Dental Policy Review Committee Minutes

March 7, 2012
1:00-3:00 p.m.

Videoconference between Chicago, IL and Springfield, IL

Members Present: Mary Pat Burgess, Dionne Haney, Dr. Mary Hayes, Dr. David Miller,
Dr. Ronald Mizer, Dr. Indru Punwani, Dr. Debra Schwenk, Dr. James Wahl

Others Attending:
DentaQuest: Krista Smothers, Jennifer Straub, Sarah Tobias, Nick Bamette, Colleen Batty, Carol Leonard
Healthcare and Family Services: Marie Bonner, Gina Swehla, Shelly DeFrates,
IDPH: Julie Janssen
UIC – DSCC: Tess Rhodes
IFLOSS: Judy O’Shea
DCFS: Karen Moredock
Lake County Health Department: Jorelle Alexander

IPHCA: Deborah Vemon

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

Old Business

Meeting summary from October 5, 2011 was approved with one minor correction. The approved meeting summary will be posted on the Dental Program website at: www.hfs.illinois.gov/dental/

New Business

HFS Report

Committee Changes: Gina Swehla welcomed Dr. David Miller, Chief, Division of Oral Health, Illinois Department of Public Health as a newly appointed committee member. The committee also acknowledged the retirement of Dr. Gerald Dismer of Lake County Health Department. Dr. Dismer recommended Dr. Jorelle Alexander as his replacement to the committee. Gina introduced and gave brief background on Dr. Alexander.

Update on code D4355-Full Mouth Debridement: A request was made from a Chicago school-based program to include code D4355-Full Mouth Debridement to the school setting. This topic was discussed at the Dental Peer Review Meeting and it was the recommendation of the Dental Peer Review Committee to deny the request. HFS agreed with the recommendation and will not be adding D4355 to the School Based-Dental Program because of concerns of potential abuse and no new services would be added at this time due to the extreme budget condition.

CMS Monitoring Review: CMS staff conducted a monitoring review of Illinois’ EPSDT Dental Program, September 27-29, 2011, in Chicago. The monitoring review included interviews with HFS staff and administrators, DentaQuest staff, and participating providers. Once HFS administration
has given approval the CMS Audit will be released. The Dental Office Reference Manual will be updated to reflect changes based upon recommendations from the EPSDT site review.

**Dental Clinic Grants Program:** In FY11 and FY12, a total of 25 new dental grants have been awarded to 17 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and nine local health departments (LHDs).

Of the 17 FQHCs, a total of four new dental clinics will open with 14 new operatories; four dental clinics installed digital records and x-rays; one expanded their dental operatories by one operatory; three clinics used grant funds for supplies and equipment; and five dental clinics are currently under construction. The Gallatin School-Based dental clinic is having difficulty locating a dentist to provide services and someone to administer the dental clinic operation.

Of the nine LHDs a total of two added new dental operatories; one used grant funds for digital records and x-rays; and five dental clinics are still under construction.

**Composition of Dental Peer Review Committee:** Discussion about rotation of membership with Dental Peer Review Committee. HFS and DentaQuest researching how other boards handle membership rotation. HFS wants to assure diversity on the committee, geographic representation, dental specialties representation, and private sector/public or safety-net representation.

**DentaQuest Report**

**Rolling Trend Report:** The rolling trend report was distributed to attendees. The number of enrolled providers has increased.

**Provider Training:** DentaQuest will be having Provider Education Training April 23 – April 26 which providers can earn 1 CE. Note: the provider training was postponed due to changes to the adult dental program.

**Dental Office Reference Manual (DORM):** A new DORM will be released in July 2012 that will have language reflecting EPSDT and possible budget changes to adult dental services. Note: The DORM release has been delayed due to the changes related to the SMARTAct. The new target date for a DORM release is September 2012.

**External Reports**

**Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH):** Dr. David Miller spoke about the upcoming Illinois Oral Health Plan III Listening Tours. The Listening Tours will be in four areas of the state in the month of March 2012. Dr. Miller asked for members to encourage provider and beneficiaries to attend the Listening Tours.

Julie Janssen informed the group that the Federal government still has not ruled on fluoridation levels. IDPH will be offering the Dental Sealant and Needs Assessment Grants in April 2012. IDPH will be offering webinars on fluoride mouth rinse program. The U.S. Oral Health Alliance conference will be held on March 13-14 in Chicago. The National Oral Health Conference will be held on April 29th through May 2nd in Milwaukee. The Illinois Oral Health Conference will be held in Springfield on October 10 and 11, 2012. Mark your calendars now.

**University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry (UIC):** Dr. Indru Punwani reported that Mile Square is going to build a new building that will have one floor dedicated to dental with 10 operatories and should be operational by December 2013. Dr. Punwani also reported that UIC hosted a Give Kids A Smile Day last week at the College of Dentistry. Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Board President attended the event to observe.
Dr. Mary Hayes reported Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, Bright Smiles From Birth program year one report has been finished and will be sent to the committee. Dr. Hayes will be attending a “retraining of the trainer” class after the ISDS Capital Conference. Dr. Hayes reported that Chicago Dental Society Foundation is opening a dental clinic in DuPage County.

Lake County Health Department (LCHD): Dr. Alexander reported that Lake County is waiting to hear about their Zion dental grant from the federal government (HRSA grant pending).

Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH): Mary Pat Burgess reports that there are over 174 schools in the Chicago Public School system with approximately 35,000 children receiving 83,000 sealants that take part in the school-based dental program. CPS plans to add 50 High Schools by the end of the school year and all high schools by next school year. The contracts for the next school year are in final approval stages and CDPH hopes to have them posted on the web by April 1st with providers selected by July 1st. Consent forms will go home again with the free and reduced lunch packets to families.

Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS): Dionne Haney reports the ISDS Foundation will sponsor its second “Mission of Mercy”, June 8-9, 2012, at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake, IL. The goal of the two-day event is to see 2,000 patients and provide $1,000,000 worth of free dental services to children and adults. Details, including how to donate and/or volunteer, are available at www.ISDS.org.

Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS): Karen Moredock reported that it is still hard to find orthodontists who accept the Medical card. Karen also reported that ISDS needs to update their web page regarding the “Take Two Foster Care” referral program. Karen should send a note to Dionne to update.

Southern Illinois University College of Dentistry (SIU): University is up for accreditation in November 2012.

UIC – Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC): Will work with HFS to access oral surgeons and use division funds to pay for ortho cases for children under their purview.

Future Meeting Dates: The Dental Policy Review Committee will meet on the following dates in 2012:

- July 18
- October 3

Meetings will be held from 1:00-3:00p as a videoconference between Springfield and Chicago.