

Texas Oral Health Coalition
Minutes from Board of Directors Conference Call
Friday, November 1, 2013

Present: Beth Stewart, Sarah Dirks, Cathy Blunck, Michelle Landrum, Dan Snare, Nancy Cline

Absent: Rex Law, Whitney Payne, Shirley Miranda, Sharon Dickinson, Angela Barnes

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 am by Chair Beth Stewart.

Welcome and Introductions:

Chair Stewart welcomed the Board and roll call was obtained by verbal confirmation.

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved as submitted by email to the Board.

Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes of the October 4, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously with the addition of "V" to Vice Chair under Bylaws Committee Report, 3.3 Coalition Board Members, a. Composition. Cathy Blunck moved. Sarah Dirks seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report:

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Chair discussed the financial reports which had been emailed to the Board. The Budget and Finance Committee is working on the 2014 Budget, which will be presented and approved at the Pre-Summit Board meeting.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws Committee – Nancy Cline

Dan Snare submitted the following Position Statement for discussion:

"The Texas Oral Health Coalition exists exclusively to promote and support the overall oral health of all Texans and does so by working wherever possible to build, support and assist widespread collaborative efforts between oral health professionals, other providers, communities and other stakeholders."

Dan Snare moved to adopt this Statement. Nancy Cline seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the correct terminology to use for our position statements, resolutions and policy statements. The Bylaws Committee will review definitions used by the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors and other public health associations and come back to the Board with a recommendation.

Legislative/Advocacy Special Committee – Nancy Cline

Nancy Cline will attend the Texas School Health Advisory Committee meeting in Austin on November 4 and the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners' meeting in Austin on November 8.

Oral Health Literacy Special Committee

Chair Beth Stewart asked Board members to look at the "Oral Health Texas" website which is geared to the public. Michelle Landrum volunteered to review the site and offer suggestions to our website manager.

Medical/Dental Collaboration Special Committee

Chair Beth Stewart reported that the Extraoral/Intraoral Assessment Tool has been modified and is now a referral form for medical providers to utilize.

Elder Dental Care Special Committee – Sarah Dirks

Sarah Dirks reported that her committee's work plan is complete and will need approval from the Board. Her "Aging in Place" group is meeting this afternoon. She is encouraging her non-dental committee members to register for the Summit.

Nominating Committee Report – Nancy Cline

The Nominating Committee presented the following candidates for the six Board Director positions for 2014:

Cathy Blunck, RDH
Nancy Cline, RDH, MPH
Sarah Dirks, DDS
Michelle Landrum, RDH, MEd
Christina Murphey, RN, PhD
Daniel Snare, CEO

All officers are beginning the second year of their two year terms and therefore will not be voted on. Cathy Blunck, Nominating Committee member, will present the slate of nominees at the General Membership Meeting, November 22, 2013.

Planning Committee

In the absence of Sharon Dickinson, Chair Beth Stewart reported that registration numbers for the Summit are low at this time (approximately 35). It was the decision of the Board that if we do not have 70 registrants by Friday, November 8, 2013, we will have to cancel the Summit.

Chair Beth Stewart also announced that Sharon Dickinson won the prestigious President's Award of the American Dental Assistants' Association and that she was presently attending their national meeting in New Orleans.

Old Business:

Chair Beth Stewart announced that we had signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Oral Health America Wisdom Tooth Project.

Criteria for Oral Health Champions will be developed during the next year.

The Bylaws Committee feels that this is not a good time to amend the Bylaws by making Board terms staggered and longer.

Recommendation letters for Cathy Blunck and Cindy Hines were written to the State Board of Dental Examiners regarding appointment to the Expert Review Panel.

New Business:

Chair Stewart reported on a U.S. Office of Inspector General advisory opinion regarding a non-profit community health services organization proposal who wanted to bill Medicaid for dental services provided to its patients, while continuing to provide free dental services to uninsured and underinsured financially needy children can do so without penalty.

Chair Stewart reported that she still has not received a copy of the new State Oral Health Plan.

The question of whether or not to have membership dues will be included in a membership evaluation which will be distributed at the General Membership meeting.

Announcements:

Thursday, November 21, 2013 – Pre-Summit dinner /meeting. 6:00- 10:00 pm

Friday, November 22, 2013 - Annual General Membership meeting. 12:00 noon-1:30 pm

Saturday, November 23, 2013 – Post –Summit Board meeting – 3:00 pm

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Nancy Cline
Cathy Blunck
Acting Secretaries