



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

October 12, 2018

### **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Anders, Patrick (Chair)  
Rubin, Marsha (NY)  
Fried, Alvin (2)  
Sternlicht, Jeffrey (3)  
Sandu, Diana (4)  
Scutari, Pasquale (5)  
Noren, Scott (6)  
McLaren, Sean (7)

Tegtmeier, Carl (9)  
Miller, David (N)  
Kesner, Stuart (Q)  
Logan, Keri Ann (S)  
Heller, Diane (B)  
Margolin, Robert (BOT Liaison)

The Council on Dental Health Planning and Hospital Dentistry met on Friday, October 12, 2018, at the NYSDA office in Albany, NY. All members attended with the exception of Drs. Scutari and Sternlicht. Drs. Logan and Tegtmeier participated by telephone. Drs. Richard Herman, ADA CAAP representative, and Judith Shub and Ms. Jacquie Donnelly, NYSDA staff, also attended. Dr. Mark Feldman, NYSDA Executive Director, participated by telephone for a portion of the meeting. Dr. Rachael Rossitto, representing the upstate dental training programs, was unable to attend. Dr. Dionne Richardson, State Dental Director, Division of Family Health, NYS Department of Health, attended as a guest of the council.

Dr. Anders called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. He asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes from the council's previous meeting on March 23, 2018. The council voted to accept the minutes as written, following a motion by Dr. Miller and seconded by Dr. Noren. He then asked the members to introduce themselves.

#### **Chair Report**

Dr. Anders began his report reviewing the actions of the NYSDA House of Delegates at its June 2018 annual meeting. He cited the NYS Dental Hygiene Association's proposals to eliminate the clinical examination requirement for licensure for dental hygienists and to revise the scope of practice to permit dental hygienists to administer block dental anesthesia under the direct supervision of a dentist.

He noted that the number of advanced dental education programs has increased over the last ten years while there are nine less general practice residency programs. This has an impact on the ability of hospitals to meet patient demand. Dr. Miller cited the challenge programs face in securing adequate operating room access and the potential impacts of anticipated reductions in GME funding. Dr. Noren suggested the use of stand-alone dental centers. Dr. Sandu said that she is seeing a decrease in dentists staying in New York State.

#### ADA Council on Advocacy for Access & Prevention (CAAP)

Dr. Herman began his report by reviewing the duties and vision of the CAAP Council. He then provided a report on the activities of the council, including the emergency room diversion efforts, NYSDA's dental demonstration project and community dental health coordinators (CDHC), Medicare, oral health literacy, a resolution to "develop a culture of safety in dentistry", Medicaid and a resolution seeking to promote HPV vaccinations. Ms. Betsy Bray, Oral Health Workforce Director, Dental Demonstration Project, joined the meeting and provided a description of NYSDA's dental demonstration project and efforts to have CDHCs trained and certified in New York.

#### NYS Department of Health Update

Dr. Dionne Richardson provided an overview of the state's oral health program, including community fluoridation efforts and school-based oral health programs. The latter provide both preventive and restorative care. New York has one of the largest programs of this type in the nation.

Albion in Orleans County is currently considering ending its water fluoridation program. Potsdam recently approved its program after efforts by the county health commissioner and the Fifth District Dental Society.

Dr. Richardson discussed tobacco cessation efforts and the need for more involvement by dentists. She mentioned that DOH received a grant from the CDC to reduce the consumption of sugary beverages among adolescents. DOH also received a grant from the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to address opioid abuse and prevention and the over-prescribing of antibiotics.

#### Hospital Dental Program Liaison Reports

Dr. Miller explained the objective of the downstate dental directors meetings that enable the directors to come together to discuss hospital problems and to transmit information from organized dentistry to the directors.

#### Special Care Dentistry Association Report

Dr. Miller currently serves as president-elect. He reported that the Special Care Dentistry Association's annual meeting is being held in Atlanta from April 12-14, 2019. He encouraged the council to become members of the Association. He discussed the Association's application to

the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) to establish post-doctoral training programs in special needs dentistry. CODA denied the application, but the Association plans to resubmit it.

### Project Accessible Oral Health

Dr. Miller showed two videos and a brief PowerPoint presentation and recounted the history of Project Accessible Oral Health and its mission and goals. The Project operates under the Viscardi Center's network of nonprofit charitable organizations. It is the first national nonprofit to convene and connect a consortium of dental and medical professionals, corporations, organizations, policymakers, educators, people with disabilities, caregivers, and other stakeholders. Dr. Miller serves on the Board of Directors.

### OPWDD Task Force

Dr. Tegtmeier described the OPWDD Task Force's involvement in forming a managed care network with Partners' Health Plan from Connecticut and the NYS Department of Health's efforts to transition people with developmental disabilities into Medicaid managed care plans.

### Council Subcommittee

At the council's meeting on March 23, 2018, Dr. Anders appointed a subcommittee to review the duties of the council as delineated in the NYSDA Constitution and Bylaws. The subcommittee included Drs. Tegtmeier, Noren and Anders.

After reviewing the duties historically designated for the council, the subcommittee recommended that duty #5: *To examine dental departments of hospitals and patient care units other than hospitals and cooperate with the American Dental Association and other interested agencies with respect to approval of their dental services, interns and residency programs, and the improvement of their dental facilities*, be eliminated. The council does not currently perform these functions nor does it have the authority or the resources to oversee these external institutions. The council adopted the following resolution, proposed by Dr. Miller and seconded by Dr. Noren:

Resolved: That Chapter VIII, Section 120, of the Bylaws of the New York State Dental Association be amended as follows (new language underscored; ~~deletions stricken through~~):

*Section 120. Duties: Council on Dental Health Planning and Hospital Dentistry. The duties of the Council on Dental Health Planning and Hospital Dentistry shall be:*

~~5. To examine dental departments of hospitals and patient care units other than hospitals and cooperate with the American Dental Association and other interested agencies with respect to approval of their dental services, interns and residency programs, and the improvement of their dental facilities.~~

The subcommittee also recommended that language be added to duty #6: *To study the dental service programs in all hospitals and patient care units other than hospitals and the rules and regulations under which they are operating.* The council adopted the following resolution, proposed by Dr. Miller, seconded by Dr. Noren:

Resolved: That Chapter VIII, Section 120, of the Bylaws of the New York State Dental Association be amended as follows (new language underscored; ~~deletions stricken through~~):

*Section 120. Duties: Council on Dental Health Planning and Hospital Dentistry. The duties of the Council on Dental Health Planning and Hospital Dentistry shall be:*

*6. 5. To study the dental service programs and residency programs in ~~all~~ hospitals and patient care units other than hospitals and the rules and regulations under which they are operating, when warranted.*

### Hospital and Component Issues

The members did not raise any issues for discussion.

### New Business

The council discussed Resolution #5, adopted at the June 2018 HOD meeting, that calls for an assessment of the training and workforce capability of dentists to treat patients with Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Tegtmeier pointed out that these patients fall under "special needs dentistry". The council agreed that it would survey the dental schools in New York to assess the amount of training currently provided. The council members expressed the view that undergraduate training would be largely didactic, rather than clinical, given the skill level and treatment experience requirements in undergraduate training.

Dr. Richardson advised the council that HRSA has courses available and recommended NYSDA review the HRSA materials.

With respect to the over-prescribing of antibiotics and antibiotic resistant organisms, the council observed that dentists are now largely prescribing wisely but have concerns about the use of antibiotics as part of palliative treatment in emergency room settings when definitive treatment is not available. Dr. Noren suggested that the Health Department develop public service announcements for patients on this topic.

Drs. Logan and Sandu cited the lack of sufficient OR time and long waiting periods for OMS referrals for Medicaid patients due to the managed care companies' network insufficiencies. Dr. Logan informed the council that two MCOs on Long Island have two month waiting periods for oral surgeons for Medicaid patients. Dr. Sandu is scheduling appointments for oral surgery at Ellis Hospital two months in advance as well. Dr. Logan added that Medicaid is requiring personal information from all practice employees before practitioners can recertify. Employers are reluctant to provide their employees' personal information and as a result, an oral surgery

group at the hospital elected to discontinue their participation in the Medicaid program. She also reported that there are problems when a patient's dental plan approves coverage for a procedure but their medical plan will not provide reimbursement for the OR.

### Adjournment

Ms. Donnelly will poll the members regarding an available date to schedule the council's next meeting in the spring of 2019. There being no additional business before the council, Dr. Anders adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick L. Anders DDS MPH".

Patrick L. Anders, DDS, MPH  
Chair