

Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee
Thursday, February 1, 2018



2:00pm – 4:00pm

Sacramento First 5
Community Room
2750 Gateway Oaks Drive Ste.330
Sacramento CA. 95833

Chair: Terrence Jones, DDS
Vice-Chair: Debra Payne, MSW

AGENDA

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| 1. Welcome & Introductions | Dr. Jones |
| 2. Approve December 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes (Action Item) | Dr. Jones |
| 3. Election Chair & Vice-Chair (Action Item) | Kris Clinton |
| 4. Form 700—Gentle Reminder to Complete | Kris Clinton |
| 5. DHCS Update | Alani Jackson |
| a) November BDE Report | |
| b) Dental Transformation Initiative – Status Update | |
| (1) DTI Annual Report | |
| c) Overview of Adult Dental Restoration | |
| d) Dental Managed Care All Plans Letters | |
| e) Prop 56 Update | |
| f) Other Dental Related Updates (ASO and FI) | |
| 6. Approve Legislative Report (Action Item) | Dr. Jones |
| 7. Dental Plan Updates | Dental Plans |
| 8. California Dental Association | Dharia McGrew |
| 9. Children Now Update | Katie Andrew |
| 10. Every Smile Counts Update | Debra Payne |
| 11. One Community Clinic Tour | Debra Payne |
| 12. Agenda Items for April 5, 2018 MCDAC Meeting | All |
| 13. Other Items & Announcements | All |
| 14. Next Meeting: | |
| April 5, 2018 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. | |

Public comment may be given on any of the agenda items and before a vote.

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For more information about MCDAC, please contact Kris Clinton at 916-875-6067 or clintonk@saccounty.net

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Meeting Minutes—December 7, 2017**

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Members Present:

Melinda Anderson; Robin Blanks; Julie Gallelo; Alisha Hightower; Terrence Jones; Cathy Levering; Dharia McGrew; James Musser; Debra Payne; Jonathan Porteus; Jan Resler and Cynthia Vanzant

Members Calling In:

Olivia Kasirye

Members Excused:

Mary Jess Wilson and Sean O'Brien

Members Unexcused:

None

Public Attendees:

Robyn Alongi; Katie Andrew; Barbara Aved; Julie Beyers; Joseph Canas; Danielle Cannarozzi; Rachel Cavalli; Pamela Caviness; Kris Clinton; Martha Cisneros; Lepe Francisco; Geneva Gendelman; Catherine Hale Henry; Tessa Hammer; Crystal Harding-Jenkins; Alani Jackson; Jennifer Jackson; Brian Kennedy; Lisa Maiuro; Rob Mathuny; Rene Mollow; Lynn Thompson; Griselda Zamora and Anna Zielaski

Public Attendees Calling In:

Kristine Gual; Crystal Harding-Jenkins, and Annie Shih

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1. Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome and introductions were made by all present.

2. Action Item: Approval October 5, 2017 Minutes

- The October 5, 2017 meeting minutes were unanimously approved. A motion made by Jim Musser and a second by Debra Payne.

3. Approve 2018 Meeting Calendar

- Meeting dates for 2018 were approved by all MCDAC members.

4. DHCS Update

- Alani Jackson reported a 4% increase in the Denti-Cal utilization rate statewide from 2014 through 2016. As a result, the state received a \$10 million bonus for meeting the goal. The 4% increase includes FQHC's and private practice providers. In Year II, the state is required to increase utilization by 4-6%

Dental Transformation Initiative – Status Update (Domain 1-4)

Domain 1

- Payments for services in 2017 will be sent out in January 2018.

Domain 2

- DHCS is working to increase the number of Denti-Cal providers and considering expanding to other counties.
- DHCS plans to expand components of their tool kit for providers, which will include a sample of the claim form and specific codes for billing. The tool kit is available on DHCS's website.

Domain 3

- Providers have received payment for 2017 services.
- Provider payment for 2017 services will be made in June 2018.
- Providers in each county who were doing well were recognized with a Best Practices award.

Domain 4

- Twelve of the fifteen contracts have been executed.
- Seven invoices have been received by the state.
- DHCS continues to host monthly calls with LDPP Leads and staff.

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Dental Data Reports

- Dental data has been moved from the Denti-Cal website to the DHCS website. Data is posted after a full run out.
- AB 2207 requires DHCS to post certain items.

DHCS Open Data Portal

- Rene Mollow announced that DHCS staff would be available to provide a presentation on how to use the DHCS Open Data Portal, which will include types of reports that can be run.
- The Data Portal will show the number of fee for service providers and GMC providers.

BDE Report - Status Update

- BDE is current to August and 2017 Quarter 2 data is posted.

Prop. 56 Update

- SPA approval received 11/22/17.
- Claims from November 30, 2017 and after will be included with the current payment. Some retroactive payments will be sent out.

Restoration of Optional Adult Dental Benefits effective 1/1/18

- The Manual of Criteria has been updated and is available online.
- Current Dental Terminology (CDT) revision will be available online beginning January 2018, which will list 16 codes.
- In September, CDT 18 was released but DHCS decided to implement CDT 16.
- State Plan Amendments (SPA) was submitted 11/8/17.
- DHCS can now use the provider Bulletin to provide updates and notification of updated regulations. Previously they had to complete the regulation updates before the regulation could be effective.
- The periodontal regulations have been expanded. Periodontal maintenance is a covered benefit, once a quarter for 24 months, when all the appropriate criteria are met.
- Pregnant women receiving Denti-cal will now be eligible for free transportation to and from a dental appointment.

DHCS Webpage

- Medi-Cal Dental has a dedicated webpage on DHCS's site.

Update on Timing of RFP Process for Dental Managed Care (DMC) Plans

- DHCS has maximized the extensions built into the contracts.
- Three years of extensions were allowed plus the Sacramento and Los Angeles contracts were aligned, which increased Sacramento by six months.
- Services in Sacramento will go through the end of 2018.

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- Services in Los Angeles go through June 30, 2019.

MCDAC Requested Discussion Items with DHCS

- County specific Denti-cal utilization rate.

5. Review of draft of Report to the Legislature

- The committee reviewed, discussed and provided feedback on the draft MCDAC report to the legislature. Staff will consult with Sacramento County Legal Counsel, rewrite the draft and send it to the committee for review.

6. Establish Ad Hoc Workgroup—Dental Plan Contract Items Committee

- The committee discussed the idea of forming a committee to make recommendations for the GMC RFP but it was decided a committee was premature because the RFP has not been released.

7. Dental Plan Updates

Access Dental

- Alisha Hightower reported that Access Dental hosted an Oral Health Connections meeting on December 1, 2017. The conference brought together oral health partners in the Sacramento area to discuss programs, projects and to network.

Health Net Dental

- No representative present.

LIBERTY Dental

- Melinda Anderson reported that Liberty opened a pediatric office on Florin Road and is growing membership.

8. Community Presentation: Early Smiles Sacramento (ESS)

- Rachel Cavalli provided an overview of the ESS program, which has participated in 50 community events to provide fluoride varnish and oral health education to approximately 7,000 children at Sacramento schools. In addition, ESS serves as a resource to assist families with connecting to dental care.

9. California Dental Association (CDA)

Dharia McGew reported the following:

- CDA is watching and advocating for CHIP reauthorization. If CHIP is not reauthorized, it will leave a gap in the State budget. The governor may pull funding from Prop 56 to close the gap.
- AB 1277 – emergency regulations were enacted for waterlines in dental offices. Clarification is needed to determine when to use an antibacterial to flush the water lines. Language clarifies what dentists need to do/use to irrigate canals during endodontic therapy.
- General anesthesia will be on CDA's legislative list for 2018.

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10. Children Now Update

Katie Andrew provided the following update:

- Advocating for CHIP reauthorization.
- Working with the California Department of Public Health on the System for California Oral Health Reporting (SCOHR), the data site where California Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment data is reported.

11. Every Smile Counts! Update

Debra Payne reported the following:

- Four contracts have been executed, seven are still in process.
- Phased services to children are scheduled to begin in January.

12. Member Updates

Julie Beyers provided the following updates:

- MCDAC Election will be held at the upcoming February 1, 2017 meeting for Chair and Vice-Chair positions. If members are interested in either position, please contact Kris Clinton for more information clintonk@saccounty.net or 916-875-6067.
- A gentle reminder to complete Form 700 during the month of January.

13. Agenda Items for February 1, 2018 MCDAC Meeting

- Send February agenda items to Kris Clinton by January 25th.

Next Meeting

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Sacramento County Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee 2017 Report To The Legislature

Pursuant to W&I Code §14089.08, Sacramento County was authorized to establish the Sacramento County Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee (MCDAC), comprised of providers, dental plans, researchers, advocates, and beneficiaries. The intent of MCDAC is to provide input on the delivery of oral health and dental care services, including prevention and education services, Dental Managed Care (DMC) and Denti-Cal Fee For Service (FFS), as well as collaborate and examine new approaches to beneficiary care and maximize dental health by recommending improvements to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). MCDAC held bi-monthly meetings to discuss findings and potential oral health improvements in Sacramento County. MCDAC completed the following efforts in 2017 and drafted 2018 goals:

- MCDAC worked with stakeholders on strategies to improve utilization of services by all Medi-Cal beneficiaries; the goal is an increase in utilization rate of 5% per year (baseline utilization in 2016 is 43%).
- Worked with DHCS to improve data transparency, timeliness and reporting. DHCS posted data on-line through the Open Data Portal in late 2017.
- The General Anesthesia/Intravenous Sedation Ad-Hoc Workgroup, along with the Sacramento District Dental Society, worked to improve access to care in hospitals and surgery centers for clients needing this level of service. Meetings with DHCS and the contracted health plans on interpretation of the All Plan Letter resulted in dramatic improvements in managed care but there are still issues with denials on the FFS medical side of the process.
- Participated in developing and implementing the Sacramento County Dental Transformation Initiative Local Dental Pilot Project *'Every Smile Counts!'* and the Center for Oral Health's *'Early Smiles Sacramento'* project.
- Supported the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Dental Director's development of a Statewide Oral Health Plan by serving on a committee to review and provide comments on the draft document.
- Monitored the increasing number of Medi-Cal beneficiaries, both children and adults, who are seeking dental services.
- MCDAC teamed up with the dental plans to facilitate six trainings to the Family Resource Center staff. The training included information on the Dental Managed Care program and how to access care with the dental plans.
- Hosted the CA Legislative Staff (CLSEI) Site Visit on Nov 29, 2017 by demonstrating the Virtual Dental Home at a Twin Rivers USD elementary school site, toured a children's dental clinic and convened the Every Smile Counts! Collaborative for conversation over lunch at the Access Dental Corporate Headquarters. The Smile Keeper's Program and Access Dental vans were toured in the parking lot before lunch. Twenty-five CLSEI staff attended the activities.
- Access Dental hosted a Learning Collaborative to bring together programs and chart who is doing what in Sacramento County.

MCDAC 2018 Goals

- Continue to support projects and policies to improve utilization and access issues, including but not limited to the Dental Transformation Initiative, resources available to dental provides, and the Center for Oral Health's *'Early Smiles Sacramento'* project.
- Review dental managed care contract requirements and provide input to the dental plans and DHCS for potential future contracts.
- Monitor access to General Anesthesia/Intravenous Sedation to reduce barriers for beneficiaries needing this service.

Draft for MCDAC Approval 2/1/18

- Maintain a meaningful partnership with DHCS to accomplish the State's oral health goals for children and adults.
- Support and promote the work of the Dental Plans to provide education and outreach to beneficiaries by reviewing materials, recommending effective approaches, facilitating access to beneficiaries in community locations, and other relevant activities.
- Support the CDPH Dental Director and participate in implementation of the State Oral Health Plan.
- Continue to monitor the impact of an increasing number of adult and child Medi-Cal beneficiaries to ensure timely access and utilization of dental services.
- Work with legislative leaders in 2018 to facilitate improvements in accessing care in Medi-Cal Dental services for beneficiaries.
- Assist the Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, in the development of a Sacramento County Oral Health Plan and the implementation of other Prop 56 funded activities by serving on the Sacramento County Oral Health Planning Committee.



**Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee
2018 Meeting Dates**

Day	Date	Time	Location
1 st Thursday	February 1	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	First 5 Sacramento Commission 2750 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 330 Sacramento, CA 95833
1 st Thursday	April 5	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	First 5 Sacramento Commission 2750 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 330 Sacramento, CA 95833
1 st Thursday	June 7	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	First 5 Sacramento Commission 2750 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 330 Sacramento, CA 95833
1 st Thursday	August 2	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	First 5 Sacramento Commission 2750 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 330 Sacramento, CA 95833
1 st Thursday	October 4	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	First 5 Sacramento Commission 2750 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 330 Sacramento, CA 95833
1 st Thursday	December 6	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	First 5 Sacramento Commission 2750 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 330 Sacramento, CA 95833

Note: The Chair may call additional meetings as needed.

Approved (12-7-17)