



Senior Dental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom
January 23, 2024
2:00pm – 4:00pm

1. Call to Order - 2:00pm

Leighanna Konetski called meeting to order at 2:02p.m.

2. Roll Call

There were sufficient members for a quorum.

A. Members Present

Dr. Matt Carlston, Sarah Summers, Melissa Emery, Dr. Sarah Dirks, Dr. Karl Kohlgraf, Dana Turner, Andrea Nelson, Leighanna Konetski

B. Members Excused

Yvonne Castillo

C. Staff Present

Chandra Vital, Taryn Graf, Alondra Yanez, & Mercedes Vieira-Gomes

3. Approval of Minutes

- Dr. Matt Carlston motioned to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2023, Dr. Karl Kohlgraf meeting, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Aging Adult Abuse Due to Multiple Procedures on One Day

- Chandra Vital expressed her concern about the multiple procedures done on seniors in one day and asked for possible explanation from dentist and dental hygienists if this is appropriate.
- Chandra Vital read a statement from Yvonne (Contract manager) from DentaQuest.
- Dr. Sarah Dirks expressed how procedures can be handled different depending on the patient.
- Dr. Matthew Carlson stated that dentists should consider each patient needs to be able to proceed accordingly for treatment.



- Sarah Summers spoke about her patient experiences on how she handles procedures such as extractions.
- Committee spoke about how dental insurances are changing billing process for certain procedures.
- Dr. Karl Kohlgraf stated that it depends on each patient and how much they can tolerate. That gives the Dentist the opportunity to be able to do the appropriate work on one day.
- Committee spoke about the immediate denture consent form and suggested modifications to simplify the patient procedure process.
- Chandra Vital suggested committee to create an appropriate form for multiple extractions
- Leighanna Konetski suggested committee to discuss the form with other colleagues and come up with the decision in April's meeting to move forward with it.

5. Future Funding of SDP

- Leighanna Konetski expressed her concern with future funding for the Senior Dental Program.
- Dr. Matthew Carlson stated the funding amount received is sufficient.
- Dr. Sarah Dirks expressed her appreciation for the Senior Dental Program that benefits dental facilities, students, and patients.
- Colette Kuhfuss stated that she hopes legislature keeps approving funding to be able to help those patients in need.
- Dr. Karl Kohlgraf stated they use their funding very well and would appreciate any additional funding for patients.

6. Public Comment

- Michelle Vacha expressed how a lot of factors such as transportation prohibit seniors to get dental care. They treat patients appropriately to their needs and tolerance to make it easier for patients to be seen in less visits as possible.
- Bridger Jensen stated he considers every patient needs to be able to determine how to handle the situation as an oral surgeon.
- Dr. Angelica Damian stated it's a case by case depending on the patient's needs and what is beneficial to improve their quality of life.





- Eileen Doherty spoke about the title of the discussion and explained the interpreted definition of what it means.
- Committee also spoke about taking the patient’s medications into consideration when treating a patient.
- Dr. Angelica Damian mentioned her appreciation for the Senior Dental Program and how seniors truly benefit from it (Public comment for the future funding of SDP topic).

7. Board Action

- No Board actions. Dana Turner motioned to adjourn; Andrea Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Meeting adjourned at 3:27 pm

The next scheduled meeting is at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, via Zoom

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