

North Dakota Oral Health Coalition Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 14, 2008 9 am to 11 am
North Dakota Department of Health – Bismarck

Proposed Meeting Goals:

- To review and discuss progress made by the Oral Health Coalition sub-committees;
- To identify, discuss and agree on next steps in planning and implementation

Welcome and Introductions

Becky Bailey, JoAnn Brager, Shelly Gunsch, Hollie Harrington, Janelle Johnson, Kathy Keiser, Margaret Lebak, Kathleen Mangskau, Sue Matteson, Kathy Moum, Judy Ryen, Kim Senn, and Jillian Vanorny. Via Phone: Pat Conway, Doreen Ott, and Deb Swanson

Update on Valley Community Health Center Dental Clinic, Grand Forks - Deb Swanson:

A handout from the Grand Forks Clinic Open House was shared with the members present. The handout showed the dignitaries that were there to assist with the ceremonies and the donations that have been given to the clinic showing support with money, gifts and in-kind hours. A list was also given of items on the wish list that the clinic still needs.

From mid-November to mid-February, 1,018 visits have been logged with 523 patients. At this time there were one dentist, one hygienist and two dental assistants on staff working with these clients.

Review of fluoride varnish training - Hollie Harrington

Hollie reported that the training in September in Minot was well received and that people are anxious to get started. The concerns about this training were how the number of people training and the number of patients reached would be tracked for reporting purposes. Hollie also referred to the Focus on Oral Health newsletter that had some websites listed in the article about fluoride varnish. Kimberlie is working on locating other resources to assist with these concerns. It was also mentioned that Kimberlie is working on getting another training approved by the Dental Board of Examiners and this one will be a hands-on type of training so that the process is better understood. At the time of the September training, no Medicaid coding numbers were available but since January 2008 that is no longer a problem.

It was asked by Doreen, whether or not they can start doing the applications. Kimberlie will need to send a message to the Oral Health Consultants across the state that they may start conducting the applications of varnish. Kathleen Mangskau also indicated that Kimberlie has had new slides made for the presentations that the consultants do and will need to send those as well.

Focus on Oral Health Newsletter Update:

Newsletter was sent out and had some good information listed as well as a new page that includes the activities of the Coalition. A membership application is now included too.

Meeting with Blue Cross/Blue Shield – Kim Senn

Kim reported that a meeting was held with Blue Cross/Blue Shield (BC/BS) on February 12 with Chad Niles, Exec Director of Marketing, Lisa Fall, Caring Program and Denise Communications. This meeting was to determine how the coalition and the BC/BS could collaborate on information that is being sent to all clients. BC/BS was very receptive to the partnering effort. The enrollment for Healthy Steps is approximately 5,000 to 7,000 children and in the Caring Program, 2007 enrollment was listed at 1,329. Funding for these efforts would be picked up by BC/BS. The age appropriate materials that would be included would be provided by the appointed coalition members and the state oral health staff. Kathleen Mangskau will also be assisting with this project

It was determined that the Healthy Steps, Prenatal Plus and the Caring Program would be the likely outlets to disseminate oral health messages. The areas that could incorporate would be with the Healthy Steps reminder cards and age-appropriate birthday cards along with the immunization information.

Optional Budget Request – Kim Senn

Kim announced that the optional budget requests will need to be submitted by April 15, 2008. The request has some very specific guidelines to follow and information that needs to be submitted that will take time to compile. There is the prioritization tool, measurable outcomes, narrative and budget outline.

At this time, the oral health program will be submitting a request for the sealant program and Kathy Keiser asked if the information could be forwarded to her to work on a request for the planning stages of the caremobile.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Data Advisory: Kathy Moum is working on the biannual report. Gathering data and legislative communication plan. A handout was given and Henry Lebak asked for a copy via email for the report that he is working on as well.

Team 21(Integration): The objectives the committee plans to work on were reviewed. Working on oral health screenings, well-baby clinics and child exams was discussed and they will help with the work being done with Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Access to Professionals and Creating a Dental Home for infants as well as a Medical Home are two other areas of focus. The final objective will be to promote oral health as part of overall health.

The 14ers (Prevention): The objectives were reviewed and worked on as well. The committee discussed how the application of fluoride varnish would be accomplished in school aged children without disrupting classroom time. Some options were to hold small clinics during the registration for school, teacher conferences and during the weeks before Christmas when there are more down times in the classroom. The next objective that will be a focus will be the Sealant program and the funding issues that will create. And then last objective will be to reduce the number of caries in children ages three to five. Sue M. had an article that was passed around for members to see and can provide a copy to Kimberlie for the others that may want to read it. Another area of concern will be to provide more parent education fact sheets.

10 Spots (Access): Various projects are in the works from this committee such as:

- Caremobile: Kathy Keiser reported that this project is moving forward with bringing this to North Dakota. After Kim's report regarding the optional budget, Kathy feels this she would like to put something together that will help with the planning stages for the Caremobile. The momentum is there so would like to keep it going.
- Loan Repayment: The Ronald McDonald Charities are able to fund approximately \$20,000 per year for a four-year period. The first check has already been sent out. Missouri is impressed with the efforts that North Dakota is making to pay for these dental loans. On April 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ronald McDonald House, the Board of Directors will be holding a meeting to discuss further loan repayment options.

The 501c3 status is coming along with the creation of the Bylaws. Kathleen Mangskau and Sue Matteson worked on the Bylaws and provided a document for review prior to the meeting and asked for any discussion or concerns. Kathleen reviewed the document with members present and pointed out a few areas things for the members.

- Dues are not currently being collected but they can be in the future as the membership increases.
- Voting rights granted to one member per organization and a majority of members present may pass an issue.
- Fiscal year was defined.
- Officers will be elected at the annual meeting for a one-year term and can succeed themselves one time. Officers to be elected will be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If a vacancy happens during a term that position can be appointed.
- Action can be taken without face-to-face meeting, email decisions are acceptable.
- Board of Directors will include the elected positions and three members-at-large. The rotation of the directors will be adjusted during the first year to accommodate the non-rotation of all members at one time.
- Committees will be formed on an as needed basis
- Agencies should appoint their own representative in the absence of the lead individual.

Kathleen will submit an updated copy of the bylaws with formatting changes. A motion to accept the Bylaws as presented with formatting changes was made by JoAnn B. and Sue M. seconded. Motion passed. NDDA will be acting as the permanent address at this time for the Coalition as registered with the Secretary of States Office and Joe Cichy will act as the fiscal agent on the Articles of Incorporation. Fees to cover the cost of filing the 501c3 status will be paid by the Ronald McDonald Charities.

Other Program Updates

PANDA Presentation

- Dr. Mouden conducted a Prevent Abuse and Neglect through Dental Awareness (PANDA) presentation in Fargo in January 2008. The dental groups, dentist, hygienists and assistants are legally required to report abuse. North Dakota does not have a PANDA program established but will be conducting a train the trainer on how to report abuse via dental exams in October 2008, no location has been set yet. It was suggested that the Prevent Child Abuse Center, Janelle Moos, Director be asked to participate in this program.

Survey Monkey

- Pat Conway presented a sheet on the Survey Monkey that was conducted. Twenty-eight responses were received and she reviewed comments that were made.

Loan Repayment Program

- No report was given. Coalition members discussed the optional budget and look to increase the number receiving funds, increase the amount of funds given and to expand to the low income clinics, this could be accomplished by using a graduated approach over the biennium. This could also be accomplished by submitting a legislative bill, but by trying both options the coalition felt there would be a better result.

Legislative Committee

- Coalition members on this committee will be Dave Z., Janelle J., Gary G., Judy R., Kathleen M. and one member from each sub-committee as well as Kimberlie Y, Cheryle M and Kim S.
 - The committee is asked to put together a one page case statement for all the subjects that the coalition is working on including; sealant program, caremobile, and the dental loan repayment program

Sealant Program

- Judy reported that she will be working in the next week with the pilot school for the Seal! ND program. The school is Riverside Elementary and also Bridging the Dental Gap. There are 32 second graders asked to use the program. The school's Family Coordinator will be helping Judy explain the program to the parents coming in for conferences. The forms and fact sheet will be given to the parent at that time. The school has agreed to provide transportation for the students consenting to participate to the Bridging the Dental Gap.

HND Update

- Becky gave an update from last HND meeting. There is a statewide initiative to do Worksite Wellness and this would be a good place to start with some basic information regarding oral health issues. Another area that would be a place to collaborate would be the Healthy Weight – Healthy Kids.

Oral Health Consultant Update

- Shelly reported that she had done some oral health education in schools in her region and was very impressed with the knowledge that the children had about oral health. She does agree from her work experiences that parent education is needed.
- Hollie reported that access is really an issue on the east side of the state. Low income concerns and where to send children who are really in need of services. Dentists accepting Medicaid is really an issue, because the distance is even greater to get ones that do accept such patients. She also has been visiting Head Start sites and doing education pieces there.

Jillian indicated that Joe Cichy has been talking with the Governors office and they are working on a way to get dentists to accept the Medicaid patients. Joe's office will be creating fact sheets that will show the cost of Medicaid reimbursements vs. Overhead and No Show costs. A Legislative study will be conducted to determine these costs.

Summary

Great to hear all the committees are working towards the same goals and are finding where the groups are overlapping and assisting each other.

Great to see more “dental staff” attending the coalition meetings as their input is valuable to the work the coalition is trying to accomplish.

Next Meeting

May 9, 2008 – This meeting is considered to be the “annual” meeting and election of officers can take place during this time. Please be prepared with coalition member names that are willing to hold places on the Board of Directors. The meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the AV Room 210 for those who are in town and via phone at 866-867-2740.