

Dental Policy Review Committee Minutes
Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
July 16, 2008 (1:00 – 3:00 p.m.)

Members Present: Dr. Gerald Dismer, Greg Johnson, Dr. Henry Lotsof, Dr. Ronald Mizer, Dr. Richard Perry, and Dr. James Wahl

Members Absent: Dr. William Goebel, Dr. Sheldon Rosenstein, Dr. Michael Stablein, and Dr. James Thommes

A quorum is present for business purposes.

HFS Staff: Debby Saunders, Gina Swehla, Patti Kimmel, Colleen Kane, Jaci Vaughn, Jon Scott

Doral Staff: Sarah Tobias, Mary Murack, Nick Barnette, Kelly Pulliam, Krista Smothers

Guests: Julie Janssen and Ann Roppel, IDPH
Karen Moredock, DCFS
Mary Pat Burgess, CDPH
Gerri Clark, DSCC
Judy Redick, IFLOSS
Kathy Chan, Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition
Kelly Carter and Sharee Clough, Illinois Primary Health Care Association
Josephine Kalipeni and Melissa Kane, Campaign for Better Health Care
Dionne Haney, Illinois State Dental Society

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. and introductions were made.

Approval of the November 7, 2007 minutes was suspended until the next meeting (November 12, 2008), in order for members to review and send comments to HFS prior to the next meeting.

REPORTS

ILLINOIS STATE DENTAL SOCIETY (ISDS)

- Greg Johnson explained the Bridge to Healthy Smiles campaign, which can be accessed at <http://www.bridgetohealthysmiles.com>. The campaign consists of 3 parts:
 - Increasing Medicaid Reimbursement Rates to 64% of usual and customary fees (currently 46%)
 - Expanding funding for dental clinics (\$2 million to support 10 clinics)
 - Recruiting more dentists with student loan incentives (each year, 10 dentists to receive \$25,000 to work in underserved counties.)
- Although the legislation has not yet been passed, much awareness was raised about the correlation between low Medicaid reimbursement rates and the inadequate access to dental care for low-income families.
- Results from a survey that asked dentists which level of reimbursement would interest them to join the Medicaid program were provided. Survey results indicated that 340 dentists would join if 60% of costs were covered (vs. the current 46%), and 900 more dentists would join if 70% of costs were covered.
- A new dental school may be started at Midwest University in Downer's Grove, with the first class beginning in Sept. 2011.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (IDPH)

- Julie Janssen gave a report on the Dental Sealant Grant Workshops that covered the new school-based program requirements.
- The Early Childhood Caries (ECC) Prevention Program, which has 4 community planning grants to focus on ways to prevent ECC, as well as link kids to care, was discussed.
- It was discussed that an oral health survey was given to 3rd graders. This new data will be compared with the sealant data from the first oral health survey that was conducted in 1993.
- A study was done by the University of Iowa regarding local health departments wanting to expand into dental programs.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES (DCFS)

- DCFS reports some problems with accessing dentists for DCFS wards, especially in central and southern Illinois.
- HFS reported that Hope Institute (Springfield) contacted HFS, as they are planning to open a dental clinic for physically and mentally disabled kids.
- IFLOSS reported that the Hope Institute has received a grant for teleconferencing equipment for educational programs throughout the state.

DIVISION OF SPECIALIZED CARE FOR CHILDREN (DSCC)

- No report, as several topics already mentioned.

ILLINOIS PRIMARY HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION

- Kelly Carter spoke of the federal funding as a priority in recent years for FQHC dental clinics, which is available through alliances with local health departments (not FQHCs directly).
- It was stated that IPHCA is conducting a needs assessment survey with FQHCs for the Oral Health Safety Net Grant.

CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (CDPH)

- CDPH reported that nearly 60,000 students were seen in the school-based program. CDPH is in the process of entering the oral health scores into their system, and they expect to have 25-30K completed by the end of August.
- CDPH and ASCFME are in the process of revising the ASCFME contract for CDPH dentists and other staff (including medical). The 3 clinics currently in use are Englewood (1 dentist), Lower West (1 dentist), and Uptown (2 dentists).
- The oral health school examination data was submitted to the State Board of Education by June 30, 2008. Chicago Department of Public Health submitted their information in late May.

LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Dr. Gerald Dismer reported that a 5th clinic (with 3 dental chairs) is being built.
- LCHD is contracting with Dr. Frank Karkazis to perform the sealant program, which the health department will oversee.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Dr. James Wahl spoke of the problem of sustainability of dental services in local health departments, due to low tax monies from counties. If there is not Medicaid funding, the dental clinics won't sustain. More funding is needed for staff.

ILLINOIS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH COALITION (IMCHC)

- Kathy Chan reported on the spring legislative session. Ms. Chan also mentioned that there is an upcoming luncheon on October 27, 2008 at Rend Lake Resort, where the focus will be on dental issues in southern Illinois.

CHICAGO DENTAL SOCIETY

- Dr. Michael Stablein suggested that Lake County and Chicago Department of Public Health apply for grant money from the Chicago Dental Society. There is a formal application process and the Chicago Dental Society may be contacted for application details.

IFLOSS

- No report, as several topics already mentioned.

CAMPAIGN FOR BETTER HEALTH CARE

- Melissa Kane and Josephine Kalipeni were new attendees to the policy meeting, and provided an overview of CBHC's mission, "accessible, affordable access for all".
- CBHC is in the process of creating Congressional District Committees throughout Illinois.
- Meeting attendees were invited to attend training on July 25-26, 2008, entitled "Languaging and Marketing Health Care", co-sponsored by CBHC.

HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES (HFS)

Dental Clinic Grant Program Update

- Thirteen local health departments (Bureau, Edgar, Hancock, Jasper, Kane, Lake, Macoupin, Southern Seven, Egyptian, Oak Park, Whiteside, Will and Winnebago) have participated in the grant program and successfully established 15 dental clinics.
- Current grantees are Vermilion County Health Department, in the second year of its grant, Cass County Health Department and Southern Seven Health Department, both in the first year of the program.
- Kane County Health Department and DeWitt-Piatt Bi-County Health Department have submitted proposals for funding that are under Department review. Other local health departments (such as Douglas County) have requested information about the grant program.

Dental Office Reference Manual (DORM) Review

- Members were asked to submit DORM suggested updates to HFS by Sept. 2, 2008. This request was to ensure a more efficient DORM through clearer definitions and streamlining.

HFS School-based Dental Program

- More than 7,000 letters were mailed to parents and guardians of students who received poor oral health scores. The letter explained how to contact Doral for a referral to obtain restorative care for their children.

- Early findings suggest approximately 14 percent of children in the School-Based Dental Program have been rated with scores of three or four, indicating a need for follow-up treatment or restorative care.

EPSDT Summit

- A Regional EPSDT Summit was recently held in Chicago. Improving Oral Health Outcomes was one of the top recommendations from the Summit.
- The EPSDT report will be sent to the Policy Review Committee members when it is available.

DORAL DENTAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS

Statewide Dental Provider Enrollment

- The Rolling Trend report for Dental Provider Enrollment period covering October 2006 through March 2008 indicates an increase in the actual provider count of 16 general dentists. The report indicates that providers are treating more patients.
There were 2,168 dental providers, with 2,023 providers submitting at least one claim in the previous 18 months and 1,469 submitting at least seventy claims in the past 18 months.
- Provider recruitment efforts will resume, as the National Provider Identification verification project has consumed much of Doral's Provider Relations / Field Representatives' time.

Doral Provider Recruitment Project

- The Doral Dental Provider Recruitment Project was presented and the Dental Champion initiative was discussed.
- It is estimated that there are about 9,600 licensed dentists in Illinois, and approximately 8,000 are practicing dentistry. Approximately 25% of those practicing dentists are in the HFS Dental Program. ISDS will provide Doral with a list of licensed dentists in the state for recruitment purposes.
- Dr. Lotsof gave an overview of the Dental Champions program and the statistics from the 1st and 2nd quarters.

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter
Calls	28	55
Visits	13	20
Informal visits	4	4
Formal meetings	6	7
Prospects	5	2

Beneficiary Survey

- Members were asked to submit suggestions/corrections to the survey drafts that were distributed at the meeting, which will help create consistent questions for subsequent surveys to establish a baseline for comparing annual data.
- The telephonic surveys are targeted at adults with services in the past 12 months, as well as children with and without services in the past 12 months.
- It was reported that approximately a 40% success rate of getting children beneficiaries into dental office exams after outreach efforts.

Next Meeting

November 12, 2008

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m.