

Minutes
Texas Oral Health Coalition Meeting
Conference Call Meeting
Friday, October 8, 2010

Chairman Rex Law, D.D.S. called a meeting of the Texas Oral Health Coalition to order at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, October 8, 2010. Members introduced themselves.

Members Present: Rex Law, Anthony Bolin, Cindy Hines, Beth Stewart, Nancy Cline, Mickey Vaclav, David Cappelli, John Hederman, and Sally Hopper

Members Absent: Gene Stevenson, Johanna De Young, Linda Altenhoff, Sharon Dickinson

Guests: Connie Sonnier & Diane Rhodes

Summit Planning: A meeting room in the Capitol is reserved for the Coalition on Friday, December 3, 2010. Please mark your calendars. If you have suggestions for good programs or speakers please send them to Sally Hopper by October 15, 2010. The Coalition will plan another call in meeting in about two weeks to discuss possible speakers. Understanding that funds are tight, speakers who live in the Austin area and would have little or no travel expense are preferred, as would a single speaker be preferred over several speakers which might need to be compensated. There may be a source for some limited funds for the Summit. Funds for speaker honorariums would probably run in the range of \$500 to \$1,000. It was suggested there be a program/speaker in the morning and use the afternoon for a business meeting. David Cappelli suggested looking at Federal employees for our speakers. They pay their own travel expenses and cannot accept honorariums. Once the details are set information will be sent via the list serve to all members.

Connie Sonnier and Mickey Vaclav were in disagreement with the group over the number of people/positions that are considered to be on the Board currently, saying that it is not in compliance with our Bylaws and that the meeting did not establish a quorum. No agreement was reached on the proper solution of how to establish a quorum given the current situation of unused Work Groups and unfilled positions. It was agreed that a parliamentarian and/or lawyer would be sought to give the Coalition counsel on how to proceed given our circumstances. Anthony Bolin will check on a source for the group.

Even without a quorum a meeting may be conducted for information, thus the meeting continued with discussion on the **TxOHC Compilation Report** written by Beth Stewart. Beth recently talked with Dr. Angela Barnes, who had originally been a member of her committee. Dr. Barnes suggested we might also add the following to our action steps:

TX OHC should advocate for a Medicaid eligibility worker to be on site to aid in the application process for enrollment in the state Medicaid program at school registration.

TX OHC should advocate for dental representation on school boards and school health advisory councils (SHAC).

TX OHC should help develop a Texas licensed dental provider resource guide for each region, city or ISD which is published and accessible on the TX OHC website. (Each school would be able to download their own list of local dental homes to use for referrals).

Dr. Vaclav wants a summary report to be included in the December 3 agenda. It was suggested that a very short two to three page summary of the report for legislators be created and then to place the full version of the report under the summary when it is disseminated, for those who wanted the full description.

Because of all of the problems with agreement on the Bylaws it was decided that the December meeting will be primarily a bylaws meeting and there will be no speakers invited. Anthony Bolin and the Bylaws Committee will determine the best way to proceed with the bylaws problems and bring that information to the group.

Adjourned: 2:54 PM

Dr. Rex Law, Chair

Sally Hopper, Secretary