

1 **Minutes of the Michigan Dental Association**
2 **Committee on Access to Care**
3 **Friday, April 2, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.**
4 **via Zoom Video Conference**

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6 **Attended**

7 Michael Campeau, DDS, chair
8 Curt Ralstrom, DDS, MS, vice-chair
9 Prabhjot Singh, DDS, member
10 Lauren Johnson, DDS, member
11 Maria Manautou, DDS, member
12 Deborah Brown, DMD, member
13 Sarah Tomaka, DDS, member
14 Mert Aksu, DMD, member
15 Christine Farrell, consultant
16 Christopher Gorecki, DDS, liaison trustee
17 April Stopczynski, manager of access and prevention
18 Bill Sullivan, JD, vice president of advocacy and professional relations
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20 **Absent**

21 Michael O'Brien, student member
22 Nora Katib, student member
23 Richard Small, JD, consultant
24 Jehan Wakeem, DDS, ADA Council liaison
25 Connie Verhagen, DDS, MS, CGIA liaison
26 Karn Cornell, Donated Dental coordinator
27 Domanique Brace, Donated Dental coordinator
28 Josh Kluzak, manager of insurance and governmental affairs
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30 **Call to Order, Introductions and Roll Call**

31 The meeting was called to order by Dr. Campeau at 9:04 a.m. Attendees introduced
32 themselves and staff announced the requirement for a quorum was met.
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34 **Health Literacy/Public Education/Prevention**

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36 **Healthy People 2030 – Adults with Periodontist**

37 The committee further discussed the objective “Reduce the proportion of adults aged 45 years
38 and over with moderate and severe periodontitis” and reviewed several MDA policies related to
39 this item. The metrics related to this objective have not changed much over the past 10 years,
40 despite an increase in patient education. The committee agreed that without addressing the
41 financial aspect of this through increased coverage for periodontal services for Medicaid
42 beneficiaries, the metrics are unlikely to improve. Ms. Farrell indicated this has been an item
43 submitted to the state budget office as an area of improvement that has not successfully made it
44 through the approval process. The committee discussed the need for legislative advocacy on
45 this item. The committee is aware that this is expected to be included in the new state oral
46 health plan.
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48 The committee discussed including a component of fraud, waste and abuse compliance training
49 with this proposal in order to address one of the major concerns the Medicaid office has had in

50 this area. Staff will meet internally to discuss how the MDA might be able to approach this and
51 provide suggestions for the committee's consideration at a future meeting.

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53 **State Oral Health Plan**

54 The committee was provided with an update on the process the Michigan Oral Health Coalition
55 is using to develop the new 5-year state oral health plan. The committee is aware that while the
56 plan development started with a review of the last plan, the workgroup has reviewed each item
57 with a focus on equity, person-centered care, and achievability. The workgroup has also taken
58 care to discuss the ability of stakeholders to take the lead and have accountability for specific
59 items. A draft plan is anticipated in the next month or two.

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61 **United Voice**

62 The committee reviewed MDA policy related to the United Voice report and specific report
63 recommendations. The committee agreed that with the timing of the new state oral health plan
64 and the recently released, Healthy People 2030, that it would be prudent to await the release of
65 the state oral health plan and review all these various recommendations side-by-side to develop
66 a comprehensive access to care plan or set of access to care policies. The committee tabled
67 this for review at a future meeting.

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69 **Pregnant Women Campaign**

70 The committee is aware that the MDA has developed a survey of dental offices to determine
71 current practices and concerns about providing treatment for women throughout pregnancy.
72 This survey is expected to be distributed through the MDA's regular communications throughout
73 the next month. The survey results will inform the development of communications materials.
74 The MDA has also developed an ad to promote the MDA's policy, which will appear in the MDA
75 Journal and on the website. The committee indicated it would like to identify opportunities to
76 work with stakeholders such as MDHHS to reach out to OB/GYNs and physicians as well.

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78 **Medical-Dental Integration/Hospital Dentistry**

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80 **Hospital Operating Room Access**

81 The committee received a written and verbal update on the variety of activity from different
82 groups across the state. The committee is aware that the MDA has begun to educate
83 legislators on this issue while waiting for a final proposal from the MOHC workgroup.

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85 **Legislative/Insurance Update**

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87 Mr. Sullivan provided the committee with an update on several items.

- 88 • Dental Specialties Bill – The bill to recognize five additional dental specialties (dental
89 public health, dental anesthesiology, dental radiology, orofacial pain, and oral medicine)
90 has passed the Senate committee and is due to be discussed on the Senate floor next
91 week. The bill has no opposition to date, however, the rules making process may cause
92 some delays in enactment.
- 93 • COVID-19 Relief – Two bills that would provide tax relief for PPE purchased during a
94 certain time period and appears to be moving forward quickly.
- 95 • Telehealth Proposal – The MDA has submitted a proposal on telehealth to MDHHS and
96 is awaiting response.
- 97 • Budget – Funding continues to be maintained for Healthy Kids Dental, Healthy Michigan
98 Plan, and Michigan Donated Dental Services.

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- COVID-19 Vaccinations – The federal government has issued an order allowing dentists to provide COVID-19 vaccinations and provides liability coverage so long as they complete the required training. States are allowed to require additional training, however, indications from LARA and MDHHS are that they will not be requiring additional training. The MDA sent an alert to members. The committee held discussion on the merits of dentists being allowed to provide vaccinations and the evolving efforts to organize vaccinations.

107 **ADA Council Liaison Update**

108 The ADA Council liaison was not in attendance, however, a written report was emailed to the
109 committee prior to the meeting.

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111 **Dental Student Updates**

112 While the dental students were unable to attend, Dr. Aksu provided the committee with a brief
113 update on activities at the University of Detroit Mercy. The dental clinic has returned to
114 approximately 95% of capacity through some adjustments like expanded hours. The last day
115 for seniors was delayed until June 4. Aerosols are expected to continue to be an issue after the
116 pandemic and there is a strong possibility there may be long term rules from CDC/OSHA to
117 control aerosols in dental settings. A patent is pending on a device UDM is currently using
118 during aerosol generating procedures. More dental schools are opening across the country and
119 applications are increasing. Funding continues to be a concern. There are currently no
120 community clinic rotations happening for UDM students.

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122 **Recognition**

123 Dr. Campeau was recognized for his contributions as chair. He will continue to serve as a
124 member of the committee. Dr. Ralstrom will serve as the next chair, with Dr. Johnson as vice-
125 chair.

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127 **Future Meeting Dates – all via Zoom – 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

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- a. Friday, July 23, 2021
 - b. Friday, September 17, 2021
 - c. Friday, February 4, 2022
 - d. Friday, April 8, 2022

133 **Adjournment**

134 The meeting was adjourned by the chair at 10:06 a.m.