Call to Order: The meeting of the Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention (CAAP/the Council) was called to order by Dr. James Mancini, chair, at 8:00 a.m., July 13-14, 2023, Central Time in the Executive Board Room of the American Dental Association (ADA) Headquarters in Chicago.

Roll Call: The following Council members and liaisons were present for all or part of the meeting: Dr. James Mancini (chair); Dr. Elizabeth Simpson (vice chair); Dr. Karin Arsenault; Dr. Kerin Burdette; Dr. Elizabeth Clemente; Dr. Stephen Cochran; Dr. Molly Conlon; Dr. Christopher Delecki; Dr. Kathryn Kosten; Dr. Huong Le.; Dr. Robert Margolin; Dr. Rodney Marshall; Dr. Emily Mattingly; Dr. Greg Millwood; Dr. Jackie Nord; Dr. Alexandra Otto (New Dentist Member); Dr. Jessica Robertson; Dr. Paul Rogers; Dr. Rudy Liddell (Trustee); and Ms. Victoria Carroll (American Student Dental Association). Following the roll call, the presence of a quorum was noted.

ADA Staff (for all or portions of the meeting): Dr. Raymond Cohlmia; Catherine Albrecht Esq.; Dr. Dave Preble; Ms. Susana Galvan; Thomas Elliott, Jr., Esq.; Ms. Roxanne Yaghoubi; Mr. Chad Olson; and Mr. Paul O'Connor; Ms. Sandy Eitel; Ms. Nicole Catral.

Practice Institute Staff: Dr. Krishna Aravamudhan; Dr. Jane Grover, Ms. Kelly Cantor, Dr. Elizabeth Lense, Mr. Earl Sewell (Administrative Manager), Dr. Emma Thomas, Mr. Matt Zaborowski, Mr. Jonathan Zink.

Guests Present: Dr. Dan Gesek, chair, Council on Government Affairs (CGA); Dr. Deb Peters, Vice Chair, Council on Ethics Bylaws and Judicial Affairs (CEBJA); Dr. Ethan Kerns, Executive Committee Chair, National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA), Dr. Tim Ricks, Chief Dental Officer, Indian Health Service (HIS); Dr. Winifred Booker, Executive Director, Children's Oral Health Institute, Dr. George Shepley, ADA President.

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement and Confidentiality Statement: The Chair referenced the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement included on the agenda and called for disclosures of potential conflicts of interest. The Confidentiality Statement was also discussed.

Adoption of Agenda: The agenda was unanimously adopted and approved by general consent with the permission for the chair to reorder items as needed.

Approval of Consent Calendar: A consent calendar was prepared to expedite the business of the Council. Members had the opportunity to remove any item from the consent calendar for consideration during the general meeting. Dr. Chris Delecki removed the HPV resolution and ED Referral and Dr. Karin Arsenault removed the report of the Quitline Project.

Consent Calendar: The Council adopted the following resolutions.

Resolved, that the resolutions contained with the following reports be approved by consent:

- Recording of Results of E-ballots

Resolved, that the following reports be filed:

- Community Water Fluoridation
- Sealant Utilization
• ADA ACOG Position Statement
• National School Nurse Association Update
• National Children’s Dental Health Month
• Tobacco and Vaping Quit Line
• Emergency Department Referral Programs
• National Advisory Committee on Health Literacy in Dentistry
• ASDA Consultant Report

Recording of Mail Ballots: The Council adopted the following resolution through the consent calendar.

Resolved, that actions approved through E-ballots since the CAAP January 2023 meeting be recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

Dr. James Mancini, chair: Dr. Mancini welcomed the Council and encouraged CAAP to be engaged and assist with communication and dissemination of CAAP content, such as the various initiatives and programs, throughout the states in their district.

Dr. George Shepley, ADA President, spoke to the Council on membership issues and the importance of tripartite collaboration. “We’re better together” he stated and covered additional topics of ADA governance.

Dr. Rudy Liddell, trustee liaison, Seventeenth District: Dr. Liddell updated the Council on the most recent Board discussions which included the Culture of Safety project and acceptance of the Presidential Medicaid Task Force Report. He also referenced the Sugar and Nutrition Presidential Task Force to be potentially continued for an additional year.

2023 Practice Institute Operating Plan Results: The Council accepted, through the Consent Calendar, an informational report detailing the status of the Practice Institute 2023 Operating Plan.

RELEVANT ADA INITIATIVES

Culture of Change: Ms. Susana Galvan, Senior Manager for Diversity Equity and Inclusion, shared with the Council the DEI policy in addition to how membership diversity gaps can impact membership levels. The Culture of Change refers to the development of leaders who encourage diversity, equity and inclusion to create a welcoming culture of acceptance across the tripartite.

EMERGING ISSUES

ADA Executive Director Presentation: Dr. Cohlmia presented on Continuing the ADA’s New Day Defining Our Future Initiative. He reported on the structure of the ADA and several trends in dentistry, which include changing technology, dentist demographics, patient expectations, declining ownership and continued practice consolidation. He also updated the Council on the ADA Strategic Forecast Plan and how the ADA will use evolving technology within the Strategic Plan.

Achieving Equitable Care: How Do We Put Ethics Front of Mind for Dentists?: This strategic discussion took place between the Council members and Dr. Deb Peters Vice Chair of the Council on Ethics Bylaws and Judicial Affairs (CEBJA) for the purposes of addressing referral methods for underserved patients. Results of the discussion included a collaboration for an Ethical Moment for JADA and podcast on access to care strategies.

PREVENTION AND HEALTHY BEHAVIORS

National QuitLine: Dr. Arsenault, Public Health & Prevention Subcommittee Chair, and Mr. Matt Zaborowski gave a presentation on the current efforts relating to Resolution 303H and increasing referrals
to state QuitLines by dentists. Future efforts were outlined, including a two-part webinar series with the North American Quitline Consortium and a toolkit to support referrals by oral health professionals.

**Salivary Screening for Lead:** Dr. Winifred Booker, President of the Children’s Oral Health Institute, shared her advocacy efforts to promote use of saliva rather than a blood draw for children to have their mandatory lead screening test prior to school entry.

**Sealant Utilization:** Dr. Arsenault, Public Health & Prevention Subcommittee Chair, and Mr. Matt Zaborowski gave a presentation on efforts by the Dental Sealant Advisory Committee to promote dental sealant placement. Future efforts were outlined, including a collaborative project with the ADA’s Health Policy Institute, data chart comparing prevention and restoration reimbursement, and dental sealant utilization.

**ACCESS TO CARE**

**Community Dental Health Coordinator (CDHC):** Dr. Delecki, Access to Care Subcommittee Chair and Ms. Kelly Cantor gave a status update on the CDHC program, including efforts to increase the number of graduates and training sites. Current collaboration updates by Dr. Rhonda Switzer-Nadasi, CDHC Advancement Team Chair on Tennessee’s future CDHC integration plan as well as Dr. Jane Grover providing updates on the Indian Health Services first CDHC student cohort and the newly-signed CDHC licensing agreement with the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Dental School.

**Emergency Department Referral:** Dr. Delecki, Access to Care Subcommittee Chair and Ms. Kelly Cantor provided status updates on the ED Referral Initiative which included the issue of ED boarding delaying the Ochsner-Baptist hospital network ED Referral/CDHC integration and the expanded ED referral partnership with Catholic Charities in upstate NY at the Bassett Healthcare Network.

**HPV Vaccine Promotion Policy:** Dr. Chris Delecki, Access to Care Subcommittee Chair gave a status update on CAAP’s HPV cancer prevention activities. Dr. Delecki and Dr. Mancini, CAAP Chair, requested that the council rescind the resolution approved in April and adopt the following resolution with the input of the Council on Scientific Affairs (CSA). Upon vote, the Council approved the new policy titled “**HPV Education and Collaboration**”.

Resolved: that the ADA encourages education of the dental profession at the state and local levels on the importance of preventing HPV cancers and be it further:

Resolved, that the ADA encourages collaboration with other health care organizations to support patient education on HPV prevention strategies.

**Tiny Smiles:** Ms. Nicole Catral, Director of the Office of Corporate and Social Responsibility, shared the background and status of this program which focuses on dental visits for very young children. The Council noted that this project dovetails significantly into prevention of dental disease.

**Indian Health Service Update:** Dr. Tim Ricks, Chief Dental Officer of the Indian Health Service, shared the progress of the CDHC program within the agency. He also covered upcoming webinars focused on Healthy People 2030 goals to promote overall health and health literacy.

**High Chair Dental Care:** Dr. Winifred Booker presented her unique program to reduce barriers for dentists to perform early childhood dental screenings.

**MEDICAID**

**Report from the National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA):** Dr. Ethan Kerns, Board Chair of NNOHA, highlighted how new dentists are guiding dental programs to have greater relevance within medical provider populations through the delivery of integrated services, realizing loan repayment opportunities as well as engaging in the provision of care to vulnerable populations with complex health
and social needs. Dr. Kerns proposed closer collaboration with the ADA and private dental offices as a mutually beneficial opportunity to address the needs of the underserved.

**Medicaid Provider Advisory Committee (MPAC) Update:** Dr. Sidney Whitman, MPAC chair, delivered an update on MPAC’s priorities of identifying ways to improve design of and participation within state Medicaid programs. Strategies include dentist and dental student communities through Boot Camps and state journal articles.

**Policies Sent to the HOD:** The Council reviewed the proposed comprehensive Medicaid Policy moved forward by the Presidential Medicaid Task Force (see attached) and approved the amended policies:

**LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY UPDATE**

**Division Of Government and Public Affairs/ Washington Office Report:** Dr. Gesek reported that the CGA advocates for issues relevant to the work of CDP, such as workforce shortages, health IT and mental health. Ms. Yaghoubi provided an update on ADA Dentist and Student Lobby Day in Washington D.C., the Bio Preparedness Work Force Pilot Program and several bills that CGA is working on of interest to CAAP such as the MATE Act, Substance Abuse Disorder prescriber rules and how they align with HIPAA, and social media reviews. She encouraged the CAAP members to become involved in advocacy through the Grassroots Advocacy Action website.

**State Government Affairs Update (SGA):** Mr. Olson reported that SGA is focused on dental insurance reform and workforce issues. Mr. O’Connor provided an update on current workforce and Medicaid legislation in various states.

**COUNCIL OPERATIONS**

**Council Meeting Dates:** The 2024 meeting dates are January 11-12 and July 18-19.

**Election of Council Vice Chair:** The Council elected Dr. Jessica Robertson, Fourteenth District, to serve as CAAP Vice Chair until the close of the 2024 meeting of the ADA House of Delegates.

**Election of Council Chair:** The Council elected Dr. Elizabeth Simpson, Seventh District, to serve as CAAP Chair until the close of the 2024 meeting of the ADA House of Delegates.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the Council meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon CT on Friday July 14, 2023.