



Minutes of the Coalition Meeting of November 14, 2014

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: 9:32 AM**
 Coalition Chair Cathie Davenport called the meeting to order and read the *Vision* and *Mission* statements.
2. **Roll Call of Member Organization Representatives**

Member Organization Representatives	Present	Not Present
Clark County School District		X
College of Southern Nevada		X
Community Health Alliance	Chuck Duarte	Call in
Future Smiles	Karen Dreisbach	
Huntridge Teen Clinic	Steve Williams	
Nevada Dental Association		X
Nevada Dental Benefits	Cathie Davenport	
Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association	Annette Lincicome	
Nevada Health Centers, Inc.	Albert Aba Bonnie Torres	
Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners	Debra Shaffer-Kugel	
Oral Health Nevada	Chris Garvey Syd McKenzie Christine Openshaw	Call in Call in
OxyFresh Worldwide		X
Southern Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association		X
Southern Nevada Dental Society		X
Sunrise Childrens Foundation		X
UNLV School of Dental Medicine		X

Vegas PBS		X
Others:		
Acelero Learning – Clark County Head Start		X
Dental Care International		X
Nevada Medicaid	Josh Etchegoyen	Call in
Nevada State Health Division, Oral Health Program		X
Sigma Phi Alpha	Marianne Sampson	
Southern Nevada Health District		X

- **Introduction of New Members/Guests**
 - Albert Aba and Bonnie Torres representing Nevada Health Centers.

3. New Business- Legislative Day -- (New Business action item moved forward in agenda)

- C. Garvey presented update on Legislative Day
 - Meeting coming up on 12/4/14 at 11:30
 - Goal is to attain sit down meeting with state officials, legislators, staff and Medicaid office
 - MCH will cover C. Garvey’s costs
 - L.Bethel from Reno will join
 - Dr Talley declined to attend
 - C. Duarte declined to attend
 - Chris Wood will be invited to join -- She will be welcome with her knowledge and liaisons in legislature
 - Focal points are: the challenges of access to dental care and the overwhelming need within the State
 - Garvey discussed plans and preparations for legislative day 4/1/2015
 - Need someone to prepare 1hr to 1 ½ hr. PowerPoint and presentation.
 - C. Garvey asked M. Sampson to contact Missy Abel for White Paper PowerPoint
 - PowerPoint needs to be pre-viewed and finalized before 4/1/2014
 - Needs to include stats on assessment for needs within the state vs. participating professionals providing service in OH care
 - Where are the gaps and unmet needs?
 - Need to find more current data on adult need.
 - Don’t want to overwhelm audience of legislators and staff, but want our presence to be known
 - K. Dreisbach from Future Smiles volunteered to help with PowerPoint
 - Louise Hhelton will be asked to assist
 - Discussed food and catering:
 - Need to prepare a contract for the caterer—leaning towards healthy food choice selection
 - C. Openshaw: from Oral Health Nevada had estimates of \$2000 or more for healthy option, and for another great option chicken with pasta and sides would be for \$1600-1700.
 - S. Williams recommended they go ahead and make the decision

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- Protocol forbids care packages to be delivered to individual offices, we will have a display table with donations items and the luncheon guests can pick up the care package items themselves.
- Garvey: We need to develop a committee to organize testimonials to support OH need—individuals could attend or have a video of the testimonial.
Testimonials needed from:
 - Veterans
 - Seniors
 - Adults with need for Medicaid OH care
- D. Shafer: Regarding veterans, knows of a paper on Veterans being completed by a UNLV research student—Vets are of great concern to legislature.
- C. Duarte stated in the north they have program for Adopt a Vet that has served about 300 vets and they have around 300 on waiting list—It was given the Pentagon Award for service to veterans. He has info that can be provided for the report on veterans
- C. Garvey asked if the NSBDE collects information on the volunteer work of dentists like they do for PH endorsed dental hygienists.
- D. Shafer: Currently NSBDE does not collect data on volunteer and charitable work by dentists within the state—However, she has been approached by the Governor's office to identify dental personnel in state that are former vets.
- How long does it actually take for an emergency patient to be seen?
 - A. Aba from Nevada Health Centers gave info on how long it takes for NHC to get the patients in.
 - C. Davenport acknowledged NHC for working through an emergency with one of her patients in a very timely manner
- C. Duarte: is there a report on delayed access to care to be included with report for Legislative Day? Statistics he has viewed are questionable
 - Patients cannot get an anesthesiologist for surgical procedures for 5-6 months. Romain G. was very interested in assisting and promoting speedy treatment.
 - He also reported it takes 3-5 months to be able to schedule an anesthesiologist for children's emergencies.
- C. Garvey: Reporting needs to be checked--Utilization rate is down even though there are higher enrollment rates –this does not make sense.

4. Old Business --Letter of Support for Oral Health for Gov. Sandoval

- Garvey: UNLV, TMCC and CSN are running into legal issues on collecting signatures for the letter of support for oral health.
- C. Davenport: signatures needed by 11/17/14, but we can delay until Dec 1st because C. Garvey can hand deliver them on 12/4/14.
 - Sigs can be dropped off at this office.
 - A. Lincicome will collect all sheets of signatures at Huntridge—a good central dropoff location and will deliver them to Cathy or Chris.
- There was debate over as to who is qualified to sign the support letter. Garvey thinks they need to be a registered voter in Nevada, and Lincicome thought they

did not need to be registered voters. Lincicome will get clarification and send an email.

- C. Davenport: It takes some effort and time to explain our purpose and collect signatures. Signatures may be better collected through organizations that are willing to stand up for the petition. She asked for the letter to be sent to entire mailing list for CCOH.
- C. Garvey commented that undocumented persons and nonvoters are the people who need services, but are not able or willing to sign. Many that are undocumented will not sign even though it would benefit their children.
- S. Williams: If the college's legal counsel are forbidding activity, why are we as a non-profit 501-3C not concerned about this political activity?
- Lincicome responded as 501-3C, CCOH itself should not engage in political advocacy, but the member entities within CCOH can promote this political activity. For example NDHA is a different type of non-profit, and can promote and lobby
- Do not sign the letter –just attach a list signatures to the letter.
- S. McKenzie thinks the colleges should take the letter to their risk management personnel for review, because it is non partisan political issue, it is an access to care issue and should not be a problem to collect signatures on campus. If you are collecting signatures try to address groups to be more efficient.
- D. Shafer thinks it would be better to have a balance of practitioners and patients. Perhaps we should find volunteers that could go stand at the Medicaid office to collect sigs. They are the ones who would be affected the most.
- C. Garvey called for volunteers to go to Medicaid—no one volunteered
- C. Davenport: Some organizations including UNLV have sent letters to the governor own their own.
- Garvey thinks it is a sad commentary that Southern Nevada with 75 % of population of the State cannot seem to get support while northern Nevada is having much more success.
- Lincicome is trying to utilize interested organizations Facebook page and to make the letter available at a central location where members can stop by to sign.
- C. Davenport: So far we have about 200 in north but haven't collected any lists locally.
- S. McKenzie suggested everyone sign in to Oral Health Nevada Facebook—“like” them to get some of the new information out to the public. All oral health organizations can join and have a joint website—where a viewer can see all available services within the state—Lynn Bethel and Chris Garvey are working on the new web page. It will provide a great resource of information for the state.

5. Participating Organizations Report:

- Nevada Health Centers: Albert Ada and Bonnie Torres
 - A. Aba: NHC is federally qualified community health center. Provide services for northern and southern Nevada and Arizona.
 - NHC has 16 centers and WIC centers, using a sliding fee scale which recently revised.

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- More than ½ calls received at their call center are dental in nature. They are preparing for Children's Dental Health month presentations at family centers and work closely with Prime 6.
 - As of now only the Eastern location actually provides dental services.
- B. Torres: NHC is currently receiving about 500 calls per month for appointments, but only 172 slots for month are available, due to the few providers accepting Medicaid.
 - They work on sliding fee scale and allow patients to pay as they go.
 - The primary need is to get patients out of pain, once that is accomplished, the dental need, especially for adults is huge.
- Dr. Tyree Davis had encouraged A. Ada and B. Torres to attend and participate in CCOH today
- Nevada Dental Hygiene Association—Annette Lincicome (president)
 - Reports their upcoming Legislation Day is April 4, 2015 and they will deliver a message which is cohesive with the CCOH efforts
 - On April 8-10, 2015 NDHA will have a CE event in Las Vegas with national presenter, Betsy Reynolds. Other state officials, such as Lancette Van Guilder (district representative) will do leadership training with CSN DH students.
- Nev. State Board of Dental Directors—Debra Shaffer-Kugel
 - NSBD is also getting ready for their legislative day
 - She received an executive order from Governor's office to provide information on OH providers who are veterans She thinks they are developing a resource list to assist the Veterans Administration.
 - Discussion is ongoing to develop a permit for volunteer dentists from other states to provide Pro Bono treatment in Nevada.
 - Medical doctors are allowed to do this and the dental board is not against this process for dentists also.
 - Many volunteers are needed for RAM program and other volunteer events. Initiating this type of permit may allow for dentists to come provide volunteer service.
 - A similar initiative was presented in the last legislative session that did not pass, because there is no recourse for patient after the dentist leaves the state.
 - Out of state dentists would not be allowed to bill for services—Pro Bono work only. They would be required to have malpractice insurance and license in good standing, and to gain a permit that is good for 12 months.
 - Dental board would do an initial infection control inspection
 - The patient charts would be maintained at the local entity location.
- Huntridge Teen Clinic—Steve Williams (director)

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- Steve encouraged all to read the monthly Huntridge Teen Clinic Newsletters
 - He acknowledged and expressed gratitude for the great service of volunteer dentists.
- Nevada Medicaid— Josh Etchegoyen
 - Dental dashboard on the web page is now a full twelve months and is the most current data available (last quarter FY 201)
 - This data was just updated on Oct. 1st
 - He explained there will always be a 180 day window before data is inputted because of the time required for billings.
 - The posted numbers are fluid, and will change as updated new data comes available.
 - Garvey asked on behalf of AC4OH on Dec 4th has the board ever revisited for their position on orthodontia? Josh replied that it has not as this point.
- CSN—Marianne Sampson (reporting on behalf of Missy Abel)
 - CSN would like to connect with volunteer dentists willing to participate in upcoming community projects with Safe Nest, and Catholic Charities
 - D. Shaffer asked for an email and at the next dental board meeting it could be put on agenda under public announcements and she would put it out on a mailing list. Their Newsletter's will remind dentists they get credit for volunteer service.
 - CSN is in need of more clinic patients to sit for the students—please refer patients to hygiene school.
 - The High School to College program is going on today—and we anticipate about 150 HS students to get an introduction into Dental Hygiene
- Sigma Phi Alpha—Marianne Sampson (president)
 - Reported they had a recent fundraiser that was very successful to add funds to the student scholarship fund
 - A. Lincicome stated that Southern Nevada's Sigma Phi Alpha chapter is the most active and successful chapter in the nation.
- Future Smiles- Karen Dreisbach, New Associate Director
 - She has been brought in to Future Smiles to work on research regarding the impact of FS interventions in the lives of CCSD students receiving their services—
 - They have unique tracking abilities, since they serve the same students over a period of several years.
 - Future Smiles is planning to publish report on their results for days missed behavioral issues, ability to focus and to perform better in classes. Better lives for our patients through dental care.
 - Another portion of her job is management of Future Smiles day to day activities—6 mobile units locations operational this spring.
 - CSN students rotate to F.S. to provide services also
- Clark County School Dist.-Irma Pumphrey (e-mailed report to C. Davenport)

- Reports their mobile unit is operational.
- C. Garvey: CCSD having conversation for school based clinic standards
 - who are the recognized medical professionals that can provide treatment –dental has been taken out of that template for medical professionals --is a concern that Future Smiles dental professional needs to be recognized as a healthcare provider
 - Calling for CCOH to support recognition of dental personnel to be recognized as medical professionals. Pam Beale (former director of SNIC) was in charge of Public and behavioral health made these decisions—the template was taken from Oregon, but Nevada carved out the dialogue on dentistry. We need to let them know that we support dental professionals as health care providers especially when we consider the impact that oral health has on overall health.
 - Big Smiles--Reach out Healthcare America—(service organization) has been reorganized and restructured. CCSD will not favor developing a relationship at this time. Recommends caution for anyone wanting to form a partnership with this group. They stated they would screen every school age child in Nevada—raises too many questions about who is the dentist behind this. Dr. Demopoulos was supporting them—and after discussion UNLV will seek additional information.
- Nevada Dental Benefits—Cathy Davenport
 - Nevada Dental Benefits coordinates their provider list with CCSD nurses so the nurses can contact the correct providers for students in need of dental services.
 - She is also providing outreach for Comprehensive Cancer Center and chronic disease care--patients don't know where to go for help with oral cancer screenings and diabetic services and screening.
- Additional report: C. Davenport shared email from Deb Osbourne regarding Toothfairy
 - She is giving OH services in senior centers and assisted living centers.
 - A Lincome will send an application for membership so she can join CCOH
- 4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - Chairman Davenport asked for a motion to approve Minutes of meeting on 07/18/14.
 - Discussion for corrections and amendments was noted.
 - S. Williams—motioned to approve minute as amended
 - C. Garvey 2nd -- minutes approved
- 6. **Executive Committee Reports**
Chair- Cathie Davenport

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- She attended a seminar in August about lobbying and advocacy with Annette Magnus and received great information.
- She also attended a SNIK child and adolescent meeting where they discussed free teen vaccination clinic focus on HPV
- She met with the Legislative committee met in August with Garvey, Chandler, and McKenzie.
- At the United Labor Agency luncheon—CCOH was promoted to each business member within to the Union.
- Cathie reports Nev. Public Health Association is improving community access and they asked about our Web site. We need to get a website.
- CUSP and CCOH had a table cloth provided by Syd McKenzie for the tables on 9/25-26/14
- In Oct., at the UNLV health equity symposium Heather Rogers helped with the presentation for UNLV—oral health/total health connection.
- At the Nevada Health Conf. Deb Aquino sponsored and supported attendance. Chuck Duarte was very helpful in showing alignment of southern and northern Nevada. They discussed Suicide and suicide prevention and the trying to break the cycle of people using the emergency room instead of going to a doctor.
- In November the Health Insight New Center for Medicaid center –will discuss coordination of care seeking for their vision of service in the community and will determine if they will extend services to dental care.

Chair-elect- Position is vacant

Treasurer- Steve Williams

- Report posted prior to meeting.
- Current balance \$13,725—
- C. Garvey reminded Treasurer Williams we will need to book 4 or 5 flights shortly for the legislative session
- Budget item--\$3280 is still owed to the IRS - Williams has received response to his letter (2/18/14) from IRS for his request to drop fees—they are seeking additional information and are not requesting action for at min. 60 days—He is doubtful they will drop the fees.
- 13 membership dues received -- Lincicome needs an updated list
- The treasurer has filed two annual reports
 - 990 N postcard for all nonprofits
 - Annual list of officers and directors for Secretary of State of Nevada

Secretary- Marianne Sampson

- No report

Past Chair- Joanne Cummings

- No report

7. Committee Reports

- Membership Committee
 - A. Lincicome needs an updated report from Treasurer on who has paid annual membership dues.
- Education Committee—Legislative Day was previously discussed

- Nominating Committee – no report
- Finance Committee – no report
- Public Relations - no report.
- Programs Committee- no report.
- Outreach Committee – no report
- Head Start Committee-no report

8. Announcements

- CCOH Website-- C Davenport our website needs to be updated and activated..
- C. Garvey :We need to have a line item for next meeting to have an agenda update active committees and create a new agenda format for future meetings
- S. Williams asked “What will the legislative day be like?”
 - C .Garvy responded that save the date cards are being delivered before the event and we will we have the opportunity to visit one on one with legislators—Lynn Bethel is working with C Garvey on coordinating this and setting up appointments with legislators or staff.
- S. McKenzie will be providing visuals for veterans and she needs before and after photos
- Reminder for all CCOH is collecting donations for the gift bag table-- Example—Future Smiles chap stick.
- S. Williams reminded also everyone needs business cards to take to Legislative session.
- Davenport: We are making progress with outreach and new community contacts
- C. Garvy and S. Williams acknowledged Chair Davenport for the fabulous job she is doing !!

11. Next Meeting: Dates for next year’s meetings:

- Jan 16, 2015 at 9:30
- March 13, 2015 at 9:30
- May 15, 2015 at 9:30
- July17, 2015 at 9:30
- Sept 18, 2015 at 9:30
- Nov 20, 2015 at 9:30

12. Adjourn

A Lincicome moved to adjourn. S. Williams seconded.
Motion approved at 11:45AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Sampson, Secretary CCOH