



COUNCIL ON DENTAL HEALTH PLANNING & HOSPITAL DENTISTRY
October 30, 2015

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, Kerri (S)
Vacant (B)
Sconzo, James (BOT Liaison)

The Council on Dental Health Planning and Hospital Dentistry met on Friday, October 30, 2015, at the NYSDA office in Albany. All members were in attendance with the exception of Drs. Chotkowski, Fried, Scutari, and DeSantis. Drs. Burakoff and Logan participated via telephone. Dr. Mark Feldman, NYSDA executive director, participated by telephone as well. Dr. James Sconzo, Board of Trustees Liaison to the Council, Dr. Judith Shub, NYSDA assistant executive director and Ms. Jacquie Donnelly, NYSDA staff, were also present. Dr. Sean McLaren, Seventh District, attended as a guest of the Council.

The chairman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and began by thanking Dr. Tegtmeier and the NYSDA staff for their work on the Stakeholders' Summit. He then introduced Dr. Sean McLaren and asked each of the members to introduce themselves. The Council voted to accept the minutes of its meeting on September 5, 2014, as written, following a motion by Dr. Quarcoo, seconded by Dr. Tegtmeier.

The chairman referred the Council to its report to the 2015 NYSDA House of Delegates and a report with the results of the Golisano Foundation Grant, which were discussed further under New Business. The chair also discussed the work of the Task Force on Technology and its goals for the coming year. The Task Force has an immediate focus on assisting our members with the transition to the I-STOP prescription monitoring program; e prescribing and insuring our educational material is up to date. Going forward, assisting our members with secure electronic communication between the health care team will be a priority.

Dental Directors Meetings

Dr. Sconzo reported on the meeting of the Downstate Dental Directors. Dr. Fred Ferguson and Dr. Tegtmeier presented summaries of the Oral Health Stakeholders' Summit. Pathways to licensure were also discussed. Dr. Sternlicht summarized the discussion at the Upstate Directors' meeting which included PASS website changes, eRx, leave of absence issues, and 2nd year curriculum development.

Oral Health Stakeholders' Summit on the Future of Special Needs Dentistry, Hospital Dentistry and Dental Education

Dr. Tegtmeier reported on the Oral Health Stakeholders' Summit on the Future of Special Needs Dentistry, Hospital Dentistry and Dental Education, entitled, "The Impending Oral Health Crisis: Ensuring Quality Dental Care and Access for New York's Most Vulnerable Patients". He began by thanking Dr. Feldman, Judi Shub, Jacquie Donnelly, Laura Leon, and the NYS Dental Foundation for their support, acknowledging Dr. David Miller's efforts and support as well. He gave a summary of the Summit presentations and findings and encouraged the members to make presentations in their components. The Council discussed the need to develop recommendations to present to legislators. The chair also emphasized the need to find a legislative champion to support legislation to insure adequate reimbursement for the delivery of oral healthcare to this patient population.

Eastman Institute of Oral Health Project to Provide Training in the Care of Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Dr. McLaren presented a report on the new 3.5 million dollar HRSA grant demonstration project underway at the Eastman Institute. The program is a collaborative project between EIOH Divisions of Pediatric Dentistry, General Dentistry, Urgent Care, and the University of Rochester Medicine's new Center for Adults with Special Health Needs. The program consists of 4 training tracks.

Dr. McLaren is the project manager of the Pediatric Dentistry Special Care Training Program.

Hospital Program and Component Issues

The Council members reported on issues in their respective components and hospitals. Dr. Quarcoo reported that the 2nd District and Queens County Dental Society continue to hold functions for residents and that there has been an on-going problem recruiting staff at local hospitals. Dr. Speisman reported that the University of Rochester purchased property for a new off-site out-patient facility which will house a special needs clinic as part of the aforementioned grant.

Dr. Anders informed the Council that the dean at the University at Buffalo has been replaced with a new interim dean.

Dr. Tegtmeier reported that a new dental school is being planned in his component. Dr. Baim discussed problems with large pediatric practices in the 4th District that do not treat Medicaid or

special needs patients. The dentists in these practices are not seeing patients in the local hospitals. As a result, she has been spending one day a week in the OR treating this patient population and is treating managed care Medicaid patients under 12 years of age in her practice.

New Business

The chair discussed the University of Rochester's grant from the Golisano foundation which looked at access to care for developmentally disabled patients. The results were interesting but not conclusive as it showed that IDD patients enrolled in OPWDD and other state supported programs appear to have their oral health care needs met. It was, however, projected that there is an unknown number of patients who receive only sporadic or emergent care as they are not part of the "system" and it is difficult to get good statistics for this group. Although the main focus of the workgroup is complete it is re-forming thanks to the integration of Anne Costello, the Golisano Foundation's director, to develop concrete recommendations and action items to improve access to care. The chair expressed interest in utilizing data and input from this workgroup to further the Council's work in improving access to care. An Executive Summary of the workgroup's findings was distributed to council members. The chair remarked that the regulatory bodies (DOH, etc.) request data on lack of access when asked to improve reimbursement for our IDD patients. With the completion of the "Summit" and input from this workgroup and the work of others (Glassman) we are beginning to accumulate data which will help support our position for the need of increased reimbursement and modification of how funds are allocated for our most vulnerable patients.

Of note, the chair also remarked that Anne Costello will be awarded honorary membership in the 7th District Dental Society for her work, support, and advocacy for our IDD patients.

The chair asked members for their ideas for Council goals. Dr. Sternlicht cited access to OR times. Dr. Quarcoo suggested better relationships with physicians in hospitals. Dr. Sconzo cited the need to better educate physicians about the importance of oral health and its relationship to overall health. Dr. Anders suggested that CERP gain recognition for medical continuing education. Dr. Tegtmeier's concern is mobilizing patients and patient advocacy associations to join in lobbying legislators to ensure services for patients with IDD. Dr. Baim is concerned that pediatric patients are receiving unnecessary treatment procedures as a result of the design of Medicaid reimbursement.

Centers of Excellence

The Council considered who should establish the criteria to recognize specific institutions and FQHCs as "Special Care Dentistry Centers of Excellence" for their ability to address the needs of people with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Dr. Feldman added that Dr. Bertolami at NYU is interested in this issue as well. The chairman advised that the Council will address this topic at its next meeting and asked members to consider criteria that should be used for naming Centers of Excellence so that they may be discussed at our next council meeting.

Electronic Prescription Mandate

The chairman discussed the need for all dentists to be prepared for the implementation of the electronic prescription mandate in March 2016. Dr. Feldman informed the Council that there will be a continuing education component to the I-STOP legislation as well.

Other Mandates

The Council requested additional information on the Medicare enrollment requirements. The Council discussed the new sterilization tech requirements and the Department of Health's proposed regulations regarding cone beam imaging by unlicensed dental assistants.

Adjournment

There being no additional business before the Council, the chair adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m., following a motion by Dr. Tegtmeier, seconded by Dr. Quarcoo. The Council selected April 29, 2016, for its next meeting.

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