

## **K-12 Committee**

**6/5/2020**

**Zoom call**

**10:00-12:00**



**Members Present on call** – Laurie Johnson, Carrie Peterson, Mark Simpson, Karen Phillips, Linda Mann, Alicia Reidman, Laura McKeane, Liz Wyles, Amber Hansen, Alynn Vienot, Jodi Loper, Brittany Truillo

**Welcome and Introductions**- Laurie

**Covid-19 updates**- Laurie

Laurie shared information on Covid-19, what it is, how it relates to other viruses, transmission, occupational risks, PPE, droplets vs aerosols and vaccine development. Details on this information can be found in the attached PowerPoint.

**Presentations**-Members sharing their Covid experiences, concerns, insight and plans.

**Laura McKeane, AllCare Health CCO**

They have started a soft reopening with 2 out of 10 dentists currently working. Securing enough PPE has been a factor in staff returning. They have redistributed \$830,000 of the incentive money they received to support 70 different community partners. They are in the process of second round incentives specific to providers. These funds are intended to help with the cost of salaries, PPE and oral hygiene supplies.

**Karen Phillips, OHA**

Karen had continued to work one day a week in an office as a hygienist. She did return to working there once offices could reopen in May. She felt comfortable returning with all the protocols put in place and patients seemed happy to come back into the dental office. She did recently give her notice as her workload at OHA has increased. She has been participating in contact tracing calls and they are working on virtual sealant trainings for upcoming program renewals. OHA is also putting together a workgroup to put together guidelines specific to providing treatment in a school setting.

**Amber Hansen, Dental 3**

D3 has missed screening an estimated 7,000 children at sealant clinics since March when schools closed, 175 of which likely had urgent needs. They have been working on care coordination and getting Head Start kids who were previously identified as needing dental care seen. Currently 8 out of 10 employees are furloughed. An oral health

workgroup has been strategizing scenarios for reopening so that they will be ready for whatever the landscape looks like in the fall.

**Alicia Riedman, Community Health Centers of Lane County, Oregon Board of Dentistry.**

Has an FQHC that services Head Start and school sealants in Lane County. Alicia estimates their program has missed 5,000 encounters, concerned about lack of services and kids not being identified or seen in offices. Normally their program could see about 1,000 kids a week, however for the fall she has concerns about a shortage of PPE impacting their ability to see that many. So far staff has been able to stay busy with administrative work.

**Mark Simpson, Yakima Valley Farm Workers**

FQHC that has primary care, dental and behavioral health. Hygienist were furloughed but are in the process of returning. Assistants were redistributed and mobile clinics were sent to brick and mortar clinics to help with Covid testing. Their clinics has been utilizing telehealth visits as well as reaching out to patients by phone to help navigate them to resources regarding food insecurities, rent and mental health.

**Alynn Vienot, Neighborhood Health Center**

Most of their sealant clinics had already been completed before schools closed. Their brick and mortar clinics are seeing emergencies only, have a prioritized list of patients that need to be seen when full services resume. Staff have been making masks, phone calls to see if patients need help connecting to services and redistributed to help in medical clinics. Under OHA guidelines they also put together a temporary daycare for other employee's children during this time to stay busy. Here is a link to an article written about the daycare, <https://www.careinnovations.org/resources/to-avoid-pink-slips-during-covid-an-oregon-health-center-opens-a-staff-run-day-camp/>

Alynn also asked Linda Mann with Capitol to share information on air filtration for when portable equipment is in use as this had come up on a different call they were both on. Because of the concern around aerosols being put back in the room where portable compressors are used, a filter is recommended. Currently she is using portable air filtration units by Enviroklenz in clinics. They are large but could be brought to onsite clinics if needed. She is hoping to find a less bulky option. Karen Phillips added that DNTLworks is trying to produce a filter that would fit directly on their portable compressor so this may be an option soon.

## **Carrie Peterson, Dental Foundation of Oregon, Tooth Taxi**

The Tooth Taxi has not been in operation since March 13<sup>th</sup>. Staff has remained busy with administrative work, continuing education and helping at the ODA with PPE distribution to dental offices. Major fundraisers had to be cancelled, as an organization they are working to try and reschedule what they can for the fall. They will work to be operational in the summer months, but with many programs cancelling or deciding to go virtual the schedule will be lighter than normal. The schedule is completed for September -December, at this time schools have been eager to schedule these visits with the understanding that modifications may need to happen depending on what the landscape for schools looks like in the fall. The ability to secure PPE continues to be an issue and may also affect services going forward.

### **Value of today's meeting-Laurie**

Those that participated found great value in checking in with each other and seeing how all our different programs have responded to changes due to Covid-19. Several appreciated the use of Zoom, felt it was easier to hear people in comparison to past call ins and know who was speaking. We may consider using Zoom in the future.

Attendance overall has been down. Laurie will be sending out a poll to capture what people would like to see included in our agenda.

### **Closing announcements**

**Next meeting date: September 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00-12:00**

**Adjourn**