

North Dakota Oral Health Program
Policy Committee Meeting

November 30, 2009
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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| Present: Karen Larson, Fred Larson, Joe Cichy, Kathy Mangskau, Kimberlie Yineman, Robyn Stearns. | |
| Present by telephone: Dr. Richard Rathge, Carla Kelly | |
| Karen Larson | <u>Review of minutes.</u> The minutes were accepted without corrections. |
| | <p><u>Planning for 2011 legislative Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed 2009 proposed bills and accomplishments. • Dental hygiene practice/supervision for Department of Health employees. • Sealant program funding from general funds. • Is there a need for the dental loan program in 2010? • Frame an umbrella bill as “dental access” funding for equipment to support all four safety net clinics and the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile. • Fred advised time constraint. We need to have all proposed bills included in the department of Health budget by April, 2010. • Require a combination of administrative and outside support. • Several approaches talked about: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Christmas tree – all must be in agreement; if negative reaction, the advantage is the language is ready for standalone legislation. 2. Standalone legislation. 3. Department support flows better for enhancement. 4. Bring all proposals before the oral health coalition and constraint on items with majority support. • Increase Medicaid Reimbursement |
| Karen Larson | <p><u>Ronald McDonald Care Mobile Update</u></p> <p>Both health centers are very interested in becoming clinical providers; however they have specific questions regarding finances, liability and decision making authority. They will meet with Vermont Community Health Center to gather information from a peer counterpart. Karen Larson will schedule a meeting to update Kathy Keiser and Kathy Mangskau after the Vermont meeting next week.</p> |
| Kimberlie Yineman | <p><u>Loan repayment program extended date</u></p> <p>Upon further investigation, the dental loan repayment program does not include an extension. If the need is there, legislation may be introduced in 2011. This will need to be investigated further and a decision made to pursue or not.</p> |
| Kimberlie Yineman Robyn Stearns | <p><u>Sealant Program Update</u></p> <p>CDC requires implementation of a school-based sealant program to maintain funding through the cooperative agreement. Currently,</p> |

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| | <p>N.D.C.C. 43-20-03 does not allow Department of Health oral health consultants to participate in a sealant program without the general supervision of a dentist. Since the Department of Health does not have a dentist as an employee, other possibilities needed to be explored to implement a sealant program as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Health Officer supervising Department of Health consultants in non-traditional settings (i.e. schools, nursing homes, Head Start). • Funding built into the Department of Health’s budget must be complete by April, 2010. • Part-time dentist as an employee of the Department of Health obtained through general funds with Department of Health approval. • Visit with the ND Board of Dental Examiners and the ND Dental Association in January, 2010 regarding current issues and the need for improved access to care. • Prepare cost analysis. • Analyze potential reimbursement sources (IDB Medicaid to Department of Health). • Analyze geographic challenges. • Research the cost of other state sealant programs and sources of funding. • Approach Dr. Dwelle and Arvy for their response to employ a dentist part-time to oversee Seal! North Dakota (sealant program). • Set ground work for funding of school-based sealant program. • Research studies on sealants and other state sealant programs. • Approach Governor’s office with research data and request support based upon need and access to care. <p>Carla Kelly suggested a summit to discuss the current dilemma in initiating a sealant program. The summit would include the ND Board of Dental Examiners; ND Dental Association, ND Dental Hygiene Association; and Department of Health.</p> |
| <p>Kimberlie Yineman Dr. Richard Rathge</p> | <p><u>Group Goals and Objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kimberlie and Dr. Rathge are currently working on the State Plan, which will guide the coalition’s goals and objectives. The current State Plan was written in 2004. • The Work Force Survey was sent out though Survey Monkey. Approximately 70 surveys were sent out with 20 responses to date. A response of 40 surveys would meet the minimum threshold; with 50 survey responses as a goal. • Demonstrate what we have done to provide context to what we have accomplished. |
| <p>Karen Larson</p> | <p><u>Need for Monthly Meetings.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen advised the need for monthly meetings, especially for creating 2011 proposed legislation. • Meetings will be set month by month. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five members must be physically or telephonically present to be considered a quorum. |
| Next meeting date: | <p>The next meeting will be held on January 11, 2010 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm cst at: Community Health Care Association of the Dakotas 1003 East Interstate Avenue Bismarck, ND 58503 701.221.9824</p> |
| <p>Kimberlie Yineman</p> <p>Robyn Stearns</p> <p>Dr. Richard Rathge</p> | <p><u>Agenda items for January 11, 2010 meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up on subjects from November 30, 2009 meeting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review 2009 dental related bills for accomplishments and prepare committee report to legislators of successes. 2. Demonstrate our successes to reinforce the need and expertise of the policy committee to legislators; show courtesy for their support. 3. Review sealant program and dental hygiene supervision • Confirm membership of policy committee <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seek committed and active members. • How can we demonstrate and reinforce successes? • Define role of the policy committee to the Oral Health Coalition (i.e. implementation or development – broader input into the State Plan) • Schedule next meeting for February, 2010 (month by month) |