



**COUNCIL ON DENTAL HEALTH PLANNING & HOSPITAL DENTISTRY**  
**March 10, 2017**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Speisman, Richard (Chair)  
Rubin, Marsha (NY)  
Fried, Alvin (2)  
Sternlicht, Jeffrey (3)  
Baim, Loren (4)  
Scutari, Pasquale (5)  
Noren, Scott (6)  
Anders, Patrick (8)

Tegtmeier, Carl (9)  
Burakoff, Ronald (N)  
Quarcoo, Stephen (Q)  
Logan, Keri Ann (S)  
Glied, Allen (B)  
Cuomo, Anthony (BOT Liaison)

The Council on Dental Health Planning and Hospital Dentistry met on Friday, March 10, 2017, via videoconference. Drs. Rubin, Fried, Sternlicht, Scutari, Quarcoo and Cuomo did not participate. Drs. Richard Herman, ADA CAPIR Representative; Sean McLaren, Seventh District Dental Society; Mark Feldman and Judith Shub; and Ms. Jacque Donnelly, NYSDA staff, also participated.

Dr. Speisman called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. He asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the council's meeting on October 28, 2016. As no changes were recommended, the council voted to accept the minutes as written, following a motion by Dr. Tegtmeier. The chair began his report by thanking the NYSDA staff and the council for their work over the years. He informed the council that he is retiring and leaving the council at the end of the House of Delegates Session in June

**ADA Council on Advocacy for Access & Prevention Report**

Dr. Herman explained the role of the council and highlighted points from his written report on the activities of the ADA council.

**Community Dental Health Coordinator**

The council discussed the Community Dental Health Coordinator model and its potential applications in New York State. Dr. Feldman suggested that, initially, coordinators would be trained through existing dental hygiene training programs. Questions remain about how coordinators would be funded and their role in private offices and community-based clinic settings.

## OPWDD Dental Task Force Report

Dr. Tegtmeier discussed his report and the formation of an independent practice association (IPA) to coordinate services for people with a range of developmental and intellectual disabilities. He pointed out that the Health Department has moved away from its proposed “Developmental Disabilities Individual Support and Care Coordination Organization (DISCO) model to incorporate patients with developmental and intellectual disabilities into managed care networks. DOH is now planning “Care Coordination Organizations”. The goal of the IPA is to maintain the existing safety net of special needs dentists and facilities by representing their needs and concerns in the transition to this new model of managed dental care and the move to Value Based Payments. Dr. Tegtmeier discussed the objectives and efforts to create an MCO that is committed to serving patients with special needs. Such a group would have a variety of benefits, including the ability to provide data about services and access.

The IPA members had scheduled a meeting with the Department of Health staff to discuss funding and budget concerns. This meeting was postponed.

## Hospital and Component Issues

Dr. Logan discussed issues involving the managed care contract with Dentaquest/Emblem plan affecting St. Charles Hospital, listing the 44 volunteer attendings as “providers” to create the appearance of a larger provider network. By doing so, Dentaquest is misleading the public and DOH on the actual number of dentists/specialists available.

Dr. Glied discussed problems involving DentaQuest and difficulty in contacting his assigned provider representative.

Dr. McLaren noted that Eastman has seen a marked increase in OR pediatric cases this year. Dr. Anders reported limited access for patients with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

## New Business

NYSDA’s Strategic Planning Committee asked the council to study and make recommendations designed to help strengthen membership and improve perceived member value. The Strategic Planning Committee specifically directed the council to develop recommendations to:

1. Educate and collaborate with all providers in the medical field
2. Break down silos to other health organizations

These have been ongoing goals for the council members. The council specifically has discussed the challenges of connecting pediatricians and pediatric dentists. Dr. Burakoff reported the inclusion of televised meetings between hospital departments of family practice and dentistry at his hospital. Dr. McLaren has been using telemedicine since 2010 and pointed out the potential of tele-dentistry and tele-anesthesia to increase communication and collaboration.

### Old Business

Dr. Tegtmeier advised the council that he is hearing complaints in his component about the mandatory continuing education requirements included in the I-STOP law. The requirements affect all of the health professions. Members feel that it should be a one-time requirement rather than every three years. NYSDA has also argued that the specific regulations adopted include a one-time course requirement.

### Council Chair Nominations

Dr. Speisman previously noted that his term as chair would end in June. The council unanimously voted to recommend Dr. Patrick Anders of the Eighth District Dental Society to incoming President, Dr. Lawrence Busino, for consideration for appointment as the council chair from June 2017 to June 2018.

### Adjournment

There being no additional business before the council, following a motion by Dr. Burakoff, the chair adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Speisman D.D.S.".

Richard Speisman, D.D.S., Chair