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MEETING MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Olivia Kasirye, Mary Jess Wilson

Public Present: Emely Arienza, Barbara Aved, S. Bandy, Sonya Bingaman, Deborah Blanchard, Diane Bruce, Edward Bynum, Kristina Clinton, Darnell Davis, Felicia Fondren, Eve Frayji, Melissa Garcia, Elizabeth Gianini, Paul Glassman, Rhoda Gonzales, Bilee Hernandez, Cynthia Johnston, Amber Kwiecien, Karen Lemieux, T. Lovinger, Walter Lucio, Susan McLearn, Rene Mollow, Robin Muck, Onur Nacakgedigi, Donna Nagata, Gricelda Ocegueda, Helen Pham, Destiny Rockwood, Lisa Rufo, Lorena Sanchez, Cherag Sarkari, Adrienne Sawyer, Rolande Tellier, Thom Tremble, B. Vaccura, Mira Yang

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| 1. | 2:00 | Welcome & Introductions | Debra Payne |
| 2. | 2:05 | Approve April 1, 2021, Meeting Minutes (Action)
Moved: Seleski Second: Vanzant Vote: Approved (Attached) | Debra Payne |
| 3. | 2:10 | Brown Act – Serial Meetings Review
a. ‘Reply All’ Emails | Debra Payne |

The Chair reminded group that “reply all” emails between members can be a violation of Brown Act meeting rules if the public is not included in the conversation. This information is provided in the required ethics training each member must take every two years.

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| 4. | 2:15 | Governor’s May Revise - Trailer Bill | Debra Payne |
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The original trailer bill in the Governor’s May Revise included language from the DHCS proposing elimination of dental managed care (DMC) in Sacramento and Los Angeles Counties beginning January 1, 2022. Since that time, the legislature has met and denied the request, proposing instead that DHCS offer a more complete transition plan and a utilization data analysis justifying the proposal prior to requesting elimination of DMC.

Mollow – DHCS stands behind their rationale for proposing elimination of DMC, but

recognizes that it includes a negotiation process. DHCS will continue to advocate for their position. DHCS appreciates the work that has been done by the dental plans in Sacramento and Los Angeles Counties, but recognizes that utilization data does not support continuation of managed care. DHCS is committed to developing a transition plan that will be shared with the public for input prior to implementation. DHCS will work with the plans and the provider community through the transition, and will provide advance notice to beneficiaries. DHCS recognizes that the dental plans have been supporting the Early Smiles program and will look into how the services provided can be maintained through existing processes.

The trailer bill includes language that will eliminate that statute that created MCDAC. DHCS reminds MCDAC that the law that created MCDAC was permissive for the activities of Sacramento County and that the mandate was for DHCS to participate in committee meetings at least on a quarterly basis.

DHCS is committed to communication and continued collaboration with Sacramento County should the DHCS proposal advance and the legislation that formed MCDAC be eliminated.

DHCS will release the transition plan today and provide a timeline for feedback. The transition plan will go out to stakeholders and providers.

Payne – Do the dental plan’s contracts come to an end in December 2021? If so, and if the dental plans are to continue to provide services, how will DHCS continue to fund them?

Mollow – The dental plan’s contracts are slated to end in December 2021 and DHCS has exercised all contract extensions. If DHCS is not able to move forward with elimination of dental managed care, they will have to consider next steps for contracting.

Jones – Advocates that MCDAC have a continued role during the transition period to review data and assess success of transition to FFS for local providers and beneficiaries. Is there a metric or way to quantify the level of care coordination done by the dental plans that might be lost in a FFS system?

Mollow – It is the expectation, in a managed care system, that care coordination is provided as part of the contractual obligation. Care coordination is part of the base function in a capitated system, so no metric is necessary. DHCS does build some metrics for care coordination in the FFS system for select populations recognized as needing additional assistance.

a. California Dental Association Response

Dharia McGrew

CDA came prepared to summarize the highlights of the Governor’s budget to date. See below.

On DMC, the legislature rejected the Governor’s proposal to eliminate DMC. This has now gone to negotiation and we will know the final outcome on whether DMC will be eliminated by June 12, 2021. The final trailer bill language that includes

transition plan, data analysis, and the ultimate status of MCDAC will follow after June 12, 2021.

- b. Children Now Response Katie Andrew

Children Now came prepared to summarize the highlights of the Governor's budget to date. See below.

Levering – expresses concern that not enough providers will transition from DMC to FFS to fill the needs of the community.

- c. Role of MCDAC – Discussion All

Payne – the original trailer bill also included language that would end MCDAC in statute. This would mean that DHCS is no longer required to meet with the Committee. It is unsure what the final language will look like at this point. MCDAC is a Sacramento County committee that reports to the Board of Supervisors and the group will continue to work on oversight and improvement of oral health for the county.

Gallelo – It will significantly limit MCDACs influence if DHCS is not required to attend four meetings per year as they do currently.

- d. Form MCDAC Bylaws Revision Committee All

It is time to revise the Bylaws. The Chair requested volunteers to form a subcommittee to draft a revision to be presented to the group. The following members volunteered: Payne, Blanks-Guster, Porteus, Heath, Seleski and Resler.

5. 2:55 Adult Dental Goals for MCDAC Jonathan Porteus

The discussion on Adult Dental Goals was tabled to the August MCDAC meeting.

6. 3:05 Special Needs Subcommittee Updates Chairs

Payne (Committees #1 and #3) - The communications subcommittee sent letters requesting support and the surgery center subcommittee has been having ongoing meetings with health plans and others that have expressed interest in supporting construction of a dental surgery center.

Bingaman (Committees #2 and #4) – Committees 2 and 4 have merged as they have many similar goals. The committees have planned a workshop on June 16 that focuses on access to dental care for regional center clients. This two-hour training will include education on behavioral issues related to dental care, the role of regional centers, how to access dental care through the dental plan, and personal stories. The goal is to offer this training on a quarterly basis in order to reach as many clients and caregivers as possible.

Dr. Glassman is also working with the regional centers to raise funding and resources

to implement desensitization and other techniques to help shorten the line of clients waiting for general anesthesia services. California Northstate University is committed to building a new hospital that will include dental surgical suites. Completion is a few years out.

7. 3:15 Health Authority Commission Meeting Update Debra Payne

The Health Authority set up two subcommittees to review the medical RFPs being released. The subcommittees are meeting every two weeks to review and provide feedback.

8. 3:20 Dental Plans Update Dental Plans

Cannarozzi – Liberty has provided 40 donation, drop off events, and dental screening events in the county this year. Three Valley High School seniors have been awarded \$10,000 each to attend Sacramento City College Dental Assisting program. Partnering with stakeholders in the African American and Asian American communities to promote oral health education, care coordination, and public service announcements.

Rockwood – Access Dental has a new Strategic Client Partner for the plan: Carol Leonard. Access Dental Plan network is stable and all contracted offices remain open. PR team is still working from 100% from home providing virtual and telephonic education. Dr. Graham is available for peer-to-peer meetings with any of the contracted providers. The care coordination team is utilizing MDRAN system to assist members. Access is conducting teledentistry program and has conducted 1100 visits. Monthly text messaging campaign continues.

Fondren – Health Net health educators are expected to return to the field in early October. Health Net has taken this time to educate participating medical providers and members on the benefits of oral health and is working toward increased medical dental integration. All network offices are open.

9. 3:35 California Dental Association Update Dharia McGrew

The 2021-2022 State budget includes:

- Reinstating the CalAIM Initiative that was put on hold last year due to COVID. CalAIM includes dental benefits that were originally part of the Dental Transformation Initiative pilots such as pay-for-performance incentives, incorporation of caries risk assessment and silver diamine fluoride, as well as incentives for continuity of care. With federal matching, this historic proposal amounts to \$230M in new reimbursements annually beginning January 2022.
- Funding the Health Plan of San Mateo Dental Integration Project to go live in January 2022.
- Legislature has approved ongoing backfill funding for the CDPH Office of Oral Health as Proposition 56 funds to that program are in decline.
- Governor's budget proposed \$25M for healthcare workforce development, Legislature has rejected that proposal. This is currently under negotiation.

The bill (AB 526) that will permanently add COVID and flu vaccination to dentists' scope of practice continues to move forward.

10. 3:40 Children Now Update Katie Andrew

The 2021-2022 State budget includes:

- Language supporting continuation of Proposition 56 supplemental payments.
- May Revise includes language to extend post-partum Medi-Cal eligibility from 60 days to 12 months. This allows State to draw down federal funds from American Rescue Plan Act effective April 1, 2022.
- \$40M to support public health including efforts to reduce racial disparities.
- Language supporting reimbursement of telephonic medical services/telehealth.

Children Now is co-sponsoring SB 682. This bill requires the state to develop and implement a plan to reduce chronic disease in children, including dental caries, by 50% by the year 2030. The bill is making its way through the legislature.

MDRAN now has 100 users in the system and has undergone functionality updates to improve user experience.

11. 3:45 Center for Oral Health/Early Smiles Sacramento Update Mira Yang

Early Smiles Sacramento launched in 2016. In an average school year, ESS screens 26,765 children and provides fluoride varnish applications for 21,110 children. ESS was the only public oral health program to continue to offer direct preventive services in Sacramento County. During this time, 2,295 were provided screenings and fluoride varnishes in drive-through settings and navigation services for 6,495 families. The navigation component is unique to the ESS program. ESS has partnered to continue services moving into summer and fall.

Payne – How many of the children navigated to dental plans make dental appointments?

Yang – ESS keeps data for children classified as dental urgency 3. These children are typically seen in the dental office within 24-48 hours. ESS does not collect data for dental urgency 2s and 1s.

Bynum – 60 – 70% of dental urgency 2s and 3s navigated to Liberty schedule appointments.

12. 3:55 Agenda Items for August 5, 2021 MCDAC Meeting All

- a. Approve MCDAC Bylaws Revision
- b. Adult Dental Goals for MCDAC
- c. Other Items

13. 4:00 Adjourn All

PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE GIVEN ON ANY OF THE AGENDA ITEMS AND BEFORE A VOTE.

Purpose: The committee provides oversight to improve Medi-Cal Dental utilization rates, the delivery of oral health and dental care services, including prevention and education services, in dental managed care and fee-for-service Medi-Cal Dental delivery systems. **Authority:** AB 1467, Effective July 1, 2012; Sacramento County BOS, Dec 11, 2012, Resolution No. 2012-0903 establishing a Sacramento County Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee & Resolution No. 2012-0904. For information, contact Jan Resler at reslerj@sacounty.net or 916-875-6259.