

## ALABAMA ORAL HEALTH STRATEGIC TEAM MEETING

April 16, 2009  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom  
9:00am-10:00am

### **Members Present:**

Sherry Goode, Leigh Ann Hixon, Max Mayer, Jessica Hardy, Linda Hampton, Nakia Kyler, Carolyn Bern, John Thornton, Mary McIntyre (Chair)

### **Medicaid Staff Present:**

Colinder Chappelle, Ron Macksoud, Letrice Ware

### **Visitor:**

Marcia Thompson (Intern)

### **Welcome:**

Dr. McIntyre began the meeting at 9:10am by welcoming everyone. She also reminded everyone that we were using the webinar to allow members outside of Montgomery to participate. Members were then asked to briefly introduce themselves.

### **Minutes-Review/Acceptance:**

Dr. McIntyre provided a quick overview of the minutes which were also available for viewing via the web and asked the members if there were any corrections to the minutes. None were noted. A motion was then made and seconded and the motion carried with the minutes being accepted as written.

### **Subcommittee Reports:**

Dr. McIntyre asked members to turn to their minutes from the last meeting and to look at the areas where there were issues with the goals. She then asked Dr. Thornton to give the subcommittee report for Availability and Access.

### **Availability and Access:**

Dr. Thornton indicated that a lot has happened regarding availability and access. He further indicated that he has several good things to report:

1. They have been able to maintain their SEARCH Program through some funding from the Community Health Centers; Franklin, Maude Whatley, Parker White, etc.
2. As a result of having this in place several students, for the first time in years have left UAB and gone to work in the community health centers.
3. This year they have two students who have been placed through the National Health Services Corps (NHSC) who are going to the Franklin Clinic.

They held one rural health conference at UAB with the freshmen and are having one tomorrow for the juniors. Dr. Thornton indicated that they would be working on their goals to finalize them before the next meeting.

### **Education and Awareness:**

Linda Hampton indicated that they have not had a chance to finalize their goals but they would go back and revisit them to accomplish this task. She further indicated that the Office of Head Start has partnered with the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry on an oral health initiative. Roll out is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup> in Montgomery and this will be the state leadership team which will be composed of Head Start representatives, dentists and other advocates for young children. Dr. Hall will be coordinating this for our state and this will be a one day meeting. Dr. Crall will be there to assist in getting this off the ground. Per Linda, there appears to be a gap in awareness and education among parents. She further indicated that they could tie this into one of their goals because they had discussed having a summit or sorts in 2010. Their utilization has been up for several months and they would like to keep moving in that direction. Dr. McIntyre asked Linda if she had an update of the Head Start statistics. Linda indicated that they do not have real time data but she can provide some information for the next meeting. Linda indicated that they would pull together a multi-stakeholders meeting to discuss education and awareness. She indicated that they would firm up their goals and submit these to the Agency.

**Surveillance & Monitoring:**

Sherry indicated that they had a conference call on March 20, 2009. Their purpose was to finalize goals. The members that were on the call were Chris Sellers, Carolyn Bern, and Sherry Goode. The members reviewed each of the previously set goals and added timelines for tracking purposes and to measure progress on each goal. The finalized goals were provided as well as the Subcommittee report from the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. There was a discussion regarding how to capture the dental home and insurance status on daycare children. Carolyn suggested that we develop a sample survey form to send home to the parents of children who will be screened. This can be added to consent forms. The recommendation to plan an Oral Health Summit for 2010 was deleted from their committee goals.

Sharis Lemay and Teumbay Barnes are also on their subcommittee. Jessica Hardy asked for a subcommittee list to be sent out so that everyone would have the names of the members on their committee. Dr. McIntyre indicated that this would be done as soon as the lists could be updated and that she would also send the blank Subcommittee Report form for subcommittee meetings.

**Adjourn:**

Dr. McIntyre indicated the need to establish a deadline for submission of the subcommittee reports. The deadline chosen was June 12<sup>th</sup>. She also indicated that she would try to get the subcommittee list to the group by April 24<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Thornton will add Kid Check in the information submitted by him. Dr. McIntyre indicated that if there were no other discussion that a motion be made for the meeting to be adjourned. The motion was given and seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

  
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**Mary G. McIntyre, MD, MPH**  
**Chair**

July 10, 2009  
Date

  
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**Colinder D. Chappelle**  
**Recording Secretary**