

1 Michigan Dental Association

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3 **Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

4 **Held via Zoom Videoconference**

5 December 15, 2021

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7 **PRESENT**

8 Mehul Patel, DDS, Chair

9 Vincent Lizzio, DDS, Board Liaison

10 Jessica Rickert, DDS, Member

11 Prabhjot Singh, DDS, Member

12 Tamar Shrikian, DDS Vice Chair

13 Ronald Livingston, DMD, Member

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15 **ABSENT**

16 Daniel Miller, DDS, Member

17 Juan Rodriguez, DDS Member

18 Kristi Thomas, DDS, Member

19 Rita Benjamin, Student Member

20 Tazeen Rahman, Student Member

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22 **STAFF**

23 Brandy Ryan, MBA, PHR, SHRM-CP, Director of Human Resources

24 Kelly Risley, Human Resources Administrative Assistant

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26 **WELCOME**

27 Dr. Patel welcomed the committee and called the meeting to order at 7:16pm. There was not a  
28 quorum.

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30 **SCOPE OF CDEI REVIEW**

31 Ms. Ryan asked the committee to review the 2022 CDEI Scope. All members present approved  
32 the scope as presented for 2022.

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34 **ARTICLE WRAP-UP**

35 During the November meeting the committee decided to create a group submission article to  
36 send to Dr. Smiley, editor-in-chief of the MDA Journal. From that compilation, Dr. Miller  
37 drafted a summary article to be submitted for consideration for publication in the March

38 Journal and the committee reviewed. Following the committee meeting, Ms. Ryan will send the  
39 article to the committee one final time for review.

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41 **OTHER BUSINESS**

42 The agenda had included a discussion with marketing director Rich Evans about the  
43 collaboration with the ethnic dental organizations on a microsite and videos to promote the  
44 profession of dentistry among diverse populations. Mr. Evans was not able to join the  
45 committee at the meeting due to illness. The discussion will be scheduled for the January  
46 committee meeting.

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48 **NEXT MEETING**

49 Wednesday, January 12, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

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51 **ADJOURNMENT**

52 The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.