated pediatric primary care provider oral health training video will launch by the end of the year • Updated Oral Health Needs Assessment will be completed by the end of 2025
3:03	Dental Plan Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liz Bishop provided updates for Access Dental Plan • Felisha Scott provided updates for Health Net Dental Plan • Dr. Sarkari provided updates for Liberty Dental Plan
3:25	DHCS Update	<p>Presented by Dana Dunham, Medi-Cal Dental Services Division Chief</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dana Dunham introduction • The Fact Sheet is under review and will be released to MCDAC as soon as it is available • 1915 B Waiver- CMS required the December 2023 decision to enroll new members in FFS due to perceived lack of parity between DMC and FFS. • Parity evaluation and monitoring requirement for annual visits, preventive services, and dental sealants • Goal of 60% utilization for all members (0-20) to receive an annual dental visit • Currently members can opt in to Liberty DMC from FFS and after July 1 may choose any DMC plan

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letters will go out to members to explain the options, possibly as soon as March, but perhaps later • How can the care-coordination loop be closed with various entities and not violate various privacy policies? Gainwell may be helpful with that, but there are unknowns at this point • Community Health Workers (CHW) can bill Medi-Cal Dental for reimbursement under code CDT 994
3:55	Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center for Oral Health application for CHW status is provisionally approved • MCDAC meeting location will change in 2025 • Review of MCDAC attendance policy for excused and unexcused absences • Dr. Glassman will present on concentric circles of care at the next meeting
4:08	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned by Julie Gallelo. <p>Next Meeting February 6, 2025 2:00 -4:00 pm at new meeting location- 7001 A East Parkway, Sacramento.</p>