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Texas Oral Health Coalition (TxOHC) Meeting
Omni South Park, Austin
July 13, 2006

<p>TOHC Attendees Joe Babb, Methodist HealthCare Janet Bartlett, RN, El Paso OH Commission Terry Beattie, HHSC Dorothy J. Calhoun, Head Start Gary Delz, United Concordia Alicia Grant, RDH – TDHA Ginny Hickman, Children’s Oral Health Coalition</p>	<p>TOHC Attendees Sally Hopper – Dental Health for Arlington Paul Kennedy, DDS, TAPD – Corpus Christi Jane Steffensen, MPH, CHES UTHSCSA Mickey Vaclav, DDS, TDA Beth (Gonzalez) Vance, DDS</p>	<p>DSHS Staff Attendees Linda M. Altenhoff, DDS - Oral Health Manager Tom Napier, PE - Fluoridation Program Kathy Griffis-Bailey, MS, CSHCN Sharon DiFelice – Prog Spec. William Gray, DDS – Regional Dentist Sandy Tesch, RDH - TOHC Coordinator Guest: Cassidy Neal, TDA</p>
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Chairperson Alicia Grant called meeting to order and introduced Cassidy Neal, TDA, representative. The agenda was approved with two items switching time slots. The minutes from the April 13, 2006 meeting were approved.

Bylaws Revision Discussion

Joe Babb read comments he had received after distributing the draft bylaws. The following recommendations were made:

- Make sure to use consistency in wording throughout the document
- Delete names of specific Work Groups
- Composition of dental health professionals on the Board to be 30%

It was decided to leave the membership of the Board at twenty-six members as stated in the draft. The draft by-laws as amended with the recommendations above were adopted unanimously.

Update from the State Dental Director

Linda Altenhoff reported that the notice had been received from CDC for the continuing grant from June 2006 through June 2007 in the amount of \$285,000. The amount requested was \$375,000, so a revised budget must be submitted within 30 days. Regarding HRSA, the grant application for Year 3 is in process. The program will request \$65,000 to provide preventive services to underserved children in rural and semi-rural areas of Texas. The grant funds are also being used to redevelop the program’s infrastructure with the purchase of portable dental equipment for the regions. The funding also pays for some travel and supplies. The main goal of Year 3 of the grant, in addition to continuing to provide services, is to develop educational materials promoting the first dental visit by age one.

Dr. Altenhoff mentioned that she would be traveling next weekend to the ASTDD conference in Park City, Utah and to Atlanta in late August for the CDC conference.

It was also noted that the DSHS Commissioner, Eduardo Sanchez, had resigned, effective October 7, 2006.

Membership Maintenance Exercise

Sandy Tesch conducted a membership maintenance exercise to determine if the Coalition was lacking membership in any of the categories recommended by CDC. The following is a list of suggestions of people and/or organizations that should be invited to join.

Kimberly Langley – Chair, Region 7	State legislator who is supportive
Coalition – Temple	CHAT –Children’s Hospital Association of
Lubbock Coalition	Texas
TX Council for People with Disabilities	TX Assoc. of Community Health Centers
Amarillo Coalition	PTA
Houston Dental School	TEA
Medicaid/CHIP	TX Association of School Boards
School Health Program	TX School Nurses
MD	Dell or other foundation
Texans Care for Children	OB/GYN - Pediatricians
United Way	
Boys/Girls Clubs	

Sandy reminded members to complete and turn in the evaluations found in their packets. A compilation report will be completed and distributed at the next TxOHC meeting.

Summit Planning Committee Report

In the absence of the committee chair, Sandy Tesch gave the report. The committee has not met, but DSHS staff is working on securing a location and will let members know as soon as it is finalized. Alicia Grant will contact the committee chair regarding the importance of starting the planning process for the Summit. Further discussion included the following suggestions for the committee:

- Consider including a plenary session on advocacy
 - Consider whether to have breakout sessions and/or how-to sessions and/or roundtables
 - Consider offering CEs that will appeal to different professional disciplines (Teri Pauley, TPHA, was mentioned as a contact for CEs.
 - Consider raising the registration fee to \$50
 - Consider obtaining sponsors (Robin Herskowitz offered to set up a business plan to get sponsorships for next year’s summit)
 - Consider having tables for exhibitors.
 - Include information about the Burden Document and an update on the Head Start projects
- Tentative date for the Summit is November 16-17, 2006, but no contract had been finalized at this time.

Workgroup Reports

Janet Bartlett, Advocacy Workgroup, reported that they had been working to set up a panel for the Summit to include a legislator, grass roots organization representative, a newspaper reporter, foundation funding representative and marketing person to discuss the topic, “How to Get the Message Out.”

Sally Hopper, Population Based Prevention Workgroup, suggested Paul Casamacino as a potential Summit speaker. He is knowledgeable in several areas. He is from Ohio State and was an early advocate and has a background in early intervention. He will not be available if the Summit is held November 16-17th.

Jane Stephenson, Surveillance, suggested Dr. Larry Hill, Dental Director of Cincinnati Public Health Program, who recently won an award at NOHC. Other suggestions included Rebecca King from North Carolina.

WIC Video Collaboration

Sandy Tesch presented the completed WIC video, "Nothing but the Tooth," which had been endorsed by TxOHC. Five hundred copies of the video have been requested from WIC. They will be distributed at the Summit. It was stated that the video could be mass duplicated and as long as the original logos remained. WIC order forms will be made available at the Summit. Alicia Grant will write a letter to accompany the video when it is distributed at the Summit. Other groups who could utilize the video were discussed and include school nurses, pregnant teens in schools, childcare coalitions, and OB-GYNs.

Announcements

The Planning Committee will set the agenda for the Summit and email to members. The next meeting will be at the Summit.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:20 pm.