

# Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee Meeting



## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 6, 2025 – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### Sacramento County Public Health Education Programs

Zoom meeting ID: 160 542 9431

7001 East Parkway-Conference Room 1

Sacramento CA 95823

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

**Scribe:** Alexis Ousley

### Members Present:

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| • Julie Gallelo       | • Sunanda        | • Debra Payne    | • Robyn Alongi    |
| • Robin Blanks-Guster | • Bandyopadhyay  | • James Musser   | • Roshani Mehta   |
| • Timothy Martinez    | • Cherag Sarkari | • Monica Montano | • Michelle Monroe |
|                       | • David Hughes   | • Morgan Musser  |                   |

### Members Absent:

- Cathy Levering
- Bilee Hernandez
- Darrell Kenworthy

### Members Remote:

- Shannon McConnell
- Rachel Shafer
- Jonathan Porteus
- Olivia Kasirye
- Mary Jess Wilson
- Cynthia Stuart

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**Public Present in person or teleconference:** Bakir Abduljabbar, Edith Acevedo, Adriane



Sawyer, Deborah Blanchard, Brian Jensen, Candy Stirdivant, Margaret Delmore, Denise

Canacari, Destiny Rockwood, Dorothy M. Seleski, Dana Durham, Elizabeth Bishop, Felisha R. Scott, David Ferber, Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Rosanna

Jackson, Cynthia Johnston, Judy Lema, Amber Kwiecien, Melody Law, Linh Le, Paula Lee, Lisa Nguyen, Alexis Ousley, Paul Glassman, Shakalpi

Pendurkar, Helen Pham, Rejie Baloyos, Rhoda Howell-Gonzales, Rima Hakim, Sam Seiden, Susan McLearn, Thomas Lovinger, Tiffany Turner,

Darren Vinson, Cynthia A. Yamasaki.

2:00 PM	Welcome and Introductions	Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm by Julie Gallelo.
2:05 PM	Approve Meeting Minutes <b>(Action)</b>	December 5, 2024 minutes reviewed by the Committee. Motion to approve: Robin Blanks-Guster                      Second: Debra Payne                      Motion Carried.
2:10 PM	Approve 2024 MCDAC Presentation to Board of Supervisors <b>(Action)</b>	Presented by Julie Gallelo (with Jonathan Porteus supporting remotely) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair and Vice-Chair shared draft slides planned for presentation to the Board of Supervisors on behalf of MCDAC.</li> <li>• The presentation was reviewed by the Committee and motioned to approve with the following amendment: addition of some information on MDRAN.</li> </ul>  FINAL PPT BOS 2025 Public.pptx  Motion to approve: Debra Payne                      Second: Robin Blanks-Guster                      Motion Carried.
2:15 PM	Review and Approve 2024 MCDAC Goals & Accomplishments for Legislative Report <b>(Action)</b>	2024 Report of MCDAC Goals and Accomplishments reviewed by the Committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debra Payne confirms that the goals and accomplishments are provided to DHCS annually and it is incorporated into DHCS Report to the Legislature.</li> </ul>  MCDAC Legislature Report 2024.pdf

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		Motion to approve: Dr. Bandyopadhyay    Second: Michelle Monroe    Motion Carried.
2:20 PM	MCDAC Workgroup Updates and Next Steps	<p><b>a. General Anesthesia Workgroup:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No official updates.</li> <li>A question was posed regarding the difference between dental anesthesia and medical anesthesia. The workgroup clarified this and provided resources.</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Oral Health Equity Workgroup - Update provided by Debra Payne:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This workgroup has moved to monthly meetings. Dana from DHCS attended the last meeting. The group asked DHCS if more people could be added to the 9920. Dana explained that this would require FQHCs to reset their rates, which would not be ideal.</li> <li>The group is focusing on learning more about CHW (Community Health Worker) training, where to obtain it, and who can bill for CHW services. Dana from DHCS communicated that in Sacramento, it is acceptable for providers to decide what the training is. As long as records are kept for trainees, and the dentist who can bill Medi-Cal approves the CHW, then that person can bill Medi-Cal under that dentist.</li> </ul> <p><b>c. Oral Health Care Integration Workgroup - Update provided by Michelle Monroe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The group has been focusing on the Needs Assessment to better understand best practices and how to utilize MDRAN for adults.</li> <li>Dr. Martinez secured a speaker from the Antibiotics Stewardship Committee with the goal of planning a collaboration between medical and dental providers on a provider training video regarding antibiotics. More information will be provided later.</li> </ul> <p><b>d. Provider Network Adequacy Workgroup:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No chair or representative was present to provide updates.</li> </ul>


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2:40 PM	Hospital Council Update and Access to Care Discussion	<p>Jonathan Porteus introduces Brian Jensen the regional Vice President of the Hospital Council</p> <p>Brian Jensen provides a brief introduction and allows the committee to voice any questions or concerns regarding capacity for hospital dentistry with the goal of identifying how the Committee and hospitals can work together to address long wait times for treatment under anesthesia and persistent shortage of space for hospital dentistry.</p>
2:50 PM	Center for Oral Health/Early Smiles Sacramento Update	<p>Rachel Shafer reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The team is working on an older adult assessment in California, visiting skilled nursing facilities and community health centers across the state.</li> <li>• An absenteeism study is being conducted, with Sacramento school districts participating by documenting student absences due to dental emergencies or appointments.</li> <li>• The Center for Oral Health will be celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, with more details regarding a celebration to follow.</li> </ul>
2:55 PM	Sacramento County Oral Health Program Update	<p>Jennifer Fitzpatrick provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The team is continuing ongoing work on projects discussed in previous meetings.</li> <li>• A Spring Media campaign is being planned to focus on positive community water fluoridation messaging. SCOHP is monitoring local water districts' commitment to maintaining fluoridation.</li> <li>• Data shows an increased need for treatment under general anesthesia when communities stop fluoridating their water.</li> <li>• The SCOHP Advisory Committee will resume, with the first meeting scheduled for February 19th. Anyone interested in joining should reach out to Jennifer Fitzpatrick or Alexis Ousley.</li> </ul>
3:00 PM	California Dental Association Update	<p>Monica Montano provided the following update on the California Dental Association:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Specialty Dental Clinic Program's awardees were posted at the end of January and will be officially approved by the end of February.</li> </ul>
3:05 PM	Dental Plan Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robin Muck provided updates for DentaQuest.</li> <li>• Felisha Scott provided updates for Health Net Dental Plan.</li> <li>• Liz Bishop provided updates for Access Dental Plan.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Sarkari provided updates for Liberty Dental Plan.</li> </ul>
3:20 PM	Presentation on Concentric Circles of Care	<p>Dr. Paul Glassman presents on the concept of "Concentric Circles of Care," which focuses on transitioning dental care from traditional dental offices to community-based, engaged oral health systems. The goal is to provide care early, support healthy habits, and reduce the need for advanced dental services through community involvement, workforce expansion, and innovative tools like tele-dentistry and virtual dental homes. This approach emphasizes engaging non-dental professionals in the care process, improving accessibility, and integrating a connected system to track and manage referrals, health data, and treatment.</p> <p> Glassman_MCDAC_ConcentricCircles_Comr</p>
3:50 PM	Announcements	<p>Summary of Public Comment and Agenda Items for April 3, 2025</p> <p><b>Public Comment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dr. Musser:</b> Clarified the difference between MD anesthesiologists and DDS anesthesiologists. While DDS anesthesiologists work in dental offices and cannot practice in hospitals, they play a crucial role in helping treat children. Dr. Musser emphasized his preference for MD anesthesiologists for safety reasons, but also acknowledged the important services DDS anesthesiologists provide.</li> <li><b>Cynthia A. Stuart:</b> Raised a concern about how the current U.S. president's executive actions (POTUS edicts) might impact programs.</li> <li><b>Thomas Lovinger:</b> Shared excitement about his organization's recent expansion into Sacramento, where they acquired a dental provider serving 12 skilled nursing facilities in the area. Thomas expressed interest in getting more involved with the Committee.</li> </ul> <p><b>Agenda Items for April 3, 2025:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Chair and Vice Chair Selections:</b> Members were encouraged to think about potential candidates for chair and vice chair positions for the upcoming term.</li> </ul>
4:00 PM	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting adjourned at 4 pm by Julie Gallelo.</li> <li>Next Meeting is April 3, 2025 2:00 -4:00 pm</li> </ul>