

K-12 Committee Meeting Minutes
Date of meeting: Friday, March 11, 2022

Attended by: Linda Mann, Kim Bartholomew, Molly Perino, Jodi Loper, Karen Phillips, Jessica Dusek, Melissa Garza-Schmidt, Dora Sandoval, Tom Holt, Laura McKeane, Robin Moody, Alicia Riedman, Alynn Vienot, and Laurie Johnson.

Introductions were postponed so Linda Mann, our first presenter, could leave early to attend her 97-year-old father's award ceremony for his role in liberating Czechoslovakia during WWII. A special thank you to Linda for presenting today, and thank you to everyone who attended.

Linda Mann, Director Community Outreach, Capitol Dental Care, shared with us via Power Point (attached) her journey to creating a Tiny Home Dental Office – from concept, through building, to dealing with Oregon vehicle codes, and to the final realization. She touched on the use of Traditional Health Workers, Community Health Workers, and announced the hiring of Cynthia Fisher to fill the role of dental clinic coordinator. Please see Linda's Power Point.

Kimberly Bartholomew, Beaverton School District Nurse, updated us on the current school situation, COVID testing, and acceptance of sealant programs in the schools.

Laura McKeane, Director of Oral Health Services at AllCare Health and former Chair of the Oregon Oral Health Coalition (OrOHC), expressed sadness at the dissolution of OrOHC, but was encouraged by the formation of an Oregon Oral Health Forum to continue OrOHC's good work. If you have any questions or would like information on the Forum, please feel free to reach out to Laura McKeane at 541-778-9448 or

laura.mckeane@allcarehealth.com. (Our OrOHC K-12 Committee will continue its work as the “K-12 Committee” for now.)

Laurie shared a brief update on COVID cases/deaths, currently in decline after a peak number of cases were reached in mid-January. Will COVID be the new cold or flu? Colds are minor infections of the nose and throat caused by more than 200 different viruses. About 10%-40% of colds are caused by a rhinovirus and 15-30% caused by corona viruses. The flu is caused only by the influenza virus, which mutates every season. COVID-19 is unprecedented, so only time will tell.

Karen Phillips provided an update from the Oregon Health Authority (Power Point attached). Eighty percent of schools were disrupted by COVID. 3,454 students received sealants in 2020-21, compared to 19,749 in 2019-20 and 25,398 in 2018-19. It’s too early for conclusive data on referrals, but it appears that referrals for early care have gone up about 10% over the past two years, while referrals for urgent care have remained relatively steady.

The Healthy Teeth, Bright Futures Coalition (HTBF, Oregon Community Foundation) has made considerable progress implementing the oral health education curriculum mandated by HB 2969 (2020 legislative session). The Statewide Dental Director, Dr. Kaz Rafia, communicates with OCF regularly regarding the process. The draft curriculum by the *Cairn* guidance team was reviewed extensively by the HTBF Education Committee. The next step will be to conduct the teacher pilot phase. So far, **OCF** has committed to funding \$100,000 of the project; **CareOregon** \$15,000; the **Dental Foundation of Oregon** \$5,000, and others have been approached to participate. *Crear Colectivo* was selected to conduct the cultural adaptation to Spanish at the outset, with other

adaptations possible in the future. School dental sealant programs that provide educational services will be brought into the loop, so that all oral health education will potentially be aligned and/or complementary.

Dora Sandoval, Melissa Garza-Schmidt, and Jessica Dusek provided their personal experiences as Community Dental Health Coordinators (CDHCs), with each presenting their unique perspective. The role of CDHC has been promoted for 15 years by the American Dental Association and is finally being realized in Oregon. Dora gave an overview of the position via Power Point (PP attached). The panel told of successfully coordinating services for children and adults participating in outreach programs to ensuring (and documenting) the full completion of services. Jessica shared a link to the CDHC program <https://www.riosalado.edu/healthcare/community-dental-health-coordination> and included the CDHC course descriptions (next page).

CDHC – Course Descriptions

Courses: Successful completion of all courses listed below are required to obtain a Certificate in Community Dental Health Coordination.

Course	Title	Credits
CDH105	Dental Health Advocacy and Outreach Description: Overview of Community Health Worker and the Community Dental Health Coordinator responsibilities. Includes advocacy concepts, process of advocacy in the community, and assisting underserved local populations in health and social services. Development of a personal health and wellness plan covered. Community outreach topics and strategies emphasized.	3
CDH110	Oral Health Communication Description: Overview of oral health communication and oral health literacy for the Community Dental Health Coordinator. Impact of oral health literacy on one's health emphasized. Includes communication strategies, verbal and nonverbal communication skills.	1
CDH115	Interviewing Skills for Dental Health Advocacy Description: Overview of oral health communication and oral health literacy for the Community Dental Health Coordinator. Impact of oral health literacy on one's health emphasized. Includes communication strategies, verbal and nonverbal communication skills.	2
CDH130	Dental Health Legal and Ethical Issues Description: Overview of oral health communication and oral health literacy for the Community Dental Health Coordinator. Impact of oral health literacy on one's health emphasized. Includes communication strategies, verbal and nonverbal communication skills.	2
CDH240	Dental Care Finance Description: Procedures for determining dental care payment eligibility. Covers public financing available to clients as well as non-governmental third party insurance.	0.5
CDH245	Community Dental Health Coordinator Internship Description: Practical application of the Community Dental Health Coordinator (CDHC) skills in an internship setting. Includes knowledge and skills required to organize, develop and manage integrated dental care in community-based clinics within practice standards.	3
TOTAL		11.5

Laurie shared the results of the current school sealant programs status survey (attached).

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00. Next Zoom meeting will be on Friday, June 10, 2022.