

Minutes
Texas Oral Health Coalition Meeting
Friday, February 18, 2011

Chairman Rex Law, D.D.S. called a meeting of the Texas Oral Health Coalition to order at 9:10 A.M. on Friday, February 18, 2011 at St. David's Foundation Board Room, Austin, Texas.

Members Present: Rex Law, Anthony Bolin, Cindy Hines, Nancy Cline, Mickey Vaclav, David Cappelli, John Hederman, Sharon Dickinson, Craig Armstrong and Sally Hopper

Members Absent: Gene Stevenson, Dianna Prachyl

Others: Beth Stewart, Linda Altenhoff, Connie Sonnier, Sandy Tesch, Patrice Coons, Cathy Blunck, Earl Maxwell, Scott Reinecke, Tom Napier, Beth Patterson, Elizabeth Stanford, Olivia Schreiner, Jennifer Bankler, David Mintz

A quorum was present. TDA recorded the meeting. Rex Law reviewed legal issues in recording the proceedings including member's individual right not to be recorded if they so choose.

The minutes of December 3, 2010 were approved with the following changes: Dr. Vaclav requested the words, "He stated that he understood funding for exams is a significant problem." be removed, and the word "acclamation" on the final motion was misspelled. Seconded. APPROVED as Amended, by acclamation.

Earl Maxwell, CEO of St. David's Foundation welcomed the group and presented information on the St. David's Foundation. Dr. Patrice Coons, Clinical Director of St. David's dental program presented information on their mobile dental program.

Rex Law noted that two Board positions are currently open: Beth Stewart's position, which she vacated to become Coalition Coordinator, and Gene Stevenson's position. Dr. Stevenson is unable to attend the Coalition meetings. Patrice Coons, DDS of St. David's Foundation and Cathy Blunck, RDH were appointed by the Chair for the open positions. Nancy Cline moved to approve Patrice Coons and Cathy Blunck as new members of the TxOHC Board. Seconded. APPROVED Unanimously.

Three Committee Chair positions are currently vacant. David Cappelli moved to approve Cindy Hines as Planning Chair and Sharon Dickinson as Bylaws Chair. Seconded. APPROVED Unanimously. Chair of the Nominating Committee will be discussed at a later time.

Anthony Bolin presented the Treasurer's Report. As of February 1, 2011 the Coalition had a balance of \$19,243.37. Sharon Dickinson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded. APPROVED Unanimously.

Dr. Linda Altenhoff, State Dental Director, reported on proposed changes in Medicaid funding and a proposal to move toward more of a managed care system for Medicaid. The State wants to better coordinate children's dental care, eradicate substandard care and lower costs for treatment of children. Proposals are now in the hands of the legislators and are expected to move forward in May. Also Dr. Altenhoff has been instructed to remove \$1.6 M from the Oral Health Program budget. Numerous positions will be lost if funding cannot be replaced by other means. They are looking at reducing Title V grants and using those funds to replace some of the lost funding. Dr. Cappelli suggested that coalition members send individual letters to their Representatives about the need to reinstate the \$1.6M being removed from the Oral Health Program.

State Representative Dr. Diane Patrick contacted Dr. Altenhoff about starting an Advisory Committee to explore school children's need for dental care.

Coalition Coordinator, Beth Stewart, noted that the TxOHC grant from DSHS must complete certain required tasks in order to receive funds. She has been working to get the website back up. It was down for a time, but is back up now. Additional revisions may be made to the site in the near future.

Ms. Stewart created white Board Notebooks for the group with bylaws, contracts, etc. included. The blue binder contains information particular to this meeting, such as the agenda, minutes, etc. Dr. Vaclav said he would like information to go out to all Board members well before the meetings.

Ms. Stewart reminded Board members to use the reimbursement form included in the blue notebook. Only Board members are eligible for reimbursement. To claim mileage, send in a Map quest of your route to determine/prove miles to be paid (\$0.50 per mile). Turn in original receipts and the form within ten days of the meeting to Ms. Stewart at the address on the form.

All Board members received a copy of the Conflict of Interest form and a signature page was passed around for Board members to sign. If any members answered yes to any of the questions they were asked to please sign and send their individual Conflict of Interest form to Ms. Stewart. These will be kept on file. She also requested members fill out the Meeting Evaluation Form before leaving.

The grant requires that the Coalition have insurance. Quotes have been received. Dr. Bolin suggested that the policies be single year policies due to the possible loss of future year's grant funds. He also asked that the agent be requested to prorate to August 2011, as that is the end of this grant's fiscal year. Sharon Dickinson moved to accept the low bid from Mimms & Smith. Seconded. APPROVED Unanimously.

Dr. Bolin moved to Approve Resolution 2, printed in the agenda packet. Seconded. Dr. Armstrong moved to amend the Resolution by changing the wording. He then WITHDREW his motion.

Resolution 2 was APPROVED as written. FOR-9. AGAINST-2

Dr. Cappelli moved to Approve Resolution 1, printed in the agenda packet. Seconded. Significant discussion followed.

Dr. Vaclav moved to postpone the vote on the motion to no sooner than March 1, 2011. Seconded. Motion APPROVED. For-4, AGAINST-3, ABSTAIN-1 (Bolin)

Listening Sessions: Beth Stewart is preparing for the State Oral Health Plan Listening Sessions. Goals used in the 2005 Oral Health Plan were reviewed and input was sought. The five locations for sessions were announced: El Paso, Austin, San Antonio, Houston and Dallas. All sessions must be completed by June 12, 2011.

The Oral Health summit is planned for December 2-3, 2011. Dr. Law suggested Ms. Stewart find a location with a refundable deposit, if possible. Cindy Hines, Sharon, Dickinson, Connie Sonnier and Beth Stewart will plan the summit and bring that information back to the next Board meeting. The theme “Promoting Total Health Through Oral Health” was suggested.

Ms. Stewart asked for help in writing the State Oral Health Plan. Dr. Scott Reinecke, Dr. Patrice Coons and a Baylor representative (per Dr. Bolin) offered to help. A representative from TDA, TAGD and TDHA were also requested.

Ms. Stewart would like to have the meeting agenda packets sent out two weeks in advance of future meetings. Please send any information for future meetings to her accordingly. Members were asked to fill out motion forms at the meeting to ensure accuracy in the minutes. If anyone has suggestions for goal changes please let Ms. Stewart know by March 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

Rex Law, DDS, Chair

Sally Hopper, Secretary