

**Medicaid-Medicare-CHIP Services Dental Association
Business Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2017, Washington DC**

I. Call to Order at 7:30 am Eastern time

- Welcome by Leon and Mary. Mary commended everyone for attending the symposium amidst much change. She then reviewed the agenda for the meeting. Leon commented that MSDA function is similar to what we dental directors face in our daily work life. Our sponsors were thanked and Leon encouraged members to visit the sponsors and their exhibits. New state members were introduced: Viki Brant from AL and Sam Zwetchkenbaum from RI.

II. Acceptance of 2016 MSDA Annual Business Meeting Minutes

- Leon asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the 2016 Annual Business Meeting. Linda/John moved to accept the minutes. The motion passed and the minutes were adopted.

III. President's Report

- Leon gave a brief report to the Board. He noted his involvement with the DQA as MSDA President and attempts with performance measures to make dentists accountable for what they do and to establish standards. Leon noted not much of what dentists do is supported by science with respect to health outcomes. A significant issue is getting dentists to follow standards when they have been developed.

Leon participated in an October meeting on policy and performance – “Open Wide” and was invited to speak at a Virginia dental advisory group meeting on silver diamine fluoride. At the Virginia meeting he included a “plug” for the advisory group members to consider attending the MSDA Symposium. Leon also attended the National Oral Health Conference in Albuquerque – Mary and Marty also attended the NOHC and had presentations at that meeting. He noted one negative item to report on was the process/aspects with the work done with the National MCH Oral Health Resource Center on a HRSA grant application – he indicated Mary can provide more information on that – but noted he encouraged Mary to apply for the HRSA funding when agreements to apply jointly with the National Oral Health Resource Center fell apart two-weeks prior to the grant due date.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- Sarah Finne provided the Treasurer's Report. Sarah noted that the fiscal year for MSDA is October 1 to September 30. The Federal Form 990 for FY2016 was submitted by MSDA in December 2016.
- Total income as of May 2017 in the current fiscal year is \$548,089.
- Total expense as of May 2017 in the current fiscal year is \$390,434.
- Total net income for the year is \$160,771.

V. Election of Officers

- President: Dr. James Gillcrist and Dr. Sarah Finne were nominated and were named on the ballot. Leon opened the floor for any additional nominations. No nominations were made from the floor. Ballots were distributed, collected, and counted by Dr. Altanhof, Nance Orsbon, and Marty DellaPenna. Dr. Sarah Finne was elected.
- Vice President: Dr. Scott Cashion was nominated and listed on the ballot. Leon opened the floor for any additional nominations. Motion to elect Dr. Cashion was made by Dr. Dayton/Dr. Stanley and the motion carried.
- Director #5 and #6: Dr. Donna Jones, Dr. Bonnie Stanley, and Sabrina Jonson were nominated and were named on the ballot. Leon opened the floor for any additional nominations. No nominations were made from the floor. Ballots were distributed, collected, and counted by Dr. Altanhof, Nance Orsbon, and Marty DellaPenna. Dr. Donna Jones and Sabrina Johnson were elected.
- Group Member Director #2: Jim Couch, Nance Orsbon, and Michele Blackwell were nominated and were named on the ballot. Leon opened the floor for any additional nominations. No nominations were made from the floor. These nominees are only voted on by group members. Ballots were distributed, collected, and counted by Dr. Altanhof and Marty DellaPenna. There was a tie between Nance Orsbon and Michele Blackwell. The second ballots were distributed, collected, and counted by Dr. Altanhof and Marty DellaPenna. The second vote was won by Nance Orsbon.
- Nominations were needed to fill the Secretary/Treasurer slot now that Sarah was elected President. Leon opened the floor for nominations and Dr. Zwetchkenbaum nominated Dr. Bonnie Stanley. Motion by Dr. Altanhof/Dr. Jones carried and Dr. Stanley was elected to this position.

VI. Executive Director's Report (Mary):

- Administrative Committees: FY2016 Annual Report

The Annual Report is available online for those who would like to look at it. Mary gave an overview of the content. The MSDA Board met yesterday and will plan a retreat after the elections to update the strategic plan. The financials show that it was a tough year, with a low point in October, and we are in much better shape now.

- Development and Membership: Mary gave a brief history of MSDA and how associate members have traditionally been private practice dentists. That is changing and we need to look at why that is so and reconnect with private practitioners. Group membership (Roundtable) continues to grow. Due to changing environment, their participation is important to the organization. We also need to look at the By-Laws on the website. They were developed in 2004 and have had an amendment here and there. Mary would like people to let her know if they think anything needs to be amended so that the By-Laws represent us now and into the future.
- Finance Committee
 - DQF: Approaching the end of the second year of the project. Staff is in progress on the development of the concept paper for Year 3 DQF funding.

- RI Projects: Mary noted the Rhode Island projects that Marty has developed have sustained MSDA through lean financial times. The RI Workforce project is at the end of the 3rd year – project with the RI Health Department under a HRSA BHP workforce grant. The RI EOHHS project will be done September 30th. RI Foundation project is intertwined with the other RI projects.
- Special Projects: The MSDA staff have done a number of special projects. One example is the work with Delta Dental of Arkansas that was looking to get into a contract with Medicaid dental in Arkansas. Another example was work to design a benefit package for states looking to add adult dental in the Medicaid program. MSDA has branched out and has assisted states with TA and teaching opportunities.
- HRSA Grant: Mary reported that last September she was contacted by Sarah Kolo of the National Oral Health Resource Center (NOHRC) regarding a collaborative grant application possibility. Funding had 3 major activities in the expectations under funding of \$1M per year for 5 years. MSDA would be leading quality measures for the Title V MCH Block Grant (the block grant supports direct services and enabling services). MSDA ended up applying for this grant independently from NOHRC. Mary noted CDHP also applied for the funding so there were 3 proposals submitted. Awardee to be announced shortly.
- Planning Committee:
 - Symposium - The Planning Committee worked all year long to make this meeting meaningful to members who attend. Please reach out and let us know what topics are of interest to you.
 - Other: Mary attended multiple meetings throughout the year including NOHC, DQA, NAHCJ, and also made a presentation of research on obesity. Mary thanked everyone for their support and reminded us all to think about change.

VII. Center Director's Report (Marty):

- Data and Analytics: The 2015 National Profile is up with state specific information. The same vendor has been used for four years. Work has begun with DentaQuest around including CMS 416 data to the profile.
- Policy and Financing: RI projects are ongoing. RI EOHHS has created policy around 4 new case management codes, including how these codes will fit into Medicaid. Pilot providers were educated prior to beginning the use of these codes. ROI project with Brandeis University has completed two years, with the year three grant being submitted shortly.
- Research and Evaluation: Report on Bright Smiles by Dr. Halasa is about to be published.
- Communication – Professional Development Division: There have been several webinars, featuring analytics.

- Quality and Innovation: Involvement with DQA, questions in the profile around quality. The Roundtable will meet once a year to discuss innovating ideas.

VIII. Partner Activities:

- CMS/CMS Oral Health Technical Advisory Group (Lynn Mouden): Everything in DC is positive because they tell him so. The OTAG conducted interviews to determine what members wanted to gain from the calls. Most members were not aware of exactly how many people were on the calls. OTAG needs to stick with delivery issues, instead of public health issues. The OTAG calls are now attended by three different groups – Members, Members and other State Medicaid staff, and all of the prior groups plus stakeholders. There is a schedule of who attends which meeting that has been sent out by CMS. There is an opening in Region V – please feel free to nominate someone. The CMS OH Initiative that asked for a 10 percentage point improvement on 2 measures only had 2 states reach the goal – Texas and Iowa. Now there is OH Initiative 2.0 that does not have a sealant measure, it concentrates on line 12(b) of the CMS 416, and a 10% increase. Lynn says to feel free to call or email at any time with questions.
- Medicaid Provider Advisory Committee (Sid Whitman): Presentations have been made in a number of states including MI, IO, NJ, AZ, at the AAPD meeting in DC last week, ADA meeting, and residency programs. A question from Sid to the audience at the AAPD meeting about Section 1557 led to a lack of response. Sid is concerned that the ADA is trying hard to reach all members and educate them – it isn't necessarily always working and they need to work harder at disseminating information. MPAC is working on a manual to assist dental providers with understanding Medicaid. Sid's presentation tomorrow will be on "Maintaining Sanity as a Medicaid Provider". We all need to work together to navigate and improve the system.
- DentaQuest Institute (Natalia Chalmers): New data will be handed out later in the meeting.
- AAPD (Scott Cashion): AAPD will continue to share their reference manual, it will be mailed out later than usual this year due to updates. A new document, "Medicaid Toolkit", will be coming soon along with the reference manual. A Silver Diamine Fluoride guideline was approved at the AAPD meeting last week and it will be posted on their website soon, named "FACT SHEET on SDF". There is a representative from AAPD from each HRSA area of the country at the MSDA meeting this year.
- HRSA (Renee Joskow): Dr. Joskow was recently appointed the Chief Dental Officer for HRSA. She reviewed the Mission of HRSA, their new website, 900 programs, thousands of awards. The link to HRSA is www.hrsa.gov/oralhealth. AAP and HRSA are combining efforts to create learning modules for non-dentists to learn about oral health. There are 2 fact sheets on the home page – a 2 page one and a 4 page one. These provide a concise overview of what HRSA is doing and has to offer.

Mary closed the session with logistics for the day and the Corporate Group only dinner. We will meet in the lobby to board buses to dinner at 6:20PM.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Altanhof/ Dr. Exler, passed, meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM.