

**Unofficial Report of Major  
Actions  
Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention  
(CAAP)  
January 12-13 2023**

The Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention (CAAP) met on January 12-13 2023 in Washington DC at the ADA Building. The following is a summary of major actions taken by the Council.

**Report of the Medicaid Implementation Subcommittee:** Dr. Stephen Cochran, Subcommittee Chair, shared the following activities with the Council:

1. An update on the Medicaid Provider Advisory Committee (MPAC) which is ready to resume Medicaid program “Boot Camps” for dental students and residents
2. An introduction to Dr. Emma Thomas, new CAAP manager who will be staffing this Subcommittee
3. An overview of the Culture of Safety with input from Dr. Rich Herman, former CAAP Chair. Dr. Herman introduced Dr. Tom Gallagher from the University of Washington who shared recent outcomes of Phase II of the Board funded Culture of Safety project.
4. The new Subcommittee name and accompanying Charter

**Report of the Subcommittee on Health Equity:** Dr. Liz Simpson, Subcommittee Chair, updated the Council with the identified priorities of the newly formed Subcommittee which include:

1. Maternal Child Health actions to expand access to pregnant women
2. Age One dental visits being performed in more dental offices
3. A 4 minute CE video on the “Teach Back” method of Health Literacy
4. The Charter which establishes the Subcommittee and its role with the Council

**Report of the Access to Care Subcommittee:** Dr. Chris Delecki, Subcommittee Chair, reported the following informational focal points of the Subcommittee (formerly known as Prime) I:

1. The National Fluoridation Advisory Committee (NFAC) intention to meet in DC immediately after the March Lobby Day
2. The national focus of the CAAP HPV Stakeholder Group to promote the vaccine in dental settings
3. The 2023 ED Referral areas of medical-dental opportunities
4. An update of the CDHC program which included schools, students and the Network activities
5. The Charter which reflects the Subcommittee’s focus and duty to the Council

**Report of the Public Health and Prevention Subcommittee:** Dr. Karin Arsenault, Subcommittee Chair, updated the Council on the activities of the Subcommittee (formerly known as Prevention) which included:

- 1.** An update on the National Sealant Workgroup which collaborates with ASTDD
- 2.** An overview to date of the actions of the Presidential Workgroup on Sugar and Nutrition
- 3.** A briefing on National Children's Dental Health Month (NCDHM) poster / postcard distribution
- 4.** Format of Community Water Fluoridation (CWF) assignments per District

**Resolutions:** Upon vote, the following resolutions were unanimously approved by the Council

**Resolved,** that \$180,000 be allocated for the development of a comprehensive educational program by the ADA Culture of Safety in Dentistry Workgroup in order to continue to address the intention of Resolution 78H-2019, Culture of Safety in Dentistry (*Trans.* 2019:333). (To be forwarded to the BOT)

**Resolved,** that the Medicaid Implementation Subcommittee be approved and the Charter forwarded to CAAP

**Resolved,** that the Public Health and Prevention Subcommittee be approved and the Charter forwarded to CAAP

**Resolved,** that the Subcommittee on Health Equity be approved and the Charter forwarded to CAAP

**Resolved,** that the Access to Care Subcommittee be approved and the Charter forwarded to CAAP

**Special Orders of Business:**

- Dr. Ray Cohlma, ADA Executive Director, briefed the Council on Strategic Forecasting, the membership opportunities for the Association and the business case for updating the governance structure
- Dr. Natalia Chalmers, Chief Dental Officer of the Center for Medicare / Medicaid, provided insights on the focus of dental programs for Medicaid beneficiaries which are designed to reduce disparities and improve Health Equity
- Ms. Cat Oakar, Special Advisor to President Biden on Public Health and Disparities, shared nutritional goals of the White House for improving overall national health. She outlined challenges for the corporate sector on the sugar content of their consumer products while expressing continued interest for ADA collaboration.
- Dr. Krishna Aravamudhan, Senior Vice President of the Practice Institute, updated the Council on the Dental Quality Alliance in collaboration with Council member Dr. Rob Margolin
- Dr. Adam Barefoot, Chief Dental Officer of HRSA, greeted the Council with an overview of his role within the federal agency and goals for his first year in the position
- Dr. Marko Vujicic, Vice President of the Health Policy Institute, shared the latest survey results of dentist participation in state Medicaid programs
- Dr. Tim Ricks, a Dental Public Health specialist within the Division of the Indian Health Service, informed the Council about the Community Dental Health Coordinator program soon to begin in the IHS. He also relayed recent information about the caries rates in Native American populations
- Dr. Tom Gallagher, physician within the University of Washington Division of Patient Safety, revealed survey results from several focus groups of dentists which indicated attitudes towards

- clinical transparency and patient safety
- Ms. Katherine Merullo, Senior Manager, Public Affairs and Analysis, gave an overview of media campaigns related to “Oral Health is Health” and shared how messaging success is measured.
- Ms. Catherine Albrecht, Senior Associate Legal Counsel, provided the Council members with necessary behavioral expectations for ADA Council meetings

### **Council Members**

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