

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL ON ADVOCACY FOR ACCESS AND PREVENTION
ADA HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, CHICAGO
July 13-14, 2023**

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 Cohlmiya; 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

1 to state QuitLines by dentists. Future efforts were outlined, including a two-part webinar series with the
2 North American Quitline Consortium and a toolkit to support referrals by oral health professionals.
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4 **Salivary Screening for Lead:** Dr. Winifred Booker, President of the Children's Oral Health Institute,
5 shared her advocacy efforts to promote use of saliva rather than a blood draw for children to have their
6 mandatory lead screening test prior to school entry.
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8 **Sealant Utilization:** Dr. Arsenault, Public Health & Prevention Subcommittee Chair, and Mr. Matt
9 Zaborowski gave a presentation on efforts by the Dental Sealant Advisory Committee to promote dental
10 sealant placement. Future efforts were outlined, including a collaborative project with the ADA's Health
11 Policy Institute, data chart comparing prevention and restoration reimbursement, and dental sealant
12 utilization.
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14 ACCESS TO CARE

15 **Community Dental Health Coordinator (CDHC):** Dr. Delecki, Access to Care Subcommittee Chair and
16 Ms. Kelly Cantor gave a status update on the CDHC program, including efforts to increase the number of
17 graduates and training sites. Current collaboration updates by Dr. Rhonda Switzer-Nadas, CDHC
18 Advancement Team Chair on Tennessee's future CDHC integration plan as well as Dr. Jane Grover
19 providing updates on the Indian Health Services first CDHC student cohort and the newly-signed CDHC
20 licensing agreement with the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Dental School.
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22 **Emergency Department Referral:** Dr. Delecki, Access to Care Subcommittee Chair and Ms. Kelly
23 Cantor provided status updates on the ED Referral Initiative which included the issue of ED boarding
24 delaying the Ochsner-Baptist hospital network ED Referral/CDHC integration and the expanded ED
25 referral partnership with Catholic Charities in upstate NY at the Bassett Healthcare Network.

26 **HPV Vaccine Promotion Policy :** Dr. Chris Delecki, Access to Care Subcommittee Chair gave a status
27 update on CAAP's HPV cancer prevention activities. Dr. Delecki and Dr. Mancini, CAAP Chair. requested
28 that the council rescind the resolution approved in April and adopt the following resolution with the input of
29 the Council on Scientific Affairs (CSA). Upon vote, the Council approved the new policy titled **"HPV**
30 **Education and Collaboration"**.
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32 **Resolved:** that the ADA encourages education of the dental profession at the state and local levels on
33 the importance of preventing HPV cancers and be it further:

34 **Resolved,** that the ADA encourages collaboration with other health care organizations to support patient
35 education on HPV prevention strategies.
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37 **Tiny Smiles:** Ms. Nicole Catral, Director of the Office of Corporate and Social Responsibility, shared the
38 background and status of this program which focuses on dental visits for very young children. The
39 Council noted that this project dovetails significantly into prevention of dental disease.
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41 **Indian Health Service Update:** Dr. Tim Ricks, Chief Dental Officer of the Indian Health Service, shared
42 the progress of the CDHC program within the agency. He also covered upcoming webinars focused on
43 Healthy People 2030 goals to promote overall health and health literacy.
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45 **High Chair Dental Care:** Dr. Winifred Booker presented her unique program to reduce barriers for
46 dentists to perform early childhood dental screenings.

47 MEDICAID

48 **Report from the National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA):** Dr. Ethan Kerns, Board Chair of
49 NNOHA, highlighted how new dentists are guiding dental programs to have greater relevance within
50 medical provider populations through the delivery of integrated services, realizing loan repayment
51 opportunities as well as engaging in the provision of care to vulnerable populations with complex health

1 and social needs. Dr. Kerns proposed closer collaboration with the ADA and private dental offices as a
2 mutually beneficial opportunity to address the needs of the underserved.

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

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

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LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY UPDATE

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

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

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COUNCIL OPERATIONS

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

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

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

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