



Senior Dental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom
October 11, 2022
2:00pm - 4:00pm

1. Call to Order

Megan Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

There were sufficient members for a quorum.

A. Members Present

Joan Eskens, Matt Carlston, Amanda Rens-Moon, Glen Pfeifer, Karl Kohlgraf, Leighanna Konetski, Melissa Emery, Sarah Dirks, Yvonne Castillo

B. Members Excused

Dana Turner

C. Staff Present

Chandra Vital, Tracy Gonzales, Taryn Graf

3. Approval of Minutes

- Joan motioned to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2022, meeting. Glenn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Senior Dental Program Report Data

- Chandra went over the results of the Senior Dental Annual Report which will be posted to the Department website in November.
 - Leighanna had questions on how the percentages of treatment compare to private dental offices or the Medicaid dental benefits.
 - Joan pointed out that not all clinics provide the same treatment as private dental offices so it may be difficult to compare.
 - Dr. Carlston does not frequently do endodontics or bridges.
- The Medical Services Board (MSB) had questions surrounding how the removal of lawful presence will impact the SDP grant.



- One concern of the MSB is a potential number of additional seniors coming forward for treatment since the lawful presence removal
- It is too early for the Department to gauge the impact

5. Senior Dental Program Audits

- Audits were sent 10/5/22 and are due to the Department on 11/18/22
- The 2021-22 data must include lawful presence
- Audit documents should be submitted using SharePoint
- Chandra will be overseeing the audits until further notice

6. Staff Changes at HCPF

- The State Programs Unit is in the process of filling three open positions
- One position will be dedicated solely to the SDP to absorb the majority of what Chandra currently handles
- An Administrative Assistant will be added and replace the duties Tracy currently handles
- New staff introductions will take place at the next DAC meeting

7. Public Comment

- Phyllis Hirschfeld will see if she knows of any seniors interested in serving on DAC

8. Board Action

- Yvonne will investigate the Departments capability to compile a report for individuals 60 and over for Chandra to use as comparison

9. Department Actions

- None

10. Meeting adjourned at 2:33pm

The next scheduled meeting is at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, via Zoom

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