

Dental Policy Review Committee
November 4, 2009
1:00-3:00 p.m.
Videoconference between Chicago, IL and Springfield, IL

Members Present: Mary Pat Burgess, Dr. William Goebel, Dionne Haney, Dr. Henry Lotsof, Dr. Sheldon Rosenstein, Dr. James Thommes, Dr. James Wahl

Members Absent: Julie Janssen, Dr. Ronald Mizer, Dr. Richard Perry, Dr. Michael Stablein

Others Attending:

Doral Dental Services (DentaQuest): Sarah Tobias, Nick Barnette, Kelly Pulliam, Krista Smothers

Healthcare and Family Services: Gina Swehla, Patti Kimmel, Jaci Vaughn

Shriver Center on Poverty Law: Andrea Kovach

UIC – DSCC: Tess Rhodes

IFLOSS: Judy Redick

DCFS: Karen Moredock

IDPH: Ann Ruppel (representing Julie Janssen)

Meeting was called to order by Gina Swehla. Introductions were made.

Old Business

July 29, 2009 Dental Policy Review Committee Minutes: Minutes from the July 29, 2009 Dental Policy Review Committee meeting were read and approved with one minor correction. The minutes, as approved, will be posted to the dental website at www.hfs.illinois.gov/dental/

New Business

Ethics Training Requirement: All members of the Committee are required to complete Ethics Training from the Office of the Executive Inspector General and sign a statement of completion. Completed statements should be faxed to the Dental Program at 217-557-2780 or mailed to the Dental Program office at 607 East Adams Street in Springfield, IL 62701.

Policy Review Committee Discussion: Dr. Rosentstein inquired about available treatment for cleft palate and other craniofacial issues. Tess Rhodes, UIC Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC), provided a brief overview of the program and referred committee members to the DSCC website at www.uic.edu/hsc/dsc for further information. The DSCC website includes information for providers, including physician and other allied health provider specialties, center and team information, and various forms. There are currently several craniofacial teams working with children in the DSCC program.

Oral Reports and Updates:

HFS – Copies of the Grant Application for Grants to Develop Local Health Department Dental Clinics were distributed. Committee members were asked to review the application and send comments/suggestions to HFS.Webmaster@Illinois.Gov. Currently health departments in Dewitt/Piatt, Douglas, Bond, and Fulton Counties are receiving grant funding. Pike, Macoupin, Logan, and Tazewell Counties have pending grant requests.

Patti Kimmel reported on recent meetings between HFS and the Capital Development Board. The purpose of the meetings is to develop an interagency agreement to transfer the \$2,000,000 dental clinic funding, included in the state's 2010 capital budget, from the Capital Development Board to HFS. The \$2,000,000 is not yet fully funded and covers a 3-year period. HFS is attempting to finalize the interagency agreement so when funding is available HFS will be able to administer the program.

Gina Swehla reported on recent statewide administrative claiming training sessions provided to 200+ health department staff members. Administrative claiming will allow health departments to claim federal matching funds. To participate in the program, health departments will be required to sign an interagency agreement with HFS. More than 60 of the 95 health departments have signed and returned agreements.

Meeting dates for next year were discussed and finalized. The Dental Policy Review Committee is currently scheduled to meet:

April 14, 2010

August 4, 2010

November 3, 2010

The Bylaws of the Dental Program Policy Committee (DPPC) state the following regarding the meeting schedule:

SECTION I – Schedule of Meetings

“Regular meetings of the DPPC shall be held up to four times per year. As required, quarterly meetings will be held unless suspended by the Department and/or DPPC. Such meetings shall take place at locations, dates and times agreed upon by Department staff and DPPC. Meetings may be alternated between the Department's Springfield and Chicago offices or meetings may be conducted via videoconferencing between Springfield and Chicago.”

A proposal was made to remove the word “quarterly” from the second sentence of SECTION I., in order to clarify the acceptability of meeting three times annually. The committee will discuss and vote on this proposal at the April 14th meeting. Committee members were asked to send further comments/suggestions regarding this proposal to HFS.Webmaster@Illinois.Gov.

DentaQuest (formerly Doral) – The Rolling Trend of Illinois Provider Participation report for 3/1/08-9/30/09 was reviewed. Nick Barnette reported on DentaQuest’s continuing efforts to increase access by asking enrolled providers to accept a larger number of Medicaid patients.

Outreach efforts continue with a focus on members under age 18 being called and reminded to make an appointment with their dental provider.

DentaQuest will offer Provider Educational Meetings throughout the state beginning November 10, 2009. Scheduled meeting dates and locations are:

Date	City
November 10, 2009	Collinsville
November 10, 2009	Mt. Vernon
November 11, 2009	Champaign
November 11, 2009	Peoria
November 12, 2009	Rockford
November 12, 2009	Batavia
November 13, 2009	Oak Brook

DentaQuest will release a Provider Survey and Member Survey by the end of the year.

Dr. Henry Lotsof, Lead Dental Champion, reported on the Champions efforts to recruit, retain, and assist other Medicaid-enrolled dental providers.

Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS) – Dionne Haney reported on recently passed Public Act 96-806 that allows for up to \$16,500 in annual deferred compensation for health care providers, including dentists, receiving Medicaid reimbursement. Full text of the Public Act is available at www.ilga.gov/legislation/. The IL legislature also approved the inclusion of dental hygienists in the student loan repayment program.

ISDS and its Foundation will sponsor a Mission of Mercy, June 11 and 12, 2010 in Bloomington. The event is expected to deliver approximately \$900,000 in free care to 1,500 patients. The event is designed to provide free dental care to local residents who otherwise are unable to receive treatment. More information, including volunteer opportunities, is available at www.isds.org.

IFLOSS – Judy Redick reported on the annual IFLOSS Statewide Oral Health Conference, held in Springfield October 27-28, 2009. More than 150 attendees participated and the annual auction raised more than \$1800.

DSCC - Tess Rhodes reported the group is searching for a new director and also encouraged Committee members to utilize the DSCC website at www.uic.edu/hsc/dscc.

DCFS – No report

Shriver Center on Poverty Law – No report

IDPH, Division of Oral Health– Ann Ruppel reported the Mandatory School Dental Exam 2008-2009 Report is available through ISBE at www.isbe.net/research/. Also, articles recently published regarding fluoride level of infant formula may cause attention of anti-fluoridationists to focus publicity on community water fluoridation. The Oral Health Needs Assessment and Planning Grant map and Illinois Oral Cancer Prevention and Control Program FY2010 map have been produced. More information is available at the Division of Oral Health website, www.idph.state.il.us/HealthWellness/oralhlth/home.

Chicago Public Schools – Mary Pat Burgess reported that including the Dental Consent Forms with the free and reduced lunch forms has been very successful, with returned consent forms numbering 40,000-plus with about 25% of schools reporting so far.

Lake County Health Department – Dr. Gerald Dismer reported the new Lake County Clinic in Waukegan has an advanced electronic record system and digital X-ray equipment. The clinic is in the process of revamping its sliding scale for fees, using the Wasserman Guide as a baseline.

Insure Kids Now – Patti Kimmel reported that as part of the Children’s Health Insurance Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA) individual states may be required to publish names and contact information of dental providers who accept Medicaid/All Kids clients. Patti is participating in meetings with CMS officials in an effort to allow Illinois’ current system of linking to the DentaQuest website to continue rather than posting individual names of providers. Committee members expressed concern that posting names and contact information on a website would make recruitment and retention of dental providers much more difficult. More information on the CHIPRA program is available at www.cms.hhs.gov/chipra.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.