



**Community Coalition for Oral Health**

*Making Healthy Smiles Possible*

**Minutes of the Coalition Meeting of March 13, 2015**

Meeting location: Nevada Dental Association  
 8863 West Flamingo Road, Suite 102  
 Las Vegas, Nevada 89147-8725

***Vision:*** *Optimal oral health for all Clark County residents.*

***Mission:*** *To achieve optimal oral health for all residents of Clark County by advocating for increased prevention, access and awareness*

1. **Call to Order: 9:30 AM**  
 Coalition Chair Cathie Davenport called the meeting to order and read the *Vision* and *Mission* statements.
2. **Participating Organizations and Reports**

<b>Member Organizations &amp; Representatives</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Clark County School District: Irma Pumphrey	X	
College of Southern Nevada: Missy Abel Marianne Sampson	X	
Dental Care International: Elena Ahkmeleva	X	
Future Smiles: Karen Dreisbach Xochi Flores		
Huntridge Teen Clinic: Steve Williams	X	
Nevada Dental Association: Bob Talley	X	
Nevada Dental Benefits: Cathie Davenport Patricia Steiner	X	
NV Dental Hygienists' Association: Annette Lincicome	X	
NV Health Centers: Albert Aba Bonnie Torres Ravi Patel	X	
NV State Board of Dental Examiners: Debra Shaffer-Kugel		X
Sigma Phi Alpha: Marianne Sampson	X	
So. Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association: Heather Rogers		X
Sunrise Children's Foundation: Dianna Williams	Call in	X
UNLV School of Dental Medicine: Judy Skelton Christina Demopoulos		X

<b>Others:</b>		
Community Health Alliance: Chuck Duarte		X
CUSP: Syd McKenzie		X
Nevada Medicaid: Josh Etchegoyen	Call in	
NV State Health Division, Oral Health Program: Christina Demopoulos		X
Oral Health Nevada: Lynn Bethel Christine Openshaw	X	
OxyFresh Worldwide, Inc:		X
So. Nevada Dental Society:		X
So. Nevada Health District:		X
Vegas PBS:		X

**CCSD:** Irma Pumphrey

- o CCSD RNs were concentrating on Oral Health Month in February at the elementary schools.

**NV. Dental Hygienists' Association:** Annette Lincicome

- o NDHA will have its own Lobby Day on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be reinforcing the message delivered by CCOH group on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- o CE event on April 10-11 will feature nationally renowned guest speaker Betsy Reynolds.
- o American Dental Hygienists' Association Annual Session will be in Nashville, TN in June and a delegation from Nevada will attend.

**Huntridge Teen Clinic:** Steve Williams

- o BOT meeting yesterday focused on the process to find a successor for Steve Williams when he retires next year.
- o Steve made a presentation to the incoming RN's in CCSD this morning. When presenting to RNs Steve always stresses dental services offered at Huntridge because RNs seem to already know about medical services, but need more info on dental.

**Future Smiles:** Karen Dreisbach

- o Since July 2014, FS has served 15 CCSD schools
- o Medicaid enrollment is up 38% which has added a very significant number of students needing services.
- o FS has delivered 1900 OHE presentations since July 2014.

**Dental Care International:** Elena Akhmeleva

- o 60 children were served at Give Kids a Smile Day
- o DCI would like to coordinate GKAS Day next year with UNLV so that services delivered are delivered in the most efficient way.
- o DCI wishes to thank CSN Dental Hygiene students for their help on GKAS Day.

**UNLV School of Dental Medicine:** Detailed in e-mail from Dr. Christina Demopoulos

- o Reported Community Outreach totals for UNLV community service. Donated services included screenings, sealants, children seen and treated, and adults seen and treated.

- Seal Nevada South saw 167 children who were screened, had sealants placed, and fluoride treatment.
- UNLV has Saturday morning clinics for homeless teens and has an agreement with Huntridge Clinic for preventive and perio treatments.

**Nevada Dental Benefits:** Cathie Davenport

- March 28<sup>th</sup> IBEW has asked CCOH to come and make a presentation on oral health—Cathie will take flyers supplied by participating CCOH organizations.
- NDB has been participating in many educational health fairs

**CSN Dental Hygiene Program:** Marianne Sampson

- Students will be taking National Boards this week
- 18 students on track for graduation
- New class of 2017 has been selected with 20 students and 2 alternates. Acceptance letters will be going out next week.
- Community projects are going well and a detailed report will be available at next meeting.

**Oral Health Nevada:** Lynn Bethel

- Reported on April 1<sup>st</sup> Legislative Day sponsored by CCOH, to be held in Carson City on Wed. April 1<sup>st</sup> from 10am-4pm.
- CUSP has been working very hard on preparations and they are in a meeting at this same time.
- Invitations were sent out to legislators 2 weeks ago.
- Unexpectedly, Harry Reid will be there giving a speech at 1:00pm so we will need to work around him.
- We have planned at 1:00 pm to have a formal program, Christine Wood former Dental Director for Nevada will present the keynote address. There will also be a Community Outreach power point focusing on Oral Health.
- Lynn invites whoever can make it to come to Carson City that day and increase the number of people which will make more of an impact.
- Main focus of the Legislative Day is to fund the positions of State Dental Health Director and State Public Health Dental Hygienist.
- Those unable to come to Carson City can give support by sending a letter, Lynn has a template that can be emailed or faxed to Legislators on that day.
- As a 501 ( c ) 3, CCOH is not lobbying, but is there to educate
- We will endorse a Social Media storm, between 2:30-3:00 on April 1<sup>st</sup> use Facebook & Twitter to promote dental health with a specific hashtag that will be provided by Lynn. This is a good way for students to send their support.
- Lynn has created letters and messages if supporters don't want to use their own comments.
- Again, this effort needs lots of support from So Nevada.

**Nevada Medicaid:** Josh Etchegoyen

- Update on Medicaid enrollment-will come out soon in a document but numbers are always fluid. Estimation was that there would be 200,000 new enrollees but has now gone up to 500,000
- Medicaid Funding: 64.34% federal portion and 35.3% state share. Federal will pay 100% until 12/31/2016 and then gradually the State's portion will increase.

- Medicaid will be getting an update on rural county providers. Currently it is reported only 79 dentists enrolled MINZA (?) national organization heavily supported by CNS (?)
- NV Medicaid participates in monthly or quarterly conference calls with other states, to share information as to what each state is doing in their Medicaid programs—a survey was completed by all states and the report is ready to publish. [Medicaiddental.org](http://Medicaiddental.org) is a good resource for dental questions on what other states are doing. You can also go to that website to get each state's registration information.
  - Cathie thinks it is wonderful that states are sharing information especially in rural areas
- Many problems with Medicaid come from lack of education in the dental staff. One issue of claims is what they bill for— there is a need for the education of the front office to be continually updated.
- Deb Aquino has been placed in a new position with Health Care specialists possibly in maternal/ child health care
- A quarterly survey is made with the 3500 Medicaid providers to update the provider roles—[insurekidsnow.org](http://insurekidsnow.org) has the provider list on current dentists. Yearly check with phone lines of providers to see if they are taking—must have at least one claim for year to stay on the list. It is hard to lock down the actual number of providers, because many providers have multiple phone numbers or locations and they do not update their info as they move to a new practice. If a claim has not been made within 2-3 years, the provider is dropped from the list
- Offices have the option to make Medicaid patients whatever percentage of production that they choose. The state requirement is that they must see one Medicaid patient per year.
- Cathie states that Chris Garvey has reported that patients on Medicaid are not finding access to a provider—Josh replies that it is a practice decision as to what percentage total patients will be Medicaid insured.
- Dr. Tally: Medicaid providers are through HMO—HMO's have closed panels and dentists cannot get enrolled—Josh disagrees.
  - Josh stated John Waley, chief of enrollment reported at AC4OH—both panels are currently open –potential enrollees need call the managed care unit.
  - Cathie requested phone number for managed care unit from Josh.
- Josh is on the Clinical Policy Team Unit—which is one of many units in the Medicaid team. He is a policy writer and oversees management, implementation, and complaints. Billing and enrollment problems have a huge team and their work finds that many billing complaints come from billings that are submitted incorrectly by dentists and office personnel.
- AC4OH will have lots of updates in this afternoon's meeting.

**Sunrise Children's Foundation:** Diana Williams

- Diana is happy to report they have received an expansion grant—adding centers and partnering with existing centers for early head start—child development centers. Still working on building on oral health component. There may be about

- 200-250 families will be added to the program. Early Headstart is governed by National Headstart and they have monthly parent meetings
- Marianne requested a format for educational presentations and offered to help with presentations, but the CSN students are not available at the time Headstart has parent meetings. Diana will send an email.

**NV Health Centers:** Ravi: Preparing for National Volunteer Month and they are preparing for free hygiene kits for homeless population

**3. Introduction of New Members/Guests:** No new members or guests present

**4. Approval of Minutes:** Corrections suggested and given to M. Sampson

S. Williams made motion to approve with corrections

A. Lincicome seconded motion

Voting count was taken and motion carried

**5. Executive Committee Reports**

**Chair Report: Cathie Davenport**

- Cathy thanked all the No. NV CUSP people and she has been having weekly conference calls with them.
- Her focus has been on legislative day and she acknowledges A. Lincicome and NDHA for their efforts to prepare follow up
- Three focus points to talk about—name tags for presenters and presentees.
- Steve Treasurers report:
- 3,400 + will need to be paid to the IRS
- 25% will need to be paid for caterer up front, but don't have the estimated around 1500
- Sasifras taco bar will cater.
- Fluoridated water, lemonade and ice tea

**Chair-Elect Report: Position not filled**

**Treasurer: Steve Williams reporting**

- Finally received reply from IRS and CCOH will have to pay the fee \$3400+ due in April. Steve will pay right away
- Catering bill is estimated to be around \$1500 (\$14.95 per head) vendor is Sassafras taco bar recommended by fluoridated water, lemonade.

**Secretary: no report**

**Immediate Past Chair: no report**

**6. Report from Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health Oral Health Program**

**Aquino, Deborah**

**7. Committee Reports**

- **Nominating**
- **Finance**

**Ad-hoc Committee Reports**

**Membership Committee/Bylaws of CCOH Annette Lincicome**

- We received DCI membership dues –dues will come up again at the first of JULY

**Public Relations/ Education Committee: Cathie Davenport**

- IBW health fair
- Vendor table at legislative Day –Open Wide Look Inside which is an oral cancer exam program and encourages people to visit the dentist.
- Outreach to MCH CCOH would like to do presentation about maternal and child health. Heather Rogers is working with Cathie on a presentation.
- CCOH needs to provide education and outreach whenever possible.

**Legislative Committee: Dr. Bob Talley**

- Missed the Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> budget committee, but all comments about funding the state positions have been positive and no one seemed to understand why the positions had not been funded previously. However, the issue will come up again as they talk more about budget and he hopes to be present at that time.
- The Dental Association has a Legislative Day on April 15<sup>th</sup>: They will take the dental school information to legislature and showcasing the dental students and the dental school which provides over a million dollars in Outreach services.
- So. Nevada would like to start an Adopt a Vet program similar to the one in Northern Nevada which has been so successful
- Dr. Talley appreciates there are no scope of practice issues for this session so we are all taking a united message to legislators
- S. Williams questioned that if these positions are funded can they be eliminated? Dr. Talley replied that absolutely the funding could be taken away and we may have to start all over again. Funding would be for a 2 year period and after that it could be cut back or defunded again. A primary purpose of these officers will be writing grants to ensure the funding stays in place.
- S. Williams gave recognition to volunteer dentists and would be willing to speak out on their behalf at any meeting.
- The before and after pictures of Vets receiving treatment is very impactful.
- M. Sampson reports CSN students are preparing an advocacy presentation for the homeless at Las Vegas Rescue Mission and hopes that homeless will not be overlooked.

**Programs Committee:** no report

**Outreach Committee:** no report

**Head Start Committee:** no report

**8. Old Business**

**Legislative Day April 1, 2015 update**

- Chris Garvey, Karen Dreisbach and Cathy Davenport will be attending that day
- Steve says make this 1<sup>st</sup> Class we have the funds and need to make an emphasis.
- Dr. Talley emphasized the rules for give-away bags –if you give a bag it has to be valued under \$4. Otherwise set out on a table and let them pick items up

- Cathie reported since Harry Reid is speaking at 1:00 the lunch has been moved back until 2:00—Bob and Steve recommend having lunch earlier instead of later. Cathy will send a message to change the lunch time
- Steve emphasizes that we shouldn't cut corners, this needs to be a 1<sup>st</sup> class event and we have the budget to support Legislative Day.
- **Legislative- education: update on status** (already covered)

## 9. New Business

- Community Outreach – Power Point on Oral Health  
Heather Rogers was working on this project.
- Nutrition for Life—Cathie reported that Michelle Johnson and Audrey Arnold want to get a commitment oral health education to be presented every other week and they will pay \$100 per session. This could be money for the CCOH account. This group will be pulling together a team of health care individuals who will be providing health education and will need to provide education every two weeks. Every other Tuesday at 1 pm give a 20 minute presentation for 10-20 people (clients) coming in to ULAN (United Labor Agency of Nevada). Annette suggested Heather Rogers may be the perfect person to fill this position. The \$100 could be allotted as a speaker stipend. Cathie reported that the grant has already closed, so the opportunity may have passed, but we need to be prepared for another opportunity in the future. CSN DH students may be able to prepare a PowerPoint. But would not be able to attend the meetings.
- CSN handout is promoting getting new patients and struggles to find enough periodontal involved patients. Cathie will hand the information to Audrey because she deals with many uninsured persons.

10. Funding for the Legislative day- already discussed

**11. Announcements: none**

**12. Set Date for Next meeting** is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup>

There could be a conflict with UNLV graduation for Marianne.

**Next Meeting:** Dates for next meetings:

- May 15, 2015 at 9:30
- July 17, 2015 at 9:30
- Sept 18, 2015 at 9:30
- Nov 20, 2015 at 9:30

## 13. Adjourn

A Lincicome moved to adjourn.

M. Sampson seconded.

Motion approved at 11:05AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Sampson, Secretary CCOH

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