

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Dental Policy Review Committee
May 28, 2026

Dental Policy Review Sub-Committee Members Present

Dr. Flavia Lamberghini, University of Illinois Chicago/Apple Dental Care, Sub-Committee Chair
Dr. Jason Grinter, Delta Dental, Onsite Dental
Dr. Danny Hanna, University of Illinois Chicago
Dr. Henry Lotsof, Avesis
Dr. Anushree Tiwari, Illinois Department of Public Health

Dental Policy Review Sub-Committee Members Not Present

Ann Tuscher, Chicago Department of Public Health

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Seth Ovington, Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services
Bradley Ray, Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services
Pamela Cuffie, Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services
Kelly Pulliam, Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services
Jose Jimenez, Bureau Chief-Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services
Victoria Peebles, Division of Medical Programs

Other Interested Parties

Lindsay Wagahoff, Illinois State Dental Society
LaDessa Cobb, DentaQuest
Melissa Stalets, Illinois Department of Public Health
Julie Baumann
Dr. Linda Kaste
Dr. Luciana Sweis

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- a. Dr. Lamberghini called the meeting to order at 11:06 am. Motion to begin by Dr. Grinter

2. ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

With 5 members present, a quorum was established.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Introduction of Sub-Committee

- i. Ms. Pulliam and Mr. Jimenez thanked everyone for joining and both advised why the subcommittee was created and the goal for the checklist review.
- ii. Dr. Tiwari also thanked the members for joining and provided goals as well.

b. IDPH Quality & Safe Care Assessment Checklist

- i. Dr. Lamberghini stated that the discussion of the checklist is to review to see if the checklist is practical, specific, easy to use and conducive to good oral health for the kids and asked if there were any comments or questions.
- ii. Dr. Grinter stated that the checklist is used on an unannounced basis by a dental

hygienist employed through IDPH to do site visits. Dr. Grinter added that the document's intention is for quality assurance and components include policies, procedures related to licensure, infection control, and a provider registers their site visit on a centralized calendar, so IDPH is aware of where the provider is. Mr. Jimenez requested the DPRC to create a subcommittee specifically tasked with reviewing the scoring tool for the school based dental program.

- iii. Dr. Tiwari added that most of the points, line items, in the document, come from the Dental Practice Act and when related to infection prevention and control most come from CDC recommendations and ADA guidelines.
- iv. Dr. Tiwari advised that there are three people on the team. Two compliance specialists, one is overseeing the north and central Illinois and one overseeing south Illinois. The third member, supervisor, oversees both of the compliance specialists and assists if there are any issues or additional support is needed.
- v. After committee members discussed the roles of compliance specialists and roles the committee members would play in the breakdown of how the checklist would be reviewed. The committee decided to break the checklist out by sections.
- vi. Dr. Grinter would review the first section, Dr. Hanna would take the Dental Practice Act Section, Dr. Lotsof would take questions 51 to 75, and Dr. Lamberghini would take the last set of questions 75 to 96.
- vii. Mr. Ovington advised the committee to receive an email with the checklist needing to be reviewed.

4. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC

- a. Dr. Sweis read an email from Dr. Trost as it relates the use and practices of the quality checklist

5. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Dr. Lamberghini advised of the next meeting on Thursday, June 18th at 10am Motion to adjourn by Dr. Grinter, second by Dr. Lotsof. Meeting adjourned at 12:01p.m.