

Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 7, 2022 – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.



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Meeting ID: 868 5375 2547

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Facilitator: Jonathan Porteus, Vice-Chair

Scribe: Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Staff

Members Present:

- Danielle Cannarozzi
- Katie Andrew
- Robin Blanks-Guster
- Julie Gallelo
- Hudson Graham
- Steve Heath
- Bilee Hernandez
- Cathy Levering
- James Musser
- Jan Resler
- Dorothy Seleski
- Mary Jess Wilson
- Jonathan Porteus, Vice-Chair
- Maritza Valencia

Members Absent:

- Olivia Kasirye
- Darrell Kenworthy
- Debra Payne

Public Present: Mira Yang, Rhoda Gonzales, Candace Oto, Adriane Sawyer (Access Dental), Alani Jackson, Alisha Hightower, Barbara Aved, Candy Stirdivant, Carol Leonard, Chris Llamas, Carolyn Brookins, Debbie Blanchard, Doreena Wong, Dr. Cherag Sarkari, Edward Bynum, Eddie Hu, Emely Arienza, Emily Bautista, E Cruz, Fanny Saldana, Felisha Fondren, Gricelda Ocegueda, Helen Pham, Judy Lema, Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Kelsey Reyne, Lisa Meyer, Margaret Delmore, May Saeteurn, Megan, Melissa Garcia, Monique Garcia, Peter Mendoza (SCDD), R Fong, Robin Muck, Dr. S Bandy, Susan McLearn, T Ellis, Thomas Lovinger, Timothy Martinez, Walter Lucio

2:00	Welcome and Introductions	Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm by Jonathan Porteus
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2:05	Approval of February 3, 2022 Minutes (Action)	<p>February minutes reviewed and approved by the Committee.</p> <p>Moved: Cathy Levering Seconded: Steve Heath Carried- see Voting Record</p>
2:10	DHCS Update	<p>Presented by Alani Jackson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dental Transformation Initiative Update- Issued a provider bulletin to notify providers that on 3/21/22 the final payment for Domain 1/Year 5 was released. Domain 2 weekly and monthly payments for claims received prior to 2/4/22 were also released. Payments for claims submitted after 2/4/22 are on hold until the pro rata amount can be determined and may be adjusted for funding limitations. Revised payment dates for Domains 1, 2 and 3, may be modified to accommodate funding limit changes and that information will be forthcoming in a provider bulletin when there is more to share. • Domain 1- January payments issued on 3/21/22 totaling \$160k. Total payments to date for Domain 1= \$249.8 million, with Sacramento receiving \$9.5 million (\$7.7 million to DMC and \$1.7 million to FFS). No Safety Net Clinics in Sacramento received payments for Domain 1. • Domain 2- as of 3/19/22, \$102.7 million in payments to date for 2021, \$70 million for 2020. Total to date for Domain 2= \$235.3 million. Sacramento total payment to date= \$10.2 million (\$7.5 million to DMC and \$2.7 million to FFS providers) • Prop 56 Update- As of 2/28/22, Supplemental payments for FY 20-21= \$450.6 million, \$426.1 million to FFS and \$24.4 to DMC. Sacramento DMC has received \$13.9 million, which demonstrates a small increase since last meeting. For FY 21-22= \$292.7 million total payments, \$274.5 million to FFS, a \$110.5 million increase, and \$18.2 million to DMC, which is \$6.6 million increase since the last meeting. Sacramento DMC specifically has received \$10.7 million this FY, which is a \$4 million increase since the last meeting. Prop 56 loan repayment program FY 21-22 cohort 4 application cycle closed 3/11/22 and awards will be announced in July 2022. • CalAIM Update- Implementation began January 1, 2022 and it has been a smooth transition. Providers have been contacting the telephone service center for clarification and guidance. Plan to share CalAIM utilization data when there is more to demonstrate. Medi-Cal Dental Explanation of Benefits updated and a bulletin was issued to explain changes. Performance payments will be associated with CalAIM. • Dr. Musser question: When will the Domain 1 payment expected in February actually go out? Alani refers to the request to backfill the funding shortfall in the budget and that amount of payments is yet to be determined. Could potentially be delayed until July, as the request moves through the budget process. • Dr. Lovinger comment: Older and special needs patients who have previously resided in nursing homes

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		<p>are being transferred to community-based care under new managed care guidelines. When patients are in nursing homes they are eligible to receive oral health services from mobile dental providers with providers allowed to bill for the visit. When they are transferred to private homes, the reimbursement for the visit is decreased so as not to be feasible for a mobile provider to sustain a practice providing treatment to this population of patients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alani Jackson is leaving her position at DHCS on 4/22/22.
2:40	<p>Approve New Members to MCDAC- Guerrero, Yang, Dr. Bandyopadhyay (Action)</p>	<p>New Members approved by the Committee.</p> <p>Dr. Sunanda Bandyopadhyay: Moved: Robin Blanks Guster Seconded: Jan Resler Motion Carried: see Voting Record</p> <p>Mira Yang: Moved: Robin Blanks Guster Seconded: Jan Resler Motion Carried: see Voting Record</p> <p>Brita Guerrero: Moved: Robin Blanks Guster Seconded: Bilee Hernandez Motion Carried: see Voting Record</p>
2:55	<p>Review and Update MCDAC Work Plan</p>	<p>All</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan commented that as we discuss what the committee should work on we should re-visit the mission of the group as it was originally intended at its formation. Danielle commented this is a good time to align committee goals with the goals of the Sacramento County Oral Health Program. Dr. Musser comments that he would like to have DHCS at the meeting for the duration instead of leaving after their quarterly report. Alani responded that a representative from DHCS will attend the entire meeting going forward. Group discussion and MCDAC Work Plan developed. See attached Work Plan.

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3:10	Adult Dental Study Update	<p>Presented by Jonathan Porteus & Dr. Barbara Aved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barbara Aved Associates is not yet under contract to complete an Adult Dental Study, but they have submitted a proposal that was accepted. Only part of the study has been funded. One of the dental plans has agreed to contribute funding (Access). Dentaquest and Prop 56 have also committed funds. May be additional funding from the County in July. Unless the project is fully funded, it won't be an Adult Dental Study, but rather an update of the 2018 Needs Assessment. Some of the data needed for an Adult Dental Study would come at a cost and there is no funding for that in this budget. An Adult Dental Study would also involve extensive community survey to determine why there is an underutilization of benefits. At this point, planning is to proceed with the more limited scope of the project when contract is finalized. Limitations encountered when completing the 2018 Needs Assessment, such as access to Dental Plans for information, need to be worked through. Dorothy Seleski comment: Health Net has concerns about contract sourcing. An updated scope of work is necessary to request funding from the board. Jan will send Dorothy the scope of work.
3:20	MCDAC Presentation to Board of Supervisors-Update	<p>Presented by Jonathan Porteus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debra Payne, Chair, and Jonathan Porteus, Vice-Chair, gave a presentation to the Board of Supervisors on February 15, 2022. The presentation consisted of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update on MCDAC goals and accomplishments Reminder of the full membership of MCDAC An update on work done with stakeholders, including a new seat on the Health Authority Commission for a member of MCDAC Shared the updated Charter, including the addition of seats for an RDH member and an FQHC member Reviewed the work done by the Special Needs General Anesthesia work group Reviewed the continued work on the County Oral Health Needs Assessment and strategic planning Reviewed data on utilization including comparison data between Sacramento County and other counties. <p>There were few questions and the Board expressed appreciation for the work of the committee.</p>

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3:35	Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Katie Andrew will be attending the National Oral Health Conference in Ft. Worth TX to present on MDRAN and the Care Coordination brief developed by Children Now in partnership with DTI/ESC.• Peter Mendoza announces the retirement of Sonia Bingaman after 33 yrs of service to people with developmental disabilities in California. Notes and messages for Sonia can be forwarded to Peter and he will make sure Sonia receives them.• Dr. Musser is now on the Partnership Advisory Board for Roseville Surgery Center and will have the ability to advocate for access to surgery centers for oral health services. Dr. Musser adds that for the first time ever, he has received a maximum number of referrals due to his team working closely with Liberty Dental.• Dr. Musser presents an issue: he recently treated a patient who was seen in a Marysville clinic. The child had a history of receiving treatment, by Dr. Musser, under general anesthesia. The child presented to the primary dental provider with additional extensive dental treatment needed. The mother requested that the child be referred back to Dr. Musser to complete the treatment. She was incorrectly told by the staff at the clinic that 3 negative attempts at treatment would have to be made before the child could be referred for treatment under general anesthesia. Dr. Musser’s concern is that providers are giving out incorrect information. If a child has not successfully completed treatment without sedation previously, then making 3 attempts at subsequent treatment would be traumatizing for the child and inconvenient for the parent. An attempt at treatment was made, and the child had a negative experience. Cathy commented that she has previous knowledge of this circumstance specific to this clinic. Dr. Porteus recommends that details regarding this issue be sent to Cathy who will forward to the plans and let the DMC Plan representatives handle the issue internally with providers. Dr. Porteus also recommends that there be a MCDAC subcommittee to handle complaints such as these and ensure that issues are addressed by the plans. Cathy disagrees. She said these types of complaints are commonly received by SDDS. She keeps a log of complaints and calls the Dental Plans directly to give them the opportunity to send a representative out to the clinic to educate the providers on proper protocol. Dr. Porteus asserts that given this is a repetitive issue, it should be an item on the MCDAC Work Plan so that we can establish a Quality Assurance Review process. Item added to the Work Plan and several members volunteered to work on the item. Dr. Bandyopadhyay commented that sometimes health plans do require attempts at treatment before referring to GA because some providers will not try to treat unless it is required. Surgery centers could become overloaded if primary dentists could refer any patient for GA without first attempting to treat. Dr. Sarkari commented that none of the provider reference guides he has knowledge of mandate that a
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		primary care dentist attempt treatment “X” number of times. A referral can be processed on any grounds, but may be denied if the documentation does not meet the criteria. This presents an opportunity to educate providers on how and when a member qualifies for an appropriate referral.
4:00	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm by Jonathan Porteus • Next Meeting: June 2, 2022, 2:00-4:00 pm

MCDAC VOTING RECORD		
Item: February 3, 2022, Minutes	Date: 4/7/2022	
Moved: Cathy Levering	Seconded: Steve Heath	
Committee Members	Aye	Nay
Katie Andrew ABSENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robin Blanks-Guster	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danielle Cannarozzi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Julie Gallelo ABSENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hudson Graham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steve Heath	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Cathy Levering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mary Jess Wilson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jonathan Porteus (Vice Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Debra Payne (Chair) ABSENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

MCDAC VOTING RECORD		
Item: New Member Approval- Dr. Sunanda Bandyopadhyay	Date: 4/7/2022	
Moved: Robin Blanks Guster	Seconded: Jan Resler	
Committee Members	Aye	Nay
Katie Andrew ABSENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robin Blanks-Guster	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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MCDAC VOTING RECORD		
Item: New Member Approval- Mira Yang	Date: 4/7/2022	
Moved: Robin Blanks-Guster	Seconded: Jan Resler	
Committee Members	Aye	Nay
Katie Andrew	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Debra Payne (Chair) ABSENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

MCDAC VOTING RECORD		
Item: New Member Approval- Britta Guerrero	Date: 4/7/2022	
Moved: Robin Blanks Guster	Seconded: Bilee Hernandez	
Committee Members	Aye	Nay
Katie Andrew	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robin Blanks-Guster	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Debra Payne (Chair) ABSENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Item/Issue	Timeframe	Volunteers/Source
SCOHP Goals	TBD	Danielle Cannarozzi Robin Blanks-Guster
Increase utilization of preventive oral health services- sealants, scaling & root planing	Ongoing	Jan Resler Dr. Bandy Dr. Sarkari Dorothy Seleski Hudson Graham Susan McLearn Gricelda Ocegueda
D9920 Behavioral Management- Clarification on documentation needed for approval	Ongoing	Thomas Lovinger DHCS
Senior care discharged from nursing homes still needing mobile dental services- low reimbursement for home visits	Ongoing	Cathy Levering Thomas Lovinger

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Newly Insured Beneficiaries of Medi-Cal Dental 50+ who were previously excluded due to immigration status	Ongoing- Starting May 1	Maritza Valencia Danielle Cannarozzi Dr. Bandy
Improvement of optional treatment form – clear and concise language on covered vs. non-covered services	Ongoing	Dorothy Seleski Felisha Fondren Dr. Sarkari Steve Heath
Access for beneficiaries with disabilities to oral health services	Ongoing	Peter Mendoza Dr. Musser Robin Blanks-Guster Judy Lema Thomas Lovinger
Quality Assurance Review	Ongoing	Dr. Musser Robin Blanks-Guster Hudson Graham Dr. Sarkari Felisha Fondren Dr. Bandy Cathy Levering

MCDAC VOTING RECORD		
Item: TBL Modification Letter Sign-on	Date: 4/7/2022	
Moved: Dr. Musser	Seconded: Mary Jess Wilson	
Committee Members		
Katie Andrew	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robin Blanks-Guster		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Danielle Cannarozzi	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>
Julie Gallelo		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Hudson Graham	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Bilee Hernandez	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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