

Minutes
Texas Oral Health Coalition Meeting
Conference Call Meeting
Friday, June 11, 2010

Chairman Rex Law, D.D.S. called a meeting of the Texas Oral Health Coalition to order at 1:30 P.M. on Friday, June 11, 2010. Members introduced themselves.

Members Present: Rex Law, Anthony Bolin, Cindy Hines, Beth Stewart, Nancy Cline, Sharon Dickinson, Mickey Vaclav, David Cappelli, and Sally Hopper

Members Absent: Gene Stevenson, Johanna De Young, Vincent Bash, John Hedderman, Ginny Hickman, Linda Altenhoff, Dan McCauley

Guests: Connie Sonnier, Diane Rhodes and Sandy Tesch

CDC Application: Sandy Tesch reported that DSHS submitted a cooperative agreement request with an item for a proposed budget for the TOHC. A Sole Source Contract includes money for a part-time coalition coordinator (who would be an employee of TxOHC), funding to update the State Oral Health Plan, quarterly coalition meetings and an annual oral health summit. DSHS requested \$115,000 for one year with the possibility of requesting a like sum for two additional years. If awarded and funded TxOHC will sign a contract with DSHS which will include performance measures.

This is the same grant which was applied for and granted in 2008, but was never funded due to a funding shortage. We should know whether it is funded by mid to late September.

Minutes: Minutes of the December 4, 2009 TxOHC meeting were approved with the following correction: page 2, line 5-remove “patient is seen by a dentist within two months” and replace with “patient is seen by a dentist within six months.” David Cappelli moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded. PASSED unanimously.

Chairman Rex Law asked if there were objections to reopening discussion on Bylaws Section 3.3 and 3.4. Hearing none, Anthony Bolin continued with discussion on inconsistencies in our current bylaws and changes suggested at the December 2009 meeting. Cindy Hines noted that the difficulty in getting a quorum was one of the main reasons to reduce the number of Board members. Mickey Vaclav noted an objection to taking away the vote from TDA, TDHA, TDAA and TAGD members. Vaclav also informed the group that all proposed changes must be sent out to the entire Board and require

a recorded email vote. He was also concerned that proper parliamentary procedure had not been followed in December because the actual vote was not noted in the minutes nor whether a 2/3 majority had approved the motion under discussion. It was noted by all who had been present at the meeting that while the actual vote was not recorded, no one who had been present at the December meeting could remember even a single dissenter to the motion, thus there was no possibility that a 2/3 vote was not reached. Discussion continued on how to handle a quorum considering some positions are not currently filled and some no longer even exist though they are still in our old bylaws. No consensus was reached regarding how a quorum may be established with current conflict between bylaws and the reality of the inactive workgroups and unfilled membership positions. Rex Law recommended that we reinstate TDA, TDHA, TAGD and the

State Dental Director, with her approval, as voting members. It was recommended, with no objection, to send this intent to the Bylaws Committee to rework Section 3.3 according to the group's wishes. Dr. Law asked TDA reps present to explain their policy on what their procedure is if their appointed representative must be absent. They said that TDA will send a replacement. Dr. Bolin suggested that any organization whose representative cannot be present send a replacement, as long as the person is not elected, to help with having a quorum and the dissemination of information. Dr. Bolin will check with Dr. Altenhoff to see if she feels it is appropriate for the DSHS Dental Director to be a voting member of the Board. Due to a lack of time remaining Dr. Law asked that any additional bylaw concerns be emailed to Dr. Bolin or Dr. DeYoung. Concerns will be discussed by the Bylaws committee and recommendations brought back to the group.

Public School Report: Beth Stewart stated that the report had been reviewed at the December meeting and emailed to the Board for comments and suggestions after the meeting. She reported that a majority of those responding favored screenings not exams and they felt "others" particularly school nurses rather than dentists can be trained to successfully complete screenings. It was noted that Texas scored a B in a Pew report. The relatively good grade was not based on screenings, exams or sealants, but because Texas has fluoridated water, a dental director and better-than-most Medicaid reimbursement. The advantages of a full exam and a dental home for every child in the State of Texas were discussed along with the reality of the lack of funding for exams and a dental workforce too low to accomplish the task. Beth also noted her discussion with the head of the Texas School nurses who said that this would be a good time to present dental school screenings to the nurses. They want to restructure their current requirements as many were instituted in the 1960's and are no longer relevant. Dental screenings vs. full exams were further debated with no consensus.

Information: Dr. Bolin reported that he and Dr. Law visited with the Dallas Dental Society and TDA officials regarding the possibility of taking a resolution from the TxOHC to the TDA meeting in May. However TDA came up with its own resolution, so at that point no further action was taken. Dr. Vaclav stated that he was unhappy that a resolution had been made without TxOHC Board approval, but it was explained that only preliminary discussion was held. No resolution was, or would be, made without Board approval.

Dr. Law will let the group know when the next meeting will be. Dr. Vaclav noted that we are not getting the required 30 days notice for meetings. The next meeting will be in approximately 30-45 days, after the Bylaws committee has had time to do their assigned work. Dr. Law assured due notice will be sent.

Adjourned: 2:34 P.M.

Rex Law, DDS, Chair

Sally Hopper, Secretary

