

North Dakota Oral Health Coalition Annual Meeting Minutes May 1, 2009

Welcome was given by Janelle Johnson and introductions were made around the table and for those on the conference line.

Attending in person: Janelle Johnson, Kathy Keiser, JoAnne Brager, Dave Zentner, Linda Rorman, Gary Garland, Kara Todd, Kathie Luther, Kim Senn, Kimberlie Yineman and Colleen Ebach.

Attending via phone: Hollie Harrington and Jodi Hulm.

Meeting minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and the following changes were requested. Linda Rorman needs to be added to page 3 in the second paragraph of the Data Advisory information. Kathy K made the motion to accept with corrections and Joe seconded. Motion carried.

Sub-committee Reports:

Integration did not have a report.

Data Advisory: a meeting has been scheduled to be held in a couple weeks.

Prevention did not have a report. No meetings were held.

Sustainability did not have a report. Discussion was had whether or not to continue this sub-committee.

Access reported that the Governor had signed the legislative bill for the Caremobile. There may still be an opportunity for a photo shoot recording this event.

Legislation report given by Joe and Dave

House Bill 1012 increased reimbursement levels for dental providers, House Bill 1231 provided start-up funding for a dental caremobile, House Bill 1176 changed supervision of dental hygienists to allow greater access to oral health screening and preventive services. Senate Bill 2004 increased the appropriation for Donated Dental Services Program, and Senate Bill 2358 created a dental loan repayment program for dentists serving in public health and nonprofit dental clinics.

Update on the American Academy of Pediatrics launch. Kimberlie and JoAnn Brager attended and felt that a great presentation on what can be done was given. There were about 35 participants at the event, eight or nine dentists, IHS, Health Department, Head Start and American Dental. Brent Holman is a very good advocate and is assisting to get more individuals and groups involved. The group discussed action plans for the future.

Restructuring of the Coalition was discussed at the March meeting and many things have been considered. The first suggestion was that the sub-committees be reorganized to combine the Integration and Prevention committee into one. The Access, Data & Evaluation committees would continue and Sustainability would be absorbed by the directors on the Board. Joe made a motion to accept these committee changes and Dave seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was continued. Consolidation of the committees to make a better work fit as well as being able to better recruit members to each committee so as not to have the same people working on all of the committees. Legislation will be an Ad Hoc committee. The previous motion was then amended to include a standing committee for Public Policy by Dave and seconded by Karen.

Coalition Coordinator position

The position of the Coalition Coordinator has been put into the 2009-2010 grant application. The position will work on budgets, meeting details including agenda and minutes, setting up the sub-committee meetings, recruitment of new members and looking for additional funding sources. The position will be a contracted position equivalent to a half-time position with a salary of approximately \$17,000. More information about this will be known in a couple of months.

Funding and 501c3 Status

The Board members discussed membership dues and then what these funds would be used for. There would be a need for another non-profit to act as a funding agent as most grants are directed to non-profits. The coalition discussed what the real need is for the 501c3 status. CDC recommends that each state that receives federal funding has this as required feature for continuation of funds. A suggestion that if the Coalition Coordinator is hired, this person could have the duties to research for the time, money and sustaining the 501c3 status. Other discussion included what direction is the Coalition moving, and what is the need for funds? Additional funding would enhance what the Health Department provides to the coalition. The funding could provide for additional accomplishments with the sealant program or other programs that can be initiated by the coalition.

Election of officers was conducted and the following members will fill the following positions for a one year term:

President – Joe Cichy
V-President – Sue Matteson
Secretary – Hollie Harrington
Treasurer – Janelle Johnson

The following member-at-large positions were reviewed and will serve a two-year term, of which they are already in year two of their position:

Joanne Brager
Carla Kelly
Dave Zenter

Motion was made to close the ballot and nomination cease. Motion seconded and carried.

Discussion was had regarding the duties of the secretary. Currently the Health Department is providing this service of minute taking and then sending to the Secretary of Record for review and once accepted will be posted on the oral health website. A suggestion that if the Coalition Coordinator becomes a reality, this individual could take over this task.

Calendar of upcoming meetings in 2010 was discussed with the sub-committees meeting between the coalition meetings to accomplish committee work.

Other sub-committee structure discussed included:

- How to recruit new members
- Ask where people want to be
- Appoint to the groups
- Who wants to help? Kimberlie and Robyn will do via email.