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### Minutes

1. 2:00 Welcome & Introductions Terry Jones

**Members Present:** Katie Andrew, Robin Blanks-Guster, Danielle Cannarozzi, Julie Gallelo, Terry Jones, Cathy Levering, Dharia McGrew, Debra Payne, Jan Resler, Dorothy Seleski, Maritza Valencia, Cynthia Vanzant, Mary Jess Wilson, James Musser, Steve Heath, Hudson Graham, Darrel Kenworthy, Jonathan Porteus

**Members Absent:** Olivia Kasirye

**Public Present:** Susan McLearn – CDHA, Herb Schultz – Liberty, Kristal Antonicelli – DHCS, Sonya Bingaman – SCDD, Zachary Corbo, Rene Mollow – DHCS, Alani Jackson – DHCS, Emily Arienza, Lauren Grainger – Cal Strategies, Robin Muck – DentaQuest, Ed Bynum – Liberty, C. Hutchins, Robin Alongi, Linh Le – DHCS, Sarah Brooks, Rosanna Jackson – CDPH, Donna Nagata, Cherag Sarkari – Access Dental, Priya Dasika – DHCS, Lynette Blaney, Jessica Page, Lisa Rufo – Access Dental, Mira Yang – COH/ESS, Cassius Beechum, Debbie Blanchard, Kelsey Reyne – ACRC, Bryan Nokelby – DHCS, Felicia Fondren – HealthNet, John Carvalli – Liberty, Cynthia Weideman DDS, Shanna Madden – Access Dental, Sydney Hoskins, Kristina Clinton – First 5, Giselle Castro, Cynthia Johnston

A quorum was established.

2. 2:05 Approve August 6, 2020, Meeting Minutes (Action) Terry Jones

Approval of the August 6, 2020 meeting minutes was moved by Debra Payne and seconded by Dorothy Seleski. The August 6 meeting minutes were approved.

Katie Andrew, Danielle Cannarozzi, Julie Gallelo, Terry Jones, Cathy Levering, Dharia McGrew, Debra Payne, Jan Resler, Dorothy Seleski, Maritza Valencia, Cynthia Vanzant, James Musser, Steve Heath, Hudson Graham, Jonathan Porteus, Robin Blanks-Guster, Darrell Kenworthy, Hudson Graham voted to approved the minutes.

Mary Jess Wilson and Terry Jones abstained.

3. 2:10 DHCS Update Alani Jackson

a. [Dental Transformation Initiative Update](#)

Alani Jackson reported:

**Domain 1 (Provider Reimbursement):** DHCS issued the July payment of \$3.8 M. The total issued statewide to date is \$210.5 M.

Sacramento County received \$856,230 to date. Of that, DMC providers received \$852,000 and fee for service providers received \$56,230. Of the 253 safety net clinics participating in Domain 1, three are in Sacramento.

**Domain 2 (CAMBRA):** As of Sept 1, \$103 M has been paid.

2017 (Year 1) \$2M

2018 \$4M

2019 \$56.4M

2020 \$41M

Sacramento providers received \$6.5M to date. Of that, DMC accounts for \$650,000. Domain 2 has 3,015 providers who have opted in for FFS and DMC; a 1% growth in providers since August 2020

**Domain 3 (Continuity of Care):** DHCS issued \$83.9M in July. \$119.1 M has been paid to date. Statewide, 120 safety net clinics participate. Sacramento County does not participate in this Domain.

\$80.1 M for FFS, \$3.4 M for DMC

126 clinics are participating

**Domain 4 (Local Dental Pilot Projects):** \$72.9M issued to date. Sacramento has received \$5.9 M.

1. DHCS Recommendation to CMS on Domain 4

DHCS submitted waiver to CMS for a 12-month 1115 waiver that did not include Domain 4. The request was to extent Domains 1-3. DHCS received a significant response regarding the inclusion of Domain 4, but the DTI lacks sufficient funding to continue all 4 domains so DHCS prioritized Domains 1-3.

Rene Mollow stated that, should CMS decide to include Domain 4, DHCS would have to reconsider as there is not enough funding to support Domain 4. DHCS would need to renegotiate if that happens.

b. [Prop 56 update](#)

Carolyn Brookins reported:

FY 19-20 FFS providers statewide received \$356M, DMC providers in Sacramento and Los Angeles counties received \$25M with Sacramento County DMC providers receiving \$14M. FY 20-21 FFS providers statewide to date have received \$13M, DMC providers in Sacramento and Los Angeles counties received \$135,000 with Sacramento County DMC providers receiving \$71,000

Currently, the top three procedure codes being billed are X-rays, oral evaluations and compressive oral evaluations. These are similar to FY 18-19. For FY 19-20 \$1.9M was paid for periodic exams and \$2M for comprehensive exams.

Cohort 2 of the loan repayment program has been approved. DHCS is expecting the awardee announcements to come out soon.

c. [CalAIM](#)

DHCS has shared Cal AIM stakeholder updates over the past few months.

**Fact Sheet:**

Priya Dasika reviewed the data provided in the Sacramento County Fact Sheet included in the meeting packet. The data is current as of August 2020. Provider enrollment: FFS offices increased from 152 to 154 providers. DMC providers decreased.

Utilization charts: Sac DMC and Fresno FFS and Sac FFS – Overall, children and adult annual dental visit and prevention services increased in 2019 compared with 2018.

Discussion:

Cannarozzi would like not to compare to Fresno.

Porteus would like to now compare for progress within the county.

Jones supports continuing to compare with reference county.

Payne suggests it's important to be able to continue to use official DHCS data.

McGrew – A reference county is necessary as Medi-Cal is a statewide program. Which county may be up for debate? Recommends stay with Fresno as former reports have used Fresno. Doesn't support not having a reference county.

Cannarozzi – Liberty appreciates work that goes into putting the fact sheet together. Liberty appreciates partnership with DHCS and would like to have a discussion about other ways to evaluate performance. Supports Porteus suggestion to look at previous Sacramento County data to measure improvement over time.

Andrew – CN interested in evaluating performance by zip codes and demographics to see where specific improvement efforts could be targeted.

Jackson – requests that consistent measures be identified for Fact Sheet and DHCS be informed with time for research and preparation.

4. 2:35 Medical Advisory Committee Update

S. Chambers

Liz Gomez reported on the GMC process. On March 11, 2019, Sacramento was given notice that the next GMC procurement plan would happen in 2020. Sacramento has 425,000 residents enrolled in Medi-Cal. Stakeholder meetings have taken place. Next steps include:



Jackson – the department is required by statute to report on specific measurements such as utilization, but Liberty may be able to offer other additional information that contributes to the understanding of efforts.

Seleski – If we are going to continue to improve, we need to get a little more granular in our understanding of utilization of services.

Cannarozzi – Liberty is committed to identifying ways for improving specific outreach to under-utilizing populations and addressing equity disparities. Liberty doesn't not want to limit their evaluation to the thirteen required measurements.

Jones – looks forward to hearing more and understanding the best delivery system for improving access to dental care, be it DMC or FFS. It's important that data is not proprietary and can be independently verified by DHCS.

McGrew – Text campaigns and 1<sup>st</sup> tooth/1<sup>st</sup> birthday campaigns have been going on for a while, and even with that effort, Sacramento still lags behind other counties. Can we disaggregate some of these metrics by race and ethnicities? Yes. The metrics collected by DHCS are compared not only between counties, but California is compared by CMS against other states. We have to use the same metrics that is used by CMS: utilization. There is no other metric currently utilized.

Payne – appreciates Liberty's passion and involvement. Liberty has been deeply involved from the beginning. The Board is going to look at utilization as it is a standard metric. We have not been able to move past 43% in all these years with all these efforts.

Cannarozzi made a motion to form an ad hoc committee to discuss what data sets could be added to the 13 required measures. This will be added to the December agenda as an action item.

9. 3:25 Special Needs Subcommittee Report Out Debra Payne

Debra Payne reported that 14 recommendations were made as a result of Barbara Aved's study and 5 committees were formed to follow up on the recommendations. Each group has met and reported on their progress. Subcommittees should not exceed one year, some will be done in a few months.

Group 1: Communications and Support Committee. Charged with disseminating the report.

Group 2: Alternatives to General Anesthesia Group

Group 3: Dental Surgery Center Group

Group 4: Provider Training and Parent Education.

Group 5: Integration and Communications Group

Payne – requests that the Special Needs Subcommittee Report Out be a standing item on the MCDAC agenda.

10. 3:35 Dental Plans Update Dental Plans

**Liberty Dental** – Cannarozzi reported that Liberty has a new representative, Ariana, assigned to community events. Liberty has implemented a texting app for members. Text "talk" to 22925 to communicate with member services. Liberty is working on a diversity initiative.

