

Minutes
Texas Oral Health Coalition
Board of Directors Conference Call Meeting
Friday, September 11, 2009

Chairman Rex Law, D.D.S. called a conference call meeting of the Texas Oral Health Coalition Board of Directors to order at 9:00 A.M. Friday, September 11, 2009 via telephone. Chairman Law stated that this was more of an information sharing meeting than an action type meeting.

Members Present: Rex Law, Anthony Bolin, Cindy Hines, John Hederman, Beth Stewart, Nancy Cline, Ginny Hickman, Janet Bartlett, Sharon Dickinson, Mickey Vaclav, David Capelli, Linda Altenhoff and Sally Hopper

Members Absent: Gene Stevenson, Johanna De Young, Vincent Bash, Ron Theiss

Chairman Rex Law welcomed the group and asked them to review the minutes on the TXOHC website of the June 22, 2009 conference call meeting of the Executive Board. The minutes will be approved at a later face-to-face meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Anthony Bolin presented and explained the financial statement that was emailed to the group prior to the meeting. An available balance on hand of \$3,711.66 was reported. The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

Next meeting: Rex Law asked for discussion on the feasibility/necessity of a face-to-face meeting by year's end. The group unanimously felt a face-to-face meeting was important for sustainability and to stay true to the bylaws. The date recommended for the meeting was Friday, December 4 or Saturday, December 5. Various locations were discussed. Anthony Bolin will send out a straw poll to determine if Friday or Saturday is the best time for the largest number of people along with choosing Dallas or Austin as the meeting site.

Committee Appointments and Nominating: Rex Law asked the Bylaws Committee to look at the bylaws to amend the three meetings currently required. Discussion should include determination of how those who do not make the required meetings will be penalized, etc. Sharon Dickinson asked a question about the timing cycle of officers and election process. Bylaws currently state that the Chair and Treasurer are on two year terms and Vice Chair and Secretary are on one year terms. Current Chair and Treasurer's term is fall 2007 to 2009. The Nominating Committee will make its recommendations for the 2010 officers/board at the December meeting followed by the election of officers and board members.

Discussion followed on how best to screen new candidates for membership. The group discussed various parameters which might be used. It was decided this discussion should be brought as an agenda item for a future meeting due to conference call time constraints.

Legislative Update: from the 2009 Session: Sally Hopper reported State Rep. Dr. Diane Patrick of Arlington presented legislation to do a pilot project for Texas children to have a dental screening prior to school entry. It was sent to committee but died there when the session ended. Dr. Patrick would like to gather a group of all interested and necessary players to discuss the idea for presentation at the next session. She is planning to have a meeting in Arlington at Tarrant County College Southeast in the spring, to which the TXOHC will be invited. She wants to ensure that we are all in support of the same idea and willing to sign on as supporters to make the legislation stronger. The group asked Sally to invite Dr. Patrick to our December meeting in Austin as soon as details of the meeting are available.

Dr. Linda Altenhoff reported that the Oral Health Group was elevated to its own branch on the State Organizational Chart. The Board was very pleased to hear of this “promotion.”

Dr. Altenhoff also reported that the Frew Advisory Committee approved 20 to 21 initiatives. Approximately \$5M was carried forward from last year’s budget into this year’s budget. No additional initiatives were to be added this year. Dr. Altenhoff will report to the ASTDD Conference on data from the First Dental Home Initiative. Results are not complete but look favorable at this time. If members want to see the conference minutes, they will be posted on the web at http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/about_hhsc/AdvisoryCommittees/frew_meetings.shtml.

Ginny Hickman submitted her resignation from the TXOHC Board and it was accepted with regret. Shea Williford will represent the Tarrant County Children’s Oral Health Coalition in the future.

No further business was brought before the group and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM.

Rex Law, DDS, Chairman

Sally Hopper, Secretary