

Dental Policy Review Committee
February 23, 2011
1:00-3:00 p.m.
Videoconference between Chicago, IL and Springfield, IL

Members Present: Mary Pat Burgess, Dr. Gerald Dimer , Dionne Haney, Dr. Mary Hayes , Julie Janssen, Dr. Henry Lotsof, Dr. Ronald Mizer, Dr. Richard Perry, Dr. Indru Punwani, Dr. Sheldon Rosenstein, Dr. James Thommes, Dr. James Wahl

Members Absent: Dr. David M. Clark, Dr. Debra Schwenk

Others Attending:

DentaQuest: Sarah Tobias, Nick Barnette, Kelly Pulliam, Krista Smothers, Mary Murack

Healthcare and Family Services: Gina Swehla, Deborah Saunders, Heidi Johnson, Shelly DeFrates, Jaci Vaughn, Jim Monk, Jamie Tripp

IPHCA: Sharee Clough

UIC – DSCC: Tess Rhodes

IFLOSS: Judy O’Shea

DCFS: Karen Moredock, Mary Reis

Meeting was called to order by Gina Swehla. Introductions were made.

Old Business

November 3, 2010 Dental Policy Review Committee Minutes: Minutes from the November 3, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Mary Pat Burgess requested a revision regarding Chicago Public Schools. The last sentence is incorrect; the number of dental teams is thirteen, not four, as written. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Perry and seconded by Dr. Rosenstein. Motion carried. The minutes, with the requested revision, will be posted to the Dental Program Web site at www.hfs.illinois.gov/dental/

New Business

HFS Report

Dental Clinic Grant Program: The Dental Clinic Grant Program’s primary goal is increasing access to oral health services by expanding safety net clinics. The deadline for the current dental clinic grant was November 15, 2010. A total of twenty-two grant applications (eleven FOHCs and eleven local health departments) were received. These twenty-two dental grant requests have been reviewed by Dr. Ronald Mizer, HFS staff and IDPH staff and are now in the final review stage.

Additional dental clinic grant applications are now being accepted with a proposal deadline of March 1, 2011.

Local Government Claiming: An interagency agreement between HFS and the local health department must be signed before a cost report can be submitted. Cost reports may be submitted from the date of the signed agreement forward. There are ninety-five certified local health departments that qualify for this program; seventy-four interagency agreements have been made.

Legislation: HFS Dental Program is monitoring several pieces of proposed legislation currently being discussed in the General Assembly:

- SB1602 – Regulation of mobile dental vans
- SB1919 – Expanded role of dental hygienists
- SB1946 – Donated Dental Services
- SB1948 – Dental incentive payments for practicing in underserved areas
- HB1191 – Dental services for cancer patients

Other legislation of interest includes SB1363 which will require future All Kids enrollees to be American citizens, but will allow current undocumented All Kids enrollees to remain insured. Complete text of all proposed legislation can be viewed at www.ilga.gov

Dental Office Reference Manual (DORM): A revised, updated DORM is scheduled for release July 1, 2011, replacing the current edition. Dental Program and DentaQuest staff members are currently reviewing the DORM for the necessary updates and revisions.

School-Based Dental Program: An interagency agreement between HFS and IDPH has been signed allowing IDPH to receive reimbursement for staff time spent monitoring the HFS School-Based Dental Program. IDPH and HFS are clarifying criteria for monitoring. IDPH will begin making unannounced visits to school-based dental providers in the next few weeks and continue until the end of the current school year.

The Illinois State Dental Society will soon be releasing a fact sheet regarding mobile dental units, including guidelines for school personnel to use when selecting and evaluating a mobile dental unit provider.

Administrative Rules: The Dental Program has proposed changes to the Administrative Rules governing the program. Several sections of “rule 140” are being updated to reflect language clarifications and prior approval requirements based on current practice and standards of care. The time period for replacement of adult dentures is being increased from five years to ten years to be more in line with private insurance limitations. Administrative Rules can be viewed at www.hfs.illinois.gov/lawsrules

DentaQuest Updates

The Rolling Trend Report was unavailable due to computer problems.

DentaQuest staff will be attending and hosting a booth at the Chicago Dental Society Mid-Winter Meeting, February 24-26 in Chicago.

The Windward claims processing system is now operational. Claims are being processed with a lower number of errors.

Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS)

The three-year IDPH grant agreement with ISDS ended September 2010. The grant related to dental hygienists and dentists providing services at long term care facilities. No information regarding renewal of the grant has been released. During the three-year grant period ISDS worked with 19,000 employees at 999 long term care facilities.

The ISDS Bridge to Healthy Smiles program is focusing on the need for expanded public dental programs in Cook County. One-third of Illinois' underserved population resides in Cook County. These efforts include taking an inventory of remaining dental equipment available from the public dental clinics that have closed within the past several years. ISDS will be asking for an additional \$1 million to be added to the Cook County budget for public dental clinics.

The April issue of Illinois Dental News will feature an article written by Dr. Jason Grinter.

Legislation of interest to ISDS includes SB1379, SB1602, SB1946, SB1947, SB1948.

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

Mary Reis, Assistant Downstate Health Services Manager, was introduced to the committee.

The number of calls seeking assistance with locating dentists and oral surgeons for DCFS children has decreased.

The number of DCFS children incorrectly identified as "ineligible" in the DentaQuest system has increased. DentaQuest staff will work with DCFS staff to resolve the issue.

IFLOSS

The 2011 Statewide Oral Health Conference will be held in Rosemont, Illinois October 27-28.

UIC – Division of Specialized Care for children (DSCC)

The "dental home" concept is emphasized as part of the care coordination provided for families and children with special health care needs.

UIC-Pediatric Dentistry-Dr. Indru Punwani

Pediatric dentists have expressed several concerns with the All Kids program including low reimbursement rates, no-show patients, and preventive services being done elsewhere before child visits the pediatric dentist. 90% of children are receiving preventive dental services with only 18% receiving follow up care.

Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA)

The Oral Health Survey - Safety Net Clinics in Illinois is available at www.iphca.org or by calling (312)962 -3032. IPHCA also does training-see website for details.

Illinois Department of Public Health—Division of Oral Health

Julie Janssen reported on the fluoride bill that was recently introduced. Illinois is one of only 12 states in the nation to have a fluoride bill. IDPH will continue to monitor the bill. Division of Oral health staff will work with the sealant grantees to see if they are experiencing issues with DCFS children and not getting the proper consent forms. Julie also reported that the National Oral Health Conference is going to be held April 11-14, 2011 in Pittsburgh.

Chicago Department of Public Health

Mary Pat Burgess reported that there are 93,000 Chicago Public Schools - enrolled children for the 2009 - 2010 school year with 211,000 sealants being placed and 38,000 referrals with scores of "2" (dental care needed) and 8,500 with scores of "3" (urgent dental care needed). Anticipated numbers for the 2010-2011 school year is approximately 111,000 children.

The database system is being upgraded with the expected outcome of freeing up staff time for case management needs.

A survey of CPS principals is being conducted. Mary Pat will report results at an upcoming meeting.

Lake County Health Department

The Lake County Health Department is waiting for receipt of a \$2 million capital grant to build to new dental clinic for the Zion area.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.