

Minutes of the  
Texas Oral Health Coalition  
Membership Meeting  
October 18, 2007

Dianna Prachyl, Chairperson, called a meeting of the membership of the Texas Oral Health Coalition to order at 3:45 P.M. on Thursday, October 18 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Austin, Texas. She welcomed all attendees to the Summit and introduced the current Officers and Workgroup Chairs.

Sharon DiFelice moved to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2007 meeting as printed. Seconded. APPROVED (14-07)

Dianna submitted an Annual Report (attached) and discussed highlights of the year, including the setting up of a bank account for the Coalition, listening sessions held across the state, and training by the CDC in June.

She invited anyone who was not already a member of the Texas Oral Health Coalition (TxOHC) to join.

Dianna thanked the Workgroups for their hard work this year and also thanked the Summit Planning Committee. Workgroup chairpersons reported on what they had accomplished during the year and written reports were printed in conference materials:

**Surveillance Workgroup:** Dr. Bill Gray reported that an Oral Health Burden Document was completed this year. An epidemiologist from Texas prepared a paper based on data in the document. The paper will be presented for National Maternal and Child Health Conference in Atlanta, in December 2007. In the coming year the workgroup plans to review the Burden Document and make suggestions about setting up a central repository for data. They encouraged the membership to submit data, that has already been collected, to the repository once it is in place. They also discussed the possibility of compiling workforce data as well.

**Infrastructure:** Johanna De Young, chair of the group was unable to attend, but her written report was submitted in the meeting materials.

**Advocacy:** Janet Bartlett, R.N. reported that the Advocacy Workgroup was divided into three subcommittees. A pilot project, called "Give your Child a Smile for Life," was started in Killeen and El Paso. Its intent is to unite the medical and dental communities to provide improved dental care for prenatal patients through school aged children. The Legislative Group will be headed by Dr. Bob Peterek. He reported that his subgroup is trying to narrow their focus for the next legislative session in 2009. The PR Subgroup of the Advocacy Workgroup introduced a template for a newsletter and brochure, created by Sharon DiFelice. Discussion followed on the brochure's content, especially with regard to fluoride. No solution for the wording was reached during the meeting. The newsletter will have space where members may provide articles to update each other on progress made in their areas. Sharon DiFelice moved to proceed with a Coalition newsletter, which would be distributed electronically to Coalition members. Seconded. APPROVED. (15-07)

**Access to Care:** Dr. Anthony Bolin discussed the increase in Medicaid reimbursement fees, both pros and cons, and the S-CHIP program design concerns. The tier system of the CHIP program was criticized because kids need dollars for dental care now, not in three years. The nursing home portion is still thought to be very restrictive. Fees were improved. There was no agreement in their committee, nor from the TDA, to support hygienists going to nursing homes to provide care. Loan repayment programs can possibly help rural areas to secure providers.

Cindy Hines was thanked for her work as the Summit Planning Committee Chair. Cindy asked members to fill out satisfaction surveys and leave them on the tables.

**Bylaws Committee:** Dianna read the recommended changes to the bylaws to the membership (see attached). Dr. Anthony Bolin moved to approve all bylaw changes as written. Seconded. APPROVED. (16-07)

Dr. Bill Gray presented the 2008 slate of officers recommended by the Nominating Committee:

Chair: B. Rex Law, DDS  
Vice-Chair: Cindy, Hines, RDH  
Treasurer: K. Anthony Bolin, DDS  
Secretary: Sally Hopper  
At Large #1: Nancy Cline  
At Large #2: Gene Stevenson  
At Large #3: Joleen Bagwell  
At Large #4: John Hederman  
At Large #5: Sharon Dickinson  
At Large #6: Dorothy Calhoun  
At Large #7: David Cappelli

Janet Bartlett moved to approve the slate of officers and At Large positions by acclimation. Seconded. APPROVED. (17-07)

**2008 Meeting Dates:** The coalition will meet three times in 2008. The first two meetings will tentatively be on Friday, January 25 and Friday, April 11. The Summit will be scheduled again in October.

Chair Dianna Prachyl thanked everyone for a great year. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

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Dianna Prachyl, Chair

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Sally Hopper, Secretary