

ORAL HEALTH COALITION OF ALABAMA (OHCA)
MEETING MINUTES
July 16, 2009
4th Floor Boardroom
10:00am-12:00PM

Members Present:

Sherry Goode, Max Mayer, Jessica Hardy, Linda Hampton, Nakia Kyler, Nancy Gregor, Linda Lee, Linda Champion, David Savage, Tina Dooley, Dr. Charles Hall, Dr. Robert Moon, Maurice Rollins, Nancy Headley, Mary McIntyre (Chair)

Medicaid Staff Present:

Colinder Chappelle, Ron Macksoud, Letrice Ware

Welcome:

Dr. McIntyre began the meeting at 10:05am by welcoming everyone. She also reminded everyone that we were using the webinar to allow members outside of Montgomery to participate if they were unable to attend in person. 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.

Medicaid Dental Update:

Nancy indicated that an Alert Notice/CHIPRA Insure Kids Now was sent out to dentists as an update which is a mandate from the government that every Medicaid enrolled dentist be listed on the Insure Kids Now website. Nancy discussed the Dental Statistics Sheet and indicated that because of NPI issues the numbers were changing. We have 664 currently enrolled active Medicaid dentists. We no longer have an Internal versus External dentist listing due to the requirement that all Medicaid enrolled dentists be listed. Nancy indicated that the Agency had sent a link to CMS for the Alabama Medicaid website list but CMS would not accept the link because the Agency did not have a column showing the dentists that were accepting new patients. She has about 350 dentists who have responded to the alert notice sent out. Linda Lee wanted to know if the dental program could show how many pediatricians were providing dental treatment. Dr. McIntyre asked if the current data sheet could be revamped or maybe a new sheet created to provide updates for physicians providing services for the recipients. Nancy indicated that they would start doing this sheet separately. Dr. McIntyre informed the members that the Power point presentation would be available on Medicaid's website by next Tuesday. Nancy indicated that we have 405 unduplicated recipients that have been served through the mobile dental clinics as of June 2009. Dr. McIntyre suggested to Nancy that it would be good to add

the old dental statistic sheet to the web to give a history since the new sheet only went back to 2003 and the Agency has been tracking dental utilization since 1997/98.

Subcommittee Reports:

Education and Awareness

Linda Hampton indicated that on May 8th they held a statewide oral health state launch which consisted of getting children into a dental home. One of the objectives of the meeting was to create and reinforce relationships between stakeholders to ensure the success of state efforts in improving oral health care in Alabama. She further indicated that this national partnership between Head Start and American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry will eventually include all 50 states. The goal of the program is to obtain quality dental homes for Head Start children. A state leadership team has been identified and Dr. Charles Hall is the state lead in Alabama. Opportunities and roles for improving oral health were identified for dentists, Head Start staff, parents and classroom practices for young children. Dr. McIntyre suggested that if Linda made some revisions to her report it could reflect some of the things they have already done and mark these as completed versus those ongoing. She also reviewed the November minutes for Linda to refresh her memory on her group's report goals. Linda then continued noting some of the things that her subcommittee would try to get completed before the next meeting. They would try to provide the state with assistance in information dissemination and building public awareness on oral health related issues such as:

1. EPSDT: periodicity schedule providing this to Head Start staff and making dentists aware
2. Defining Dental Home and the importance for children and their families
3. Newsletters generated by Head Start and other professional organizations
4. Public Service announcements
5. Parental incentives

This was just a few of the ways that they could see to for the dissemination of information to achieve their goals. They would provide information and opportunities for understanding Head Start to the parents. Would aid parents to understand their role in their child's health care by identifying the benefit in having Medicaid/ALLKids and having meetings for the parents. Their staff will assist the state with identifying Medicaid recipients and ALL Kids for the program.

She further gave a detailed overview of some of the barriers and challenges facing the Head Start program such as educating parents, trying to get all the Head Start mandates up and operational, the effort needed to change the perception of Medicaid clients, a need for more hours of operation or flexibility in the hours, a need for Head Start to have parent orientation regarding oral health, transportation to the dentists and finally as with other workforce issues, the lack of dentists to treat the children. Linda further indicated that she would get together with her subcommittee members to complete their key objectives and try to have a meeting or conference call with them before the meeting in November. Dr. McIntyre indicated that she would ask Lee Rawlinson if any Head Start staff could be utilized as application assisters or provide her with Linda's contact information. Dr. McIntyre reminded all that any goals identified should be

measurable so be sure to indicate “how” these goals will be measured. Linda was asked to also include with their goals a way to track or gather the information.

Dr. Hall then gave a brief overview of the new leadership team and indicated that they are in the process of meeting with some pediatric dentists in collaborating mentorship to others to assist in seeing children from birth to three years of age. He further indicated that the academy has pledged to provide any technical support.

Availability and Access

Sherry Goode gave a brief overview of the subcommittee outline because Dr. Thornton was unable to attend the meeting. She also indicated that at the meeting they discussed loan repayments and other methods of assisting students attending the dental college. She then gave their objectives and they are:

1. Beginning FY 2009, annual Recruitment and Retention Fairs will be provided to freshman and junior dental students at the UAB School of Dentistry to increase the number of dental providers in underserved areas, based on current HPSA data from the ADPH Office of Rural Health.
2. By 2010, accessibility for Medicaid dental services will increase through establishment of three (3) new dental clinics or mobile dental van programs targeting underserved areas or populations throughout the state.
3. Beginning in FY 2009, three 1st Look certification classes will be presented at the Alabama Chapter of the Academy of Pediatrics state conference, the School of Dentistry Alumni Weekend, and the Alabama Dental Association’s state meeting, in an effort to increase the number of dentists providing services and codes through partnerships with non-dental healthcare professionals

Sherry indicated that their second goal has already been completed because they have opened three clinics this year. Sherry also indicated that during their recruitment fair they discussed loan forgiveness with the students. She further explained in her summary that these objectives were established on November 6, 2008. The new objectives were modified on July 14, 2009 and will be provided to members for their approval. Dr. McIntyre indicated that she would do the formatting of the subcommittee group reports, place draft on them, and assist in identification of measureable goals for calendar years 2009 and 2010.

Surveillance and Monitoring

Their objectives and goals were finalized at the last meeting. There was nothing new to report.

Members News and Discussion:

Dr. McIntyre asked if any of the members had any news regarding their organization and if so would they like to tell them what they are doing.

- Dr. Hall indicated that they were forming a new mentorship team and that they had contacted pediatricians and were now starting to contact some dentists. They are also putting out a newsletter and would send the information to Dr. McIntyre to email to the other members.
- Dr. McIntyre gave an overview of ARRA and CHIPRA legislation, both signed into law by President Obama in February 2009. She further indicated that she would send the link to the committee members so that they could access the information. Dr. McIntyre indicated that there are some provider incentives and that dentists are some of the professionals who can benefit from this bill. The first incentive may be available as early as 2010. There is not an accurate count of how many dentists have Electronic Health Records access and thus “How many dentists will get this money related to “meaningful use” i.e. will they be eligible to get this incentive? She explained further that a most of the regulations for ARRA were still under production.
- David Savage indicated that they have produced a video for public awareness and that it highlights five (5) children from their clinic and one of the children who has cleft palate will be featured on this video. The video will be available this month which runs about 17 minutes.
- Nancy Gregor indicated that Dr. Simpson spoke in June at the 1st Look program meeting and they had 20 attendees. She further indicated that a survey was sent out regarding health screening in the public clinics and how many would be willing to provide the screenings.
- Jessica Hardy indicated that they partner with Xavier to present a grant for the three delta states which are Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. They had a list of ten conditions and after several conference calls oral health did not make the cut.
- Linda Lee indicated that they received word from NASHP regarding a Medical Home Technical Grant. She further indicated that Medicaid and SCHIP were asked to present. On the Medical home front, BC/BS has started a pilot Medical Home project and the key piece is care coordination and whether the provider is available.
- Sherry Goode indicated that they are helping the Office of Primary Care to submit a SEARCH Grant. The grant allows providers to work in underserved areas. The funds are there and they are involved again but the grant needs to be submitted by Monday. She further indicated that Alabama did not receive the grant from 2004-present. They are hoping to resume their search for a Dental Director.
- Maurice Rollins indicated that APHCA is having the 24th annual conference in Mobile on September 28th-October 2nd. He further indicated that they are working on their health care quality and information piece and will send an email to Dr. McIntyre regarding the information.
- Tina Dooley informed the members that Sarrell will be opening a new clinic on August 17, 2009. They have over 2000 children in Cherokee and Leesburg with no Medicaid dental provider available.
- Linda Champion indicated that with the 1st Look local trainings Dr. Simpson has trained a total of 56 dentists as of today in Tuscaloosa, Gadsden and Montgomery. They have 92 1st Look providers and an additional 14 were trained June 23rd.

Jessica and Nancy volunteered to assist with the Oral Health Strategic Plan revisions. Dr. McIntyre will send out a deadline subcommittee report updates and John Wible will be asked to

speaking at our next meeting. Dr. Hall was asked to contact Representative Sanderford to see if he would be available for our next meeting scheduled for November 19.

Adjourned:

Dr. McIntyre asked if there was any other member updates and there being none that a motion be made to adjourn. The motion was made and seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:



Mary G. McIntyre, MD, MPH
Chair

February 12, 2010_
Date



Colinder Chappelle
Recording Secretary