

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Dental Policy Review Committee
January 24, 2024

Dental Policy Review Committee Member Present

Dr. Jason Grinter, Chair, Delta Dental, Onsite Dental
Dr. Danny Hanna, University of Illinois Chicago
Dr. Flavia Lamberghini, University of Illinois Chicago/Apple Dental Care
Dr. James Thommes, DentaQuest
Dr. Mona VanKanegan, Illinois Department of Public Health
Dr. David DePorter, Envolve
Dr. Kathy Shafer, Macoupin County
Dr. Sharon Perlman, Oral Health Consultant
Ann Tuscher, Chicago Department of Public Health
Dr. Ryan Tuscher, PCC Community Wellness Center
Lindsay Wagahoff, Illinois State Dental Society

Dental Policy Review Committee Members Not Present

Dr. Henry Lotsof, Avesis -Excused
Dr. Cyrus Oates, Oates Dental

HFS

Dr. Arvind Goyal, Medical Director
Jose Jimenez, Bureau Chief-Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services
Kelly Pulliam, Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services
Bradley Ray, Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services
Mary Richey, Office of the Inspector General

Other Interested Parties

Chelsea Fosse, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
Cassandra Nichelson, Avesis
Hallie Paxton, Avesis
Dr. Dan Ketteman, Interim Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs, SIU-SDM
David Thielemier, DentaQuest
LaDessa Cobb, DentaQuest
Sylvia Dominguez, Social Worker UIC/The Craniofacial Center

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Jason Grinter called the meeting to order at 1:00pm
Dr. Grinter stated that there is a Quorum.

Dr. Grinter reminded everyone that the meeting is being recorded; adding that it's an open meeting so everyone is welcome to attend but asked that only board members speak until the Open Discussion at the end.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Dr. Grinter asked if anyone had changes to the October 18, 2023, meeting minutes. No changes heard. Dr. Grinter asked for motion to approve and post the meeting minutes. Dr. Thommes made a motion to approve and post the minutes. Dr. Hanna second the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Updates

Scope of Committee

Dr. Jason Grinter began by explaining that the Dental Policy Review Committee is to advise Healthcare and Family Services. Dr. Grinter also placed emphasis that the Committee's role is not tasked with determining fees or which procedure codes would be covered. However, he further stated that the Committee's role is to assist and make recommendations for which codes would be benefited by the beneficiaries. Dr. Grinter brought up the 2021 CARES Act and the benefit that was brought by HFS for COVID relief funding in the amount 10 million dollars. Dr. Grinter mentioned other accomplishments that the committee achieved in 2022 and 2023.

Dr. Hanna brought then suggested that prior to Webex meetings, during roll call, members would introduce themselves and what their interest was in the meeting. Dr. Grinter acknowledged the suggestion and advised that the group would discuss in open discussion.

Dr. VanKanegan thanked Dr. Grinter for compiling the list of accomplishments and wanted to add that Medicaid did a series of innovation applications and some of those included expansion of dental services in Illinois.

Bylaw Changes

Article 2 -Section- 2 Vacancies

Dr. Grinter advised of the change to this section that included how the committee will handle vacancies when a member is unable to complete their 3-year term.

Dr. Hanna brought up that Article 2- Section 1 mentions in line B that there are 3 standing members and Dr. Hanna asked for clarification if they were voting members. Dr. Grinter agreed that the members were voting members. Dr. VanKanegan asked that Line B should mention 3 organizational members. Dr. Grinter agreed that adding the word organization as

organizational members represent the organization and are not a specific person. Dr. Hanna brought the use of *ex officio* in replace of standing appointments. Dr. Grinter asked for comments from Dr. Goyal. Dr. Goyal gave two comments. First comment that *ex officio* can be used and to have clarification in the bylaws. Second comment included that clarification needing to be there if *ex officio* will have quorum rights and or voting rights. Dr. Grinter advised that notes will be reviewed prior to a vote. Dr. Perlman commented that *ex officio* should be voting members.

Article 3 section 2

Dr. Grinter advised of the change to this section that included how succession will occur when the chair is absent or unable to complete the 3-year term. Dr. Grinter advised that the update to this section was modeled after the Medicaid Advisory Committee. Dr. VanKanegan asked for what timeframe is there for a new chair to be elected. Dr. Grinter opened for discussion on the timeframe. Dr. Goyal advised that in the interim HFS or designee will serve in the vacancy immediately or however the board wishes to proceed, but it is understood that the interim is until the next meeting. Dr. VanKanegan suggested that the interim would be until the next regularly scheduled meeting and voting can occur. Dr. Hanna suggested clarification on succession for absence versus resignation. Jose Jimenez from HFS suggested that in the instance of absence of the chair and vice chair that the meeting be rescheduled.

Article 4 Section 1

Dr. Grinter advised of a typo change and updated language to regular quarterly meetings. Dr Goyal suggests there should be a specific number of members mentioned to call a special meeting versus there being no mention of how many members would be needed to call a special meeting. Dr. Goyal also suggested that there should be a 48-hour advanced notice be sent prior to special meeting being held. Dr. Goyal also mentioned that there needs to specific wording in this section about virtual meetings. Dr Hanna brought up the recommendation to set the number members needed to hold a special meeting. Dr. Grinter asked if 3 members would be needed to hold a special meeting. Dr Hanna supported the number of members needed being three. Dr. Grinter mentioned using an electronic vote to determine if a special meeting will occur. Dr Hanna asked for clarification on the use of electronic voting. Dr. Grinter clarified the use of electronic vote. Dr. Goyal offered further clarification on open meeting as members should not discuss openly without public knowledge and the special meeting should be set by 2 members and use HFS to facilitate. Dr. Grinter struck electronic voting and agreed that HFS would facilitate for special meetings.

Article 4 Section 3

Dr. Grinter advised of the change in quorum from a percentage to a fixed number of members. Dr. Grinter asked the members if the fixed number of 6 or 7 would be acceptable for quorum. Dr. Perlman advised that they accept the 51% would account for all cases and that a majority could be established at the start of the meeting. Dr Hanna agreed with Dr. Perlman and brought up the previous comment of the *ex officio* members counting toward quorum or not. Kelly Pulliam asked if Dr. Goyal is the person who first suggested the

change from percentage to an actual count. Dr. Goyal presented that having a fixed number present has an ease during virtual meetings. During virtual meeting it is easier to count the number of members versus having to do a calculation. Dr. Grinter called again for suggestion on the fixed number needed for a quorum. Dr Hanna advised that over 50% should be used and the chair knowing the count of current positions filled would decide that number at the start of the meeting. Dr. Tuscher agreed with Dr Hanna. Dr. Hanna suggested that there needs to be clarification in writing on *ex officio* members to be counted in quorum. Dr. Hanna asked for clarification on the use of teleconference. Kelly Pulliam from HFS advised the use of teleconference is a generalization. Dr VanKanegan requested that there needs to be a mention of members may attend in person or by video conference.

Dr. Grinter asked if there were any other recommendations for changes. None being heard, Dr. Grinter advised that the recommendations will be sent to committee members for review and vote will occur during April's meeting. Dr. Goyal asked to be recognized with further comments and suggestions. Dr. Grinter agreed. Dr. Goyal suggested that the bylaws should have language about proxies being allowed or not. Second, the absence of members missing 3 meetings in a row. Third, adding ethics training being added as a requirement. Fourth, Dr. Goyal asked; does the board want to have the notes maintained forever or can they be destroyed once they have been approved? Dr. Goyal suggested that would need to be in the bylaws for direction on those meeting notes and recordings. Lastly, Dr. Goyal added that there should be two thirds vote instead of a simple majority when voting to amend the bylaws when adding or removing rights of the members. Dr. Grinter listed Dr. Goyal's suggestions and agreed. Dr. VanKanegan mentioned that the use of the word "may" might need to be changed to "will" be as the discussion of members missing 3 consecutive meetings "may" be terminated. Jose Jimenez from HFS mentioned that the use of "may" gives the Committee the option. Mr. Jimenez also stated that the expectation is that all members will attend, but the flexibility is there in case it is needed.

Vice Chair Vacancy Voting

Dr. Grinter advised that Dr. Simon resigned at the last meeting in October of 2023 and Dr. Grinter had sent an email at the end of last year asking for nominations to fill the vacancy. Dr. Thommes had nominated Dr. VanKanegan. Dr. Grinter said no other nominations were received and asked for a vote to formalize the nomination. Dr. Lamberghini motioned to approve and Dr Perlman second the motion. Dr. Grinter asked for all those in favor and it was a unanimous vote for approval. Dr. Grinter thanked Dr VanKanegan for accepting the nomination and moved forward to approve.

Dental Program Updates

Kelly Pulliam from HFS mentioned that parallel billing was in the process of being adopted. Ms. Pulliam also advised that D1301 and D4346 codes are still in review. Ms. Pulliam mentioned that last year there was back and forth about the orthodontic scoring tool. Jose Jimenez, from HFS, mentioned that parallel billing was brought up through this Committee and that parallel billing will continue. Mr. Jimenez stated we may fulfill those commitments

with the ortho scoring tool and for the changes to be implemented, HFS is navigating through the process and funding will be needed.

Illinois Department of Public Health Updates

Dr. VanKanegan discussed the Healthy Smiles Healthy Growth project. She mentioned that the project reached 120 Illinois schools. Dr. VanKanegan shared that the Illinois Oral Health Surveillance Brief; which now includes calendar year 2022 data. Dr. VanKanegan mentioned that the Illinois Oral Health Conference will be in Springfield July 24th and 25th.

Illinois State Dental Society Update

Lindsay Wagahoff from ISDS mentioned she will continue the discussion with HFS about the orthodontic scoring tool. Ms. Wagahoff mentioned that further notice may be needed to be sent to MCO's regarding the anesthesia cap due to claim denials. Jose Jimenez asked if examples could be sent to HFS so the department can address the issues individually. Dr. Lamberghini offered examples and stated that she will send to ISDS. Ms. Wagahoff stated that ISDS will have legislation regarding sedation rates and further work on the orthodontic scoring tool.

Dental School Updates

University of Illinois Chicago Update

Dr. Hanna announced that the Inclusive Care clinic will be expected to open in mid-March.

Southern Illinois University Update

Kelly Pulliam from HFS read from the chat a message left by Dr. Ketteyman that there was no update at this time.

Open Discussion

Dr. Grinter opened it up for open discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Grinter asked if there were any other questions. After a brief silence, Dr. Grinter asked for a motion to adjourn. Lindsay Wagahoff made the motion to adjourn followed by Dr. Perlman who second the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:44pm