

**COUNCIL ON DENTAL HEALTH PLANNING & HOSPITAL DENTISTRY**

**April 15, 2016**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Speisman, Richard (Chair)  
Chotkowski, Gregory (NY)  
Fried, Alvin (2)  
Sternlicht, Jeffrey (3)  
Baim, Loren (4)  
Scutari, Jr., Pasquale (5)  
DeSantis, James (6)

Anders, Patrick (8)  
Tegtmeier, Carl (9)  
Burakoff, Ronald (N)  
Quarcoo, Stephen (Q)  
Logan, Keri Ann (S)  
Glied, Allen (B)  
Sconzo, James (BOT Liaison)

The Council on Dental Health Planning and Hospital Dentistry met on Friday, April 15, 2016, at the NYSDA office in Albany. In addition to the chairman, Drs. Fried, Baim, Tegtmeier, Quarcoo, Glied, and Sconzo attended the meeting. Dr. Logan participated via telephone. Drs. Chotkowski, Sternlicht, Scutari, DeSantis, Anders, and Burakoff did not attend. Dr. Judith Shub, NYSDA assistant executive director, and Ms. Jacquie Donnelly, NYSDA staff, were also present. Dr. Sean McLaren, interim chair of pediatric dentistry and residency director for pediatric dentistry, Eastman Institute for Oral Health, attended as a guest of the Council.

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and asked the attendees to introduce themselves. The Council voted to accept the minutes of its meeting on October 30, 2015, as written, following a motion by Dr. Quarcoo, seconded by Dr. Tegtmeier.

**Chairman's Report**

Dr. Speisman began by reporting on the findings of the Eastman, University of Rochester, and Golisano Foundation research to determine whether the oral health needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are being met in the area of the Seventh District Dental Society. Based on the findings, the group approached State Senator Joseph Morelli and is seeking NYSDA's support to ensure adequate funding to improve access and the oral health of this population.

**Upstate and Downstate Directors Reports**

There were no reports from the hospital directors; however, Dr. Shub discussed her suggestion that the council combine its meeting with the Upstate Directors' meeting in October. The council agreed and hopes that some of the Downstate Directors would attend as well.

### Guest Presentation

Stephen B. Sulkes, MD, a pediatrician and Vice President of Policy for the American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry, spoke to the council via telephone. Dr. Sulkes discussed the current application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to designate the developmentally disabled as a medically underserved population. The Council adopted the following resolution proposed by Dr. Tegtmeier and seconded by Dr. Quarcoo, unanimously:

Resolved: that NYSDA advocate for New York State to submit an application to the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to designate people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in New York as an exceptional "medically underserved population".

Dr. Tegtmeier submitted a background statement for the resolution.

### Oral Health Stakeholder's Summit

Dr. Tegtmeier reported on the Summit conducted last spring and presented a white paper summarizing the findings of the Summit and related recommendations. The council discussed his recommendations noting that the issues involving hospital billing deficiencies does not require action by NYSDA and his continuing education proposal would not be acceptable to the NYSDA leadership or membership. The council agreed to consider his recommendation that NYSDA submit a resolution to the ADA for changes to the CODA standards next year.

The council adopted the following resolution proposed by Dr. Tegtmeier, seconded by Dr. Baim. Dr. Tegtmeier submitted a background statement for the resolution.

Resolved: that the Second Trustee District caucus submit a resolution to the ADA House of Delegates calling for the ADA to develop in partnership with dental products advertisers a series of public service announcements as part of their company's advertising to the public that help the public be more aware of the oral health-overall health connection.

Dr. Tegtmeier's next recommendation sought to have NYSDA pursue with the Department of Health a new prevention agenda to improve oral health literacy and the creation and use of Community Dental Health Coordinators to follow the 6.3 million individuals who receive Medicaid benefits in order to improve their oral health. The council agreed that a resolution to affect this policy is not necessary at this time.

### Office for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) Task Force Report

Dr. Tegtmeier presented an update on the OPWDD Task Force and the delay in the full implementation of the Developmental Disabilities Individual Support and Care Coordination

Organization (DISCO) model. He discussed the activities of the Partners Health Plan and Benecare, as well as efforts to establish an Independent Practice Association (IPA) consisting of dentists who treat patients with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD).

### Component Issues

Dr. McLaren discussed his \$3.5 million grant program to enable his clinic to provide treatment to patients with complex needs, i.e., IDD, medically frail and fragile. The grant was provided by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The dental clinic is slated to open in mid-May. 40-50% of the patients will have complex medical/oral health care needs care. The clinic is located in a HPSArea within the city of Rochester.

Rochester General Hospital is adding a new multi-specialty clinic addressing dental, pediatric, ophthalmic, and medical healthcare needs for our patients and is scheduled to open in the third quarter of 2017.

Dr. Baim discussed the Hudson Headwaters Health Network which received a \$200,000 grant. Dr. Tegtmeier reported that Touro College of Dental Medicine is accepting its first class of 100 dental students in the fall of 2016.

Dr. Speisman discussed the problems faced by residency programs and the Match program that contract with applicants following the Match who then renege on their commitments. Two general practice residents accepted by the University of Rochester for July 2016 have dropped out, leaving two openings.

Dr. Quarcoo advised the council that Queens County conducted a program for residents and new dentists on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dr. Sconzo raised the issue of the new Advanced Dental Admission Test (ADAT) being piloted. There is reported confusion from applicants about whether programs that “look at” the examination are “requiring” it for admission.

Dr. Logan stated that she is concerned about the inadequate number of general dentists and specialists accepting Medicaid in Suffolk County resulting in patients coming to the hospitals, exceeding their capacity to treat. A number of dentists will see these patients but only on a pro bono basis. She is also having problems with her e-prescribing software vendor, Practice Works, which is not allowing her to sign up the residents. They are using Emdeon for the residents’ prescriptions.

### New Business

Dr. McLaren discussed his grant program’s effective use of teledentistry to provide outreach and diagnosis to facilitate referrals from more remote geographic areas, reducing the number of trips a patient would need to make to Rochester. He is reaching out to the Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and group practices for referrals for patients with extensive needs requiring general anesthesia. After their hospital treatment the patients are returned to their referring dentists for ongoing care.

### Old Business

The chair reported on the activities of the Task Force on Technology, which he is a member of. The council had questions on electronic prescribing and email security issues which the Task Force is currently studying and will be making recommendations to the HOD on proposed educational offerings for our membership.

### Nomination of Council Chair and Adjournment

The council unanimously voted to recommend Dr. Richard Speisman to incoming NYSDA President, Dr. Richard F. Andolina, for consideration as the nominee for council chair for June 2016-June 2017. If approved, this will be Dr. Speisman's second and final year as chair.

The council agreed to schedule its fall meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Upstate Dental Directors. There being no additional business before the council, the chair adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m., following a motion by Dr. Tegtmeier, seconded by Dr. Glied.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Richard Speisman, D.D.S.  
Chair