

Dental Policy Review Committee Minutes
Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
November 12, 2008 (1:00 – 3:00 p.m.)

Members Present: Dr. Gerald Dismer, Dr. William Goebel, Greg Johnson, Dr. Henry Lotsof, and Dr. James Wahl

Members Absent: Dr. Ronald Mizer, Dr. Richard Perry, Dr. Sheldon Rosenstein, Dr. Michael Stablein, and Dr. James Thommes

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

Doral Staff: Sarah Tobias, Nick Barnette, Lori Howley, Kelly Pulliam, Krista Smothers

Guests: Karen Moredock, DCFS Kelly Carter, Illinois Primary Health Care Association
Judy Redick, IFLOSS Melissa Kane, Campaign for Better Health Care
Leslie Frederick, DSCC Dionne Haney, Illinois State Dental Society
Kathy Chan, Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition

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

Minutes from the November 7, 2007 and July 16, 2008 meetings were approved.

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%). Anesthesia is paying at 42% of **cost**, not private, normal fees. It is estimated that \$23 million will be needed to fix specialty codes.
 - Expanding funding for dental clinics (\$2 million to support 10 local health department clinics)
 - Recruiting more dentists with student loan incentives (each year, 10 dentists to receive \$25,000 to work in underserved counties.)
- Greg Johnson explained that a calendar year vs. fiscal year 2007 comparison was performed, and that \$88 million would be needed for this program, instead of the estimated \$80 million.
- There is not a shortage of dentists, with approximately 300-400 new dental licensees each year in Illinois.
- ISDS would like for dentists to examine their current protocols (many dentists do not see children under age 6) and for those dentists to have a uniform message to serve the under age three population.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (IDPH)

- There was no report, as Julie Janssen was not present.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES (DCFS)

- There is a newsletter to foster parents that will be sent in December 2008 to try to find new dentists through foster parent referrals.

DIVISION OF SPECIALIZED CARE FOR CHILDREN (DSCC)

- The Oral Health Plan was discussed. There are Care Coordinators in 13 statewide offices, ensuring that parents and guardians have dentists for their children, know about the website, and are familiar with where safety net clinics are located.

ILLINOIS PRIMARY HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION

- There are approximately 300 FQHC sites in Illinois, and 78 of those have dental clinics. (46 members in IPHCS are FQHCs, with 2 of those facilities in IA.)

CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (CDPH)

- There was no report, as Mary Pat Burgess was not present.

LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- A report on Early Childhood Caries prevention was given.
- It was also reported that public health departments are doing more than preventive services. The shortage of dentists is evident in the number of dentists who graduate from dental school. In the 1970s, there were 500-600 area dentists in these programs, and now there are approximately 160.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- No report was given, as topics were previously covered.

ILLINOIS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH COALITION (IMCHC)

- There was a report on the legislative luncheon on October 27, 2008 at Rend Lake Resort, where the focus was on dental issues in southern Illinois. They are working with the Bridge to Healthy Smiles Campaign.

CHICAGO DENTAL SOCIETY

- There was no report, as Dr. Stablein was not present.

IFLOSS

- The Department of Public Health grant was approved, but there is not enough money to fund it.
- The CDC grant was also discussed.
- The National Oral Health Conference will be April 20-22, 2009.
- IFLOSS is working on the Oral Health Conference to be held in Springfield in October 2009.

CAMPAIGN FOR BETTER HEALTH CARE

- There is a meeting in Chicago on November 25, 2008, regarding state and federal partnerships.
- The quarterly meeting for downstate IL will be December 12, 2008 at the AFLCIO building.

HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES (HFS)

Dental Clinic Grant Program Update

- It has been recommended that HFS consider expanding grants to FQHCs. It will be reviewed internally.
- 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 first year grantees.
- Kane County Health Department, DeWitt-Piatt Bi-County Health Department, Douglas County Health Department, and Fulton County Health Department have submitted proposals for funding that are under Department review.
- There have been several inquiries concerning grants, including Bond County Health Department, Pike County Health Department, and Sangamon County Health Department / Hope Institute.

HFS School-based Dental Program

- More than 10,000 letters were mailed to parents and guardians of students who received poor oral health scores during the 2007-08 school year. The letter explained how to contact Doral for a referral to obtain restorative care for their children.
- HFS and Doral are working towards an automated system for tracking scores, which will aid data analysis.

DORAL DENTAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS

Doral Provider Recruitment Project

- Dr. Lotsof gave an overview of the Dental Champions program and the statistics from the 3rd quarter.

Potential providers	58
Calls to potential prov.	18
Informal visits	13
Formal meetings	6
Prospects	7
Contracts	3

Other Doral News...

- The annual brochure was approved and will be mailed by the end of November.
- The beneficiary survey results will be in soon.
- Krista Smothers has been attending various outreach opportunities.

Tentatively scheduled 2009 meetings

April 22, 2009

July 29, 2009

November 4, 2009

Adjournment

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