

K-12 Committee

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Oregon Oral Health Coalition

9140 SW Pioneer Court, Wilsonville

Training Room 2

10:00-12:00



Members Present – Mark Simpson, Laurie Johnson, Karen Phillips, Jessica Dusek

On the phone – Amber Hansen, Alynn Vienot, Amy Umphlett

Welcome and Introductions – Mark and Laurie

Legislative Update – Amy Umphlett provided a detailed legislative update. A summary of the bills is below. The accompanying links will take you to the actual bill and the history of each bill's progress.

SB 1520: Modifies school reimbursement rates for purposes of schools that provide free or reduced-price meals under National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program. [Does not affect eligibility for school dental sealant programs. House and Senate recommended "Do Pass; At House Desk upon adjournment.]

SB 1549: Directs Oregon Board of Dentistry to issue dental therapist license to qualified applicant. Adds dental therapist member to board. [In Health Care Committee upon adjournment; A workgroup is meeting several times before the next session to re-introduce the bill during the 2021 session.]

SB 1550A: Allows expanded practice dental hygienist to perform interim therapeutic restoration. [At House Desk upon adjournment.]

HB 4115A: Requires companies providing health care interpreters to health care providers to use health care interpreters who are listed on health care interpreter registry as being qualified or certified by Oregon Health Authority. [Monitored to see if dental care organizations (DCOs) and school dental sealant programs would need to use health care interpreters who are qualified or certified by OHA. In Joint Committee on Ways and Means upon adjournment.]

HB 4127A: Directs school districts to provide age-appropriate instruction in oral health as part of health education curriculum. [The Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) pulled together stakeholders to form a Pediatric Oral Health Coalition that introduced this legislation. It is tied to the "Healthy Teeth, Bright Futures" campaign they developed. At House Desk upon adjournment.]

HB 4132A: Requires Oregon Health Authority to administer and collect data from student health surveys. Requires authority to consult with Department of Education to convene student health survey planning committee, to engage adolescents in creating

and revising surveys and interpreting survey data and to use survey data to assess implementation of laws and rules related to students' health, safety and well-being. [In Joint Committee on Ways and Means upon adjournment.]

Sealant Data from Certified School Dental Sealant programs – Karen Phillips provided a draft preview of the data that will be published regarding certified school dental sealant programs. The presentation is attached and included several useful tables and graphs.

School Dental Sealant Program Gap Analysis Survey (Qualitative results) – Laurie collated all the narrative responses that the 28 participants provided in the survey. The most common challenges were:

- Producing successful outcomes with hard-to-reach parents
- Finding restorative care.
- Accessing insurance information, both Medicaid and private insurance.
- Accessing Medicaid Assistors.

The collated responses are attached. Perusing the responses may provide some insights into the challenges your program is facing. It may also give you an idea of how your program compares to the others. If you would like further information about specific solutions provided, please contact laurie.johnson230@gmail.com and she will help you connect with the appropriate program.

Communication Committee – Amber reported the committee has developed six messages promoting oral health (and school dental sealant programs) to share with school administrators and staff. The next step is testing the messages with the target audience. Amber and Laurie will be attending the Oregon School Nurses' Association Conference on April 16 and 17 (if the conference is not canceled due to COVID-19) to gain further feedback. Karen Phillips also offered to send the final messages to school dental sealant programs to test with willing school administrators.

K-12 Data: What should our committee be tracking? – The committee will create a dashboard of data relevant to the oral health of the K-12 population. Spreadsheets are often cumbersome; People seem to prefer simple graphs. The dashboard will be presented at the next meeting for approval and will be updated prior to and reviewed at each subsequent meeting.

Closing announcements – Conferences were scheduled (the Oregon Dental Conference and the National Oral Health Conference) that have since been canceled due to COVID-19. Websites indicate the conferences will not be rescheduled this year.

Value of today's meeting – The legislative information and the certified sealant program data were appreciated; Amy and Karen were commended for their professional and

interesting presentations. Jessica Dusek mentioned she appreciated the meetings since they provided a way for her to leave her cubicle and meet with others who care about the same things.

Next Meeting – June 5, 2020, with the opportunity to call in by phone.

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