



Washington State Oral Health Coalition

Report from the Meeting of Fri., June. 17, 2011 – 10:00am – 1:00pm

Hosted by Pat Brown at her residence

Attendance: Cyndi Newman, Chair; Norma Wells, Chair-elect; Pat Brown, Past Chair; Patty Plank, Secretary; Peg Terp, King County Dept. of Health; Gene Patterson, WSDHA Executive Director; Elise Tanner, RDH; LeeAnn Hoaglin Cooper, RDH, Past Chair, Snohomish County Health District

Agenda Item	Action	Discussion and Follow-up
Welcome and Introductions	9 attendees, introducing themselves as they arrived	
Reports from Officers •Cyndi Newman, Chair	Officer reports were dispensed with. It was mutually agreed by all to move to Round Table Discussion as attendees had time constraints.	
Round Table Discussion	<p>Updates on Oral Health Funding at State, Local & Federal Levels</p> <p>Northwest Convention-Academy of General Dentists Dental Meeting</p>	<p>Cyndi remarked that Delta Dental & WDS announced 15 % reduction in reimbursements</p> <p>Cyndi noted that there previously has been no space for WSOHC until the last minute. She</p>

	<p>Solutions for aiding those without access to dental care</p> <p>WSDA replacement</p> <p>Interim Dean at UWSOD</p>	<p>suggested that in the future we will begin earlier deciding what it is we want to achieve. Additionally, we'll begin to approach them for a space as early as January.</p> <p>Perhaps 1-2 patients per month could be referred to private dental practices. Sea Mar is now shrinking and ultimately will close. Pat suggested dentists in private practice could receive an update about their local oral health coalition, informing them how contact can be made from a community relations aspect. WSOHC could then educate about the lack of access to care outside of the Leg. Session. Gene moved that the WSOHC will take the position that there is a lack of oral health care access in the state of Washington. WSOHC will seek a vote of the membership to produce a document detailing current access to oral health care in Washington State. This document can then be used to educate dentists, legislators, and the community at large. Motion seconded and passed.</p> <p>Zach Kirkpatrick will replace David Hemion. Possibly Zach could be approached about a place for WSOHC at the WSDA Dental Convention.</p> <p>Norma announced that Tim DeRouen will fill that position with the theme of "Patients First!"</p>
<p>Old Business</p>	<p>Archive storage</p> <p>Treasurer update</p>	<p>Gene offered to store the WSOHC archives in the WSDHA office as there is no longer a storage unit.</p> <p>Sean Pickard will continue in the position until the</p>

		end of the year.
New Business	WSOHC update	<p>Norma reminded us that office nominations need to be considered as the election occurs in November.</p> <p>Norma stated that there had been an American Network of Oral Health Coalitions meeting. Ours is fairly defunct and nationally this seems to be a trend. Most are voluntary, but Kansas, Missouri, and Maine are very vibrant.</p>
	UWSOD changes	<p>Oral Health Sciences will be the official name of the merging departments of Oral Biology and Oral Public Health reports Norma.</p> <p>Additionally, she stated Dean Martha Sommerman will move on to be the Director of NIH Dental Cranial Facial Health.</p> <p>Norma wells will be working with the Master's program at UW in addition to creating the course "Global Perspectives on Global Health".</p>
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