



Wisconsin Oral Health Coalition

September 17, 2003

Delta Dental, Stevens Point

Meeting Notes

Members in Attendance:

Brown, Endres, Fischer, Gutkowski, C. Hughes, Hvizdak, Jorgenson, Klemm, Kosydar-Dreves, LeMay, Lobb, Marti, McKenney, Miller, Myers, Oostdik-Hurd, Ordinans, Pfeffer, Pyper, Reagan, Roth, Rublee, Sousa, Stempski, Watermolen, Weber, Zager,

Guests:

Dennis Peterson, Linda Bohacek, Tammy Spoerl, Dianne Robertson, Kitty Dufek-Maier, Renny Challoner, Deb Jacobi--presenter

Convene Meeting: 9:30 AM

Notes from April 9, 2003 – motion by Reagan, second by Fischer, unanimous approval to accept as read.

Old Business:

- Coalition Policy Statement #2 – Motion by Reagan, second by Kosydar-Dreves, unanimous approval to accept policy statement #2 as revised and resubmitted to Coalition.

New Business:

- Name change to WI Oral Health Coalition – Motion by Brown, second by Lobb, unanimous approval.
- 2003 WI Oral Health Coalition Policy Recommendations – Motion by Reagan, second by LeMay, unanimous approval.
- Suspension of rule under Section 9 of the WI Oral Health Coalition Rules of Operation. This rule needed to be suspended for this annual meeting due to fact that Steering committee vote needed to take place and notice was not sent 30 days prior to meeting – Motion by Ordinans, second by Lobb, unanimous approval.
- Steering Committee vote for representatives for one-half of the skill categories – Motion by Klemm, second by Fischer to approve full slate of nominees, Kinzel/Dentist, Endres/Hygienist, Lobb/Dental Education, Stempski/Dental Hygiene Education, LeMay/Public Health, Ordinans/Fund Development. Other members of Steering Committee will fulfill a two-year term that began with October 2003 and ending October 2005: Advocacy-Georgia Fischer; Medical Providers-Ray Myers; Oral Health Financing-Mike Pflughoeft; Community Health Centers-Mari Freiberg; Consumer/Parent-Elisabeth Schaser; Policy Development-Carolyn Hughes; Fund Development-Karen Ordinans
- Decision was made by consensus to renew the “Every 4th Child” campaign to integrate with the activities of a legislative education campaign.
- Decision by consensus was made to turn the legislative activity over to the Policy Development Committee to make final decisions for action.

Steering Committee Report and Actions – Ray Myers, Chair

- Steering Committee developed 2003 Policy Recommendations
- Ray Myers presented information at the Rural WI Hospital Association meeting in August to solicit support from hospital administrators to advocate to legislator and the community for activity on a local level to improve access to oral health care.
- Ray Myers has been meeting with select legislators to advocate for improved access to care.

Prevention/Clinical Care Committee Report and Actions— Dr. Warren LeMay, Chair:

- Work continuing on action plan for Policy Development Recommendations
- Educational fact sheets in development

Policy Development Committee Report and Actions—Myers reporting for Dr. Tom Hughes, Chair:

- Developed Policy Recommendations in collaboration with Steering Committee

Coalition Sustainability Committee Report and Actions—Karen Ordinans reporting.

- CDC funding for Coalition is ending September 30, 2003. Staffing is covered through Children’s Health Alliance of WI budget until December 30, 2003. Fund development of \$27,000 is imperative to continue the activities of the Coalition.

11:00 AM to 12:00 PM--**Presentation by Deb Jacobi of Minnesota Association of Community Dentistry.** Deb spoke about the MACD progression through the years to affect policy development in MN. Deb has worked in public health in MN for many years and is newly employed by Apple Tree Dental in MN, a national model program for providing oral health treatment to people with special needs.

1:00 PM to 2:30 PM—Coalition members worked on prioritizing activities from the **2003 Policy Development Recommendations. It was decided by consensus to focus on the following recommendations for immediate activity:**

Objective #1 Increase access to oral health preventive services to avert disease

- Expand the practice settings and circumstances in which a dental hygienist may determine the need for and apply dental sealants and fluoride therapy without a dentist in the facility and without a prescription from a dentist.
- Authorize Medical Assistance reimbursement for medical professionals to screen children for early childhood caries and prescribe and apply fluoride varnish.

Objective #2 Increase access to clinical care services for the treatment of disease

- Allow for responsible, expanded delegation of practices by a dentist to a dental hygienist or unlicensed dental personnel with certain restrictions.
- Simplify the process for dentists from outside Wisconsin to obtain Wisconsin licensure.

Next Meeting Scheduled: April 21, 2004 at Delta Dental, Stevens Point.

Meeting adjourned: 2:30.

Submitted by: Midge Pfeffer, 9/26/03