

**North Dakota Department of Health  
Oral Health Program  
Oral Health Coalition Meeting  
Date: February 24, 2011  
Time: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

<b>Present: Joe Cichy, Marcia Olson, Elecia Jacobson, Sue Matteson, Tony Richards, Karen Larson, Dave Zentner, Aaron Ortiz, Kim Mertz, Kathleen Mangskau, Kathy Keiser, Gregg Reed, Kimberlie Yineman, Cameo Skager, Robyn Stearns, Colleen Ebach, Linda Rorman, Fred Larson, Dr Kristy Pederson,</b>		<b>Minutes Recorded By: Colleen Ebach</b>
<b>Present by Telephone: Carla Kelly, Dr Steve Erlandson, Dr Brent Holman, Dr Richard Rathge, Bev Marsh, Doreen Ott and Phyllis Howard</b>		
<b>Agenda Item(s)</b>	<b>Main Discussion Points</b>	<b>Action Taken Individual Responsible</b>
<b>Action Taken Reports from Previous Meeting</b>	Welcome and introductions were given.	
<b>Approval of minutes from December 17, 2010 meeting</b>	Minutes were handed out and reviewed.	Motion was made by Dave Zentner to approve minutes as recorded. Motion approved. Minutes will be posted to website.
<b>Agenda Additions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request to add an update from Gregg on the BSS-Older Adults survey information.</li> </ul>	
<b>MCH Funding Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kim Mertz attending a OH Executive Board and asked to address the full Coalition regarding funding concerns of the MCH Grant (Title V). Budget cuts are coming from the Federal level. Varying amounts have been heard and have ranged from \$210 million to \$50 million. This relates to the Oral Health Program based on the salary of OH Program Director and also the salaries and expenses of the Public Health Hygienists. This then trails to the activities that they are conducting such as prevention education, varnish and sealant programs, as well as the mouthrinse program currently. This becomes a significant concern to the coalition due to the activities that are planned to be completed in the future. Kim indicated that she could pass information to the coalition members that may come from her AMCHP affiliation if interested. Kim also mentioned that there is talk about</li> </ul>	Kathleen M also gets some of these and can also forward to the Coalition membership.

	<p>creating a Chronic Disease Block Grant that could include Cancer, Stroke, School Health, Diabetes, Asthma, Oral Health and others. This could then send the money to the States for them to determine where the need is for the dollars. Kim was trying to pull numbers together for a request from Sen. Hoeven who is looking at this approach.</p>	
<p><b>Head Start Dental Home Initiative</b>  <b>Dr Rosmond Presentation</b>  <b>Dental Pediatric Day – Spirit Lake</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Holman indicated that funds have been pulled from this initiative and he has decided to finish activities that are already in the works before he decides how he will continue the efforts needed in this arena.</li> <li>• Funds were secured in past to bring in a presenter that will cover two areas – dentists and physicians and the also for dental and medical staff. This will be very interesting information. Request that we pass out the information and get people to attend. Any revenue that is above cost for the event will be put back into the dental home project, assisting with finding dental homes, purchasing of toothbrushes and toothpaste to be given to the head start population. (Handout)</li> <li>• Dental Pediatric Day: September Event. In the early planning stages. After visiting the reservations, had found that the Spirit Lake Tribal area had the greatest dental needs for the children. So decided to do a dental day, similar to a Mission of Mercy event. All but one Pediatric Dentist is on board to assist with providing dental services on that day. Also the Mission of Mercy group will be assisting with bringing in their trucks with equipment that would be used. Looking for additional partners and volunteers that would be willing to help out. (Handout)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>NDDA Update</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Steve Erlandson indicated that they have been following HB 1183 that limits the insurance companies from capping costs not covered. Also referred the Coalition members to review a document that just came out “Barriers to Care” that is on the ADA website. It discusses mid-level providers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Erlandson clarified a comment from last meeting that he was not referring to Dental Hygienists as mid-level providers, but those that are not properly educated (two years or less)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Seal ND!</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 1 of the HRSA Grant includes purchasing equipment for our Public Health Hygienists to do services across the state. We are in the process of</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Varnish Trainings</b></p>	<p>getting our bid ready for purchasing four portable units. In order provide these services we have put together a Standing Order and MOU and these have moved from DoH to the AG's office for review. We anticipate this to all be in place and ready to conduct services in the Fall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently working to convert the schools on the Mouth Rinse program over to Fluoride Varnish. This will include visiting the school twice a year to apply the varnish.</li> <li>• Conducted the first pediatric office training on January 20, 2011 in Minot at the Trinity Health Clinic. They will incorporate the varnish application into the Well-baby screening services. Started to work with Sanford Health in Fargo and have had inquires from Mid Dakota Clinic in Bismarck to conduct the training and then will incorporate into their Well-baby screenings as well.</li> <li>• Working towards having the Health Smiles training on the website, with pre- and post testing to insure that staff are trained. There will be CEU's offered with too.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>BSS for Older Adults</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gregg updated the Coalition on the progress of doing a Basic Screening for Older Adults. This would be anyone in a Long Term Care Facility including skilled, assisted living, Alzheimer's and facilities that server Congregate Meals (individuals 60 and older). One concern was the need for guardian permission of those in the skilled facilities. There are 171 skilled facilities across the state and 151 congregate meal sites.</li> <li>• Gregg asked for the Coalitions need for this data was to help determine the type of patients to actually screen.</li> <li>• Gregg has sent the IRB to the review committee and is waiting for that before moving forward.</li> <li>• No survey sample size has been determined yet.</li> <li>• Anticipate having this start in August or September.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determined that the Congregate Meal Sites would not be a true indication of Oral Health needs at this time. Screening at the "skilled" facilities would be best, noting that assisting living patients will vary in age and this may not meet the national data screening needs. The other recommendation from the Coalition was that the BSS be conducted on the skill/basic care areas this year and in the future add congregate meal sites to see how the needs may change.</li> <li>• Doreen Ott, SW Dist Health indicated that their agency does a survey of the senior population and can give us their results to have some idea on how to structure questions and the needs that may be out there for this population.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Bridging the Dental Gap – Older Adult Services</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marcia is working on ordering her equipment as well for conducting services for the elderly population in</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

	<p>the Bismarck area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She is working with two nursing home facilities in Bismarck and they are very eager to get the program started with BDG. They want to bring all their patients; Marcia has had to slow them down, because they are so excited about this new service.</li> <li>• BDG hopes to have everything up and running by May. This will mean going to the nursing home facilities two days a week.</li> <li>• Marcia is also visiting with the BDG Board to see if they will work toward establishing a dedicated dentist for the nursing home program.</li> </ul>	
<b>Policy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy committee is working to align with budget request for Health Department. Ideas to work any direction the budget is presented have been discussed.</li> <li>• Joe and Karen met with Dr Baird regarding the dental loan repayments</li> <li>• Questions about why the SLURP Program funds were not applied for by the State.</li> <li>• CHAD will be hosting a reception on Legislative Day, March 7, 2011. This will provide an opportunity to be updated on what is happening. Coalition would like a booth that day.</li> <li>• Policy committee will solidify legislative strategy by providing a list of what OH Coalition members can provide at the legislative session, i.e., testimony or support, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May need letters of support for the dental loan repayment programs.</li> <li>• OH Coalition needs to provide support for this program.</li> <li>• OH Coalition members are invited to come and may also provide display information.</li> <li>• A brief training session can be provided for those that are interested. Kim indicated that the department does this for employees as well.</li> </ul>
<b>Data &amp; Evaluation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Rathge has been working on the state plan and burden document. It is almost completed. Hope to get it released in the summer.</li> </ul>	
<b>Access (Ronald McDonald Charities)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caremobile update: received \$50,000 from Basic Electric and also \$5,000 each from the electric coops where the caremobile will be traveling. KEM, and Williston. Touchtone Electric will donate as well and would like to have sponsorship on the outside of the machine. MDU will be donating \$7500 annually. Have applied with the Bremer Foundation for \$100,000, but the application will not be reviewed until May.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ronald McDonald House Charities will be submitting grant soon, March 1, just reviewing and adding final touches at this time. Will ask for a few people to review and clarify things that pertain to them specifically. Grant is 100 pages and many attachments.</li> <li>• RMHC has heard that the REC's are willing to allow parking of the Caremobile in their local garages when in the community.</li> </ul>	
<b>Dental Internships in ND</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aaron reported that the Center for Rural Health is working with University of MN Outreach Center to have two interns come to ND clinics. Also working with SD for six students to place there.</li> </ul>	
<b>HRSA Grant Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working on the HRSA Grant that will first purchase dental equipment for Public Health Hygienists to do sealants. Will start in the SW part of the state and then move across the state as needed.</li> </ul>	
<b>Dental Loan Repayment Program Issues</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The OH Executive Committee met with Gary Garland, Dr Baird and reviewed application process. Determined that this application process will be completed in the future and will be used to receive more dentists. This will need to be monitored closer by Gary and DoH. Guidelines on how to check and balance the funds properly and getting pay back from Medicaids also. Need to follow and keep up on procedures will help increase the number of dentists taking Medicaid patients.</li> <li>• Need to promote all packages available from DoH website. Coalition will need to assist with this promotion of availability. Policy Committee and Aaron's shop will assist with this.</li> <li>• Aaron's office has a grid that is already in use that he will share with the Policy group at their next meeting.</li> <li>• Kimberlie will have Cameo create a brochure that better explains the programs that can be posted on the website as well as the Board of Dental Examiners website.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Other committee updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marcia reported that she is working on the 501c3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kimberlie, Joe, Linda and Dr Holman will be</li> </ul>

	<p>application. It's a slow process but moving forward. Has also looked into actually applying for a 501A, which has multiple agencies and partners. More research to be done on this and will update at next meeting.</p>	<p>working on how to involve coalition in this meeting.</p>
<p><b>Other business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting will be the election of officers. If anyone is interested in holding an office, please contact Kimberlie Y. All position are up for re-election and two members-at-large are open as well.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Agenda items for next meeting</b></p>		
<p><b>Next meeting: Date, time and location</b></p>	<p>May 20, 2011 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Location: TBA</p>	