

**North Dakota Oral Health Program  
Policy Meeting Committee**

February 16, 2010  
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

<p><b>Present:</b> Karen Larson, Kathy Mangskau, Joe Cichy, Carla Kelly, Dave Zentner, Fred Larson, Troy Roness and Robyn Stearns.</p> <p><b>Present by telephone:</b> Dr. Richard Rathge, Kimberlie Yineman</p>	
Karen Larson	<p><b>Review of minutes.</b> The minutes from the January 11, 2010 meeting were approved as electronically distributed on January 25, 2010.</p>
<p>Joe Cichy</p> <p>Karen Larson Dave Zentner</p> <p>Karen Larson Fred Larson</p> <p>Robyn Stearns Robyn Stearns</p> <p>Robyn Stearns</p> <p>Karen Larson Carla Kelly</p> <p>Karen Larson</p>	<p><b>Planning for 2011 Legislative Session.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Increase Medicaid reimbursement.</b> Joe advised that an oral health work group has been formed and will be meeting on February 22, 2010.</li> <li>• <b>Care Mobile funding.</b> Karen advised that CHAD is back to square one regarding role of clinical partner. The financial risk is too great. Kathy Keiser is now looking to Bridging the Dental Gap as a clinical partner. Dave Zentner (Bridging the Dental Gap board member) agreed that they may be interested.</li> <li>• <b>Dental Loan repayment for safety net clinics.</b> Karen advised a meeting will be organized with the safety net clinics to see what their need are prior to the next policy meeting on March 9, 2010. Joe Cichy and Dave Zentner will be included in the group as well. Fred asked if this should be included in the NDDoH budget? (deadlines and time lines)</li> <li>• <b>Sealant Coordinator - seek general funding (FTE).</b></li> <li>• <b>Seal! ND funding for prevention supplies and program.</b> May look to general funds for implementation and maintenance or outside grants.</li> <li>• <b>Public Health Hygienist.</b> Look to the coalition for feedback on pursuing. Robyn believes that it would be great to start laying the groundwork for possible legislation. A new portion of the law addressing the Public Health Hygienist would only be effective for NDDoH employed hygienists.</li> <li>• <b>Possible funding for new safety net clinic located in Dickinson.</b> Kimberlie Yineman and Carla Kelly have been making contacts and putting together a first meeting scheduled in March 16, 2010. The group is called "The Healthy Eight." Karen suggested meeting with Coal Country, Deb Swanson, Sharon Ericson and Marcia Olson from the other safety net clinics for feedback.</li> <li>• <b>Funding for safety net clinics in Bismarck, Fargo and Grand Forks.</b> Meet with the safety net clinics to determine their financial needs. Bring information back to the coalition for further determination.</li> </ul>
Karen Larson Fred Larson Dave Zentner	<p><b>Goals and objectives.</b> Reviewed a rough draft of the State Plan goals and objectives and looked for feedback relating to the Policy Committee's roles and responsibilities. Fred advised that the plan must be accountable through the grant cycle, focusing on highest priorities, as well as the Policy Committee's role. Karen gave Objective 1.3 as an example of relating to Policy Committee responsibility. Should this be added to the Policy Committee agenda? Fred also advised that the State Plan should provide <b>direction</b> for the each sub-committee. Dave also inquired about Objective 4.2 strategy regarding the data source on failure of pregnant women to receive dental care. Where was the data obtained from and how old is it? This is something that the Data Committee should be responsible for. Karen also</p>

	advised that the State Plan should contain footnotes and/or citations for each data source.
Fred Larson Karen Larson Kimberlie Yineman	<b><u>Define the policy committee role.</u></b> Fred advised that the Oral Health Coalition should be addressing public policy issues and providing direction to the Policy Committee new policy legislation. The Policy Committee should not be required to create policies on our own. Kimberlie Yineman agreed that the Oral Health Coalition should take the lead and provide direction to each sub-committee to assign duties and projects to be completed. <b>Karen Larson also suggested that the Policy Committee be given a “scope of work and flow diagram” for future direction from the OH Coalition.</b>
Troy Roness	<b><u>Future meeting times.</u></b> Troy Roness, the new Oral Health Coalition Coordinator asked for feedback on scheduling set dates and times for future meetings. The group stated that this has not worked in the past; however the group agreed to try a three month schedule and view attendance during that time period.
Policy Committee	<b><u>Next meeting date.</u></b> The next several meetings will be held at the Community Health Care Association of the Dakotas, 1003 E. Interstate Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58503 on the following dates:  March 9, 2010 at 11:00 am – 12:30 pm April 13, 2010 at 11:00 am – 12:30 pm May 11, 2010 at 11:00 am – 12:30 pm  <b><u>Call in number is.</u></b> 1.877.903.2255; conference ID 2737537#
Troy Roness	<b><u>Updates from Other Committees.</u></b> Troy Roness advised that he plans to have all sub-committees exchange minutes to keep each other advised on current status. Troy will accomplish this task through electronically sending minutes from each sub-committee to the other for review. This new communication method should provide more collaboration between the sub-committees.
Karen Larson Robyn Stearns	<b><u>Other Business.</u></b> Karen Larson advised that it would be helpful to have a Medicaid knowledgeable member on the Policy Committee. Robyn Stearns suggested Jodi Hulm and advised that she would contact Jodi to see if she is agreeable to participate in the Policy Committee.
Kimberlie Yineman Dr. Richard Rathge	The Policy Committee was provided and reviewed a rough draft of the State Plan. The goals and objectives were condensed and refined. The State Plan will also be presented at the OH Coalition meeting on February 26, 2010. If Policy Committee members have any suggestions or guidance, please contact Kimberlie Yineman or Dr. Richard Rathge.
Dr. Richard Rathge	The OH Coalition should be in the evaluation process of the 2009 legislative successes. By doing so, we demonstrate stewardship and responsibility of how money was allocated. Perhaps the Data Committee could draft a fact sheet of accomplishments. Kimberlie Yineman will request a fact sheet of accomplishments at the Data Committee meeting on February 17, 2010.
Karen Larson NDDoH staff Policy Committee	<b><u>Agenda items for March 9, 2010 meeting:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schedule meeting with safety net clinics.</li> <li>• Follow up on NDDoH budget guidelines.</li> <li>• Create purpose, scope of practice and intended goal(s) for the Policy Committee, as well as direction from the OH Coalition.</li> </ul>

Robyn Stearns Carla Kelly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contact Jodi Hulm from NDHS to request her membership with the Policy Committee.</li><li>• Locate SW Dental District interest regarding expanded function hygienist or assistant?</li></ul>
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