

Minutes  
Texas Oral Health Coalition  
Board of Directors Meeting  
July 13, 2012

Chairman, Rex Law, D.D.S. called the meeting of the Texas Oral Health Coalition Board of Directors to order at 8:03 A.M. Friday, July 13, 2012 at the Texas State Capitol, Austin, Texas.

**Members Present:**

Dr. Rex Law, Dr. Anthony Bolin, Cindy Hines, Nancy Cline, Dr. Michael Vaclav, Dr. Craig Armstrong, Dr. Jennifer Blanker, Michelle Landrum, and Dr. Patrice Coons.

**Board Members Absent:**

Cathy Blunck, Dr. H. Whitney Payne Jr., Sharon Dickinson

**Others Present:**

Beth Stewart, Coordinator, Kirk Overbey as Parliamentarian  
Dr. Joey Cazares, Danielle Taylor, Jess Calvert, Monna Carpenter-Barin, Kris Potts, Olivia Schreiner, Brad Shields, Betty Haynes, Jay Shulman, David Cappelli, David Mintz, Sandy Frizzell, Connie Sonnier, Diane Rhodes

A quorum was established.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Minutes from the following meetings were reviewed: Minutes from the June 15, 2012 were read and approved with the comment from Dr. Vaclav that the issue of the agenda item to update the Board on the status of the Oral Health Plan was not addressed in the meeting. Dr. Craig Armstrong moved to approve, seconded by Michelle Landrum. APPROVED unanimously.  
Motion #1

Corrections to be made on original minutes and filed in the Secretary's files.

**Treasures Report:**

Dr. Bolin, Treasure, provided and reported on the following answering any questions that were asked:

- Balance sheet
- Profit and loss statement

Dr. Bolin advised the Board that the TxOHC had not received all due reimbursements by the close of June 30, 2012, resulting in this report with a negative balance. As of now, it is again positive, with the ongoing question before DSHS about prepaying speakers for the next Summit with this year's funds. To date the question has not been answered on the state level and we are waiting to have a response from the CDC. Dr. Bolin stated that the current balance of our own funds was \$28,556 before any grant funds.

There being no objections the treasurer's report was accepted.

**Appointment of Temporary Secretary** in the Absence of Sharon Dickinson: Dr. Patrice Coons

**State Oral Health Plan:**

Dr. Jay Shulman, chairman of the TxOHC Writing Committee presented the State OHP to the Board of Directors

Dr. Law: Plan for review of the document, address individual issues and vote on each recommended amendment.

Dr. Bolin: moved to accept the Writing committee's report and to submit to DSHS with the following amendment: that the comments from DSHS from 7/12/12 be applied to the document with the stipulation that items which have specific references to sections with replacement language be added to the document. This motion was tabled but not withdrawn after initial discussion.

Dr. Armstrong stated that he could not support the document as presented.

Dr. Bankler asked for clarification of whether we were discussing the document as a whole or are we beginning to offer changes to the document.

Dr. Vaclav asked whether at the end of all of the discussion, will there then be a motion to accept the amended document.

Dr. Bankler asked for clarification of the process we were going to follow to proceed through the issues that Board members had with specific components of the OHP.

Dr. Law: We would proceed through the document, discuss core function issues, recommend amendments, vote on individual amendments, and vote on the amended document.

Dr. Bankler asked whether we would proceed with a majority vote on the amended document.

Dr. Armstrong would like a resolution that we have to have a unanimous vote to accept the SOHP. The parliamentarian pointed out that it would require a 2/3 vote to accept Dr. Armstrong's resolution.

Dr. Vaclav moved to postpone the pending motion (Dr. Bolin's motion to accept the document) until 9:15 am. Dr. Armstrong seconded. APPROVED

Dr. Armstrong moved that the Board must approve the document unanimously to submit it to DSHS. Dr. Vaclav seconded. Discussion included comments that our national organizations require unanimous decisions on similar issues; opposing view that we should not expect to follow the guidelines to reach a unanimous vote. Also opposing view that by requiring a unanimous vote, one member's veto could create a halt to the progress of the SOHP. FAILED

Dr. Vaclav moved for an alternative motion to Dr. Bolin's to accept the Writing Committee's SOHP with DSHS inserted comments or corrections, to substitute the following document "2012 OHP Supplement. Cindy Hines seconded. Discussion: Dr. Vaclav, it has been reviewed by

TDA, it follows the policy workshop and the listening sessions, has Action Plans that are usable, has components that the individual stakeholders can use; he says that the document of the Writing Committee is not a usable document, and he recommends that the “supplement” be considered a substitute.

Parliamentarian: advised the Chairman, first we must have an opportunity to amend the Writing Committee’s document before attempting or considering the second supplemental or substitute document provided by Dr. Vaclav, written by Beth Stewart.

Dr. Vaclav suggested a 30-min recess to read the substitute document (11 pages).

Dr. Bankler asked for the history of the substitute document.

Beth Stewart wrote the substitute/supplement, mostly copy/paste from original Committee’s document, assembled with the five policy goals and made changes in order to be able to prepare Action Plans. She removed contentious verbiage and she said that it would be difficult to write a work plan based on the Committee’s document.

Parliamentarian: Recommends discussing amendments to the original document, then amend the substitute OHP, and vote on whether to accept either or both documents.

Dr. Law: surveyed members on where issues lay with the document; it appeared that almost each component resulted in comments or questions, so we proceeded from the first section.

Dr. Bolin: restated his motion to accept the Committee’s document, incorporating the 7/12/12 DSHS comments where appropriate (that information-only comments would not be included). Nancy Cline seconded. APPROVED unanimously.

### 3.1 Monitoring/Surveillance

Dr. Vaclav moved to strike the sentence in Background “This plan will serve as the basis for program development, prioritization, and advocacy for funding of the state’s oral health program.” Dr. Armstrong seconded. APPROVED.

Dr. Vaclav moved to substitute the sentence with, “this plan is a roadmap for accomplishing the goals and objectives that have been developed by the state oral health program in collaboration with partners and stakeholders, including the state oral health coalition and member of the public health and dental communities. Cindy Hines seconded. APPROVED unanimously.

Dr. Law: recess until 10:35 am to enable Board members to read the TxOHC supplement that Dr. Vaclav has presented as a substitute/supplemental document.

### 1.1 The Purpose of the Oral Health Plan

Dr. Vaclav moved to strike all of the section 1.1, with the question of how a rewrite could be obtained. Dr. Armstrong seconded. The Parliamentarian said the document could be referred to the Writing Committee to make the required changes. APPROVED.

Dr. Bolin moved that anything that is stricken has to have immediate substitute language provided, or not to request removal of the language. Nancy Cline seconded. FAILED.

Dr. Vaclav noted (as a correction) that anywhere the word “grant” appears, “collaborative agreement” should be substituted.

### 2.3 Methodology

Dr. Vaclav asked for clarification of “evidence-based approach;” Dr. Bolin responded that it is basing the plan on peer-reviewed research, articles, or approved guidelines of the ADA and CDC. Dr. Armstrong asked what degrees of bias are present in those guidelines.  
(no motion and no change in language)

#### 3.1.3 Gaps

Dr. Bankler moved to remove the sentence “in addition to a lack of surveillance data in several critical domains...” (pg. 10) and to rewrite. Nancy Cline seconded. APPROVED unanimously.

Dr. Bankler suggested the sentence read, “as a result, the state lacks surveillance data...” (and provided the complete rewrite to Beth Stewart).

#### 3.1.4 Action Items

Dr. Vaclav moved to the last bullet of this section (pg. 11) to strike “The HHSC and the Oral Health Program should explore opportunities to use secondary data to supplement the surveillance plan for the state.” There was no second. FAILED

Nancy Cline moved to change the language, (third bullet, pg. 10) “The Legislature and the HHSC should budget sufficient funds...” to include the language after Texas Dental Schools “and Dental Hygiene programs that possess...” Dr. Bolin seconded. APPROVED unanimously

#### 3.2.4 Action Items

Dr. Vaclav moved to change language in the last bullet of this section from “the HHSC and Oral Health Program should empower the Texas Oral Health Coalition to disseminate research partners across the state,” to “the HHSC and Oral Health Program should provide TxOHC with research findings to disseminate to partners across the state.” Dr. Armstrong seconded.

APPROVED

#### 3.3.4 Action Items

Dr. Vaclav moved that the entire section be rewritten (because DSHS cannot complete this action). Dr. Armstrong seconded. FAILED

#### 3.4.1 Background

Dr. Vaclav moved to strike “while other preventive programs may be effective...” as too broad. Dr. Armstrong seconded. APPROVED

#### 3.4.1.2 School-based Dental Sealant Programs

Dr. Vaclav moved to strike the last sentence in this section “School-based and school-linked sealant programs are strongly recommended...” on the basis that the statement does not recognize the complex etiology of the caries process. Dr. Bolin said that it would be unsound to delete this sentence because it is supported by CDC established guidelines. FAILED

#### 3.4.1.4 First Dental Home Program

Discussion about this section but the one motion that was made was withdrawn without vote.

Michelle Landrum moved to strike the sentence “efforts have been attempted to match children in Head Start with pediatric...” Dr. Vaclav seconded. APPROVED unanimously

#### 3.4.2.2 School-Based Sealant Programs

Dr. Vaclav (correction, not a motion) to change the sentence to cite more accurately (#35) the source of this information, possibly the Pew Report.

#### 3.4.3 Gaps

Discussion around striking this section. Only motion was withdrawn.

#### 3.4.3.2 School-Based Dental Sealant Programs

Michelle Landrum (correction, not a motion) change “no funds are targeted to school-based...” to “no funds are targeted for school-based...”

#### 3.4.4.2 School-Based Dental Sealant Programs

Discussion around rewriting this section, motion withdrawn.

Michelle Landrum moved to add “dental hygiene programs” after “dental schools” in the first bullet. Dr. Bolin seconded. APPROVED unanimously

#### 3.4.4.3 Fluoride Varnish Programs

Dr. Bankler moved to include the sentence, “These community based programs should provide linkage to comprehensive dental services in a dental home.” Dr. Vaclav seconded. APPROVED unanimously

#### 3.4.4.4 First Dental Home Program

Dr. Vaclav moved to strike the entire section. Dr. Armstrong seconded. APPROVED

#### 3.5.3 Gaps

Dr. Vaclav moved to strike the third bullet, “There is a lack of dentists with advanced education...” Dr. Armstrong seconded. FAILED

A second motion to include a sentence simply stating that current state staff does not include dentists with advanced education...was withdrawn.

#### 3.5.4 Action Items

DSHS had comments on this section, including that DSHS staff are not employees of HHSC, and that DSHS writes the job descriptions, not HHSC.

Dr. Armstrong moved that the third bullet, “The HHSC should amend the job description of the DSHS Oral Health Program Dental Director...” Dr. Vaclav seconded. FAILED

Dr. Bolin moved to change HHSC to DSHS where applicable in this section. Dr. Armstrong seconded. APPROVED unanimously

Nancy Cline moved to change the language in the fourth bullet (pg. 26) from “require” to “recommend” a graduate degree in public health. Dr. Armstrong seconded. APPROVED unanimously.

Dr. Armstrong moved to strike the comments from DSHS regarding the potential for moving the Oral Health Program to DSHS Community Health Services, that this would not improve visibility of the Oral Health Program. Dr. Bankler seconded. APPROVED

Withdrawn motion regarding the “repurposing of DSHS dentists” – requires clarification of the comments from DSHS

### 3.6.3 Gaps

Dr. Vaclav moved to strike sentence in second paragraph “however there is no methodologically sound evaluation of the effectiveness of either program’s stated impact.” Dr. Armstrong seconded. FAILED

### 3.7.2 Existing Activity at the State Level

Dr. Bolin moved to substitute the updated list of partners provided by DSHS. Dr. Armstrong seconded. APPROVED unanimously.

### 3.7.3 Gaps

Dr. Vaclav moved to strike the first paragraph. Dr. Armstrong seconded. APPROVED

Dr. Bankler proposed language for the second paragraph, but withdrew her motion.

Dr. Bankler moved to remove the word “successful”. Michelle Landrum seconded. FAILED

### 3.7.4 Action Items

Dr. Vaclav moved to strike the first bullet. Dr. Armstrong seconded. APPROVED

### 3.8.2 Existing Activity on the State Level

Dr. Vaclav moved to strike the last sentence of the last paragraph “Three other issues are identified as gaps...” Dr. Armstrong seconded. FAILED

### 3.8.3.1 Nursing Home Residents

Dr. Vaclav moved to change title to Eldercare, as a broader title. Cindy Hines seconded.  
APPROVED unanimously

### 3.8.3.2 Oral Health Literacy

Correction that HHC should be changed to HHSC

### 3.8.4 Action Items

Incorporate DSHS comments into this section. Dr. Bankler moved to remove the bullet “HHSC should support efforts against fraud and abuse in the dental programs funded by Medicaid and the Title V...” Dr. Vaclav seconded. APPROVED

### 3.9 Internal Advocacy

Dr. Vaclav moved to add “and a variety of knowledgeable and interested stakeholders” Cindy Hines seconded. APPROVED unanimously

#### 3.9.1 Dental Medicaid

Dr. Bolin moved to strike the entire paragraph beginning, “As an unintended consequence of increased fees...” Dr. Armstrong seconded. APPROVED unanimously

#### 3.9.3 Access to Care

Dr. Armstrong moved to strike the entire section. Dr. Vaclav seconded.

Discussion:

Michelle Landrum commented that access to care is not just related to the scope of practice. Nancy Cline said that there are many hygienists who want to work in more settings, not necessarily who want to increase the scope of practice other than to add the ability to order fluoride varnish.

Dr. Bolin said that this section is in the spirit of the Surgeon General’s “call to action.”

Dr. Vaclav said that this section does not need to be in the OHP, and as it stands it is a deal breaker for the TDA.

Dr. Armstrong said that as it stands it is a deal breaker for the TAGD also.

The motion (to strike this section) FAILED.

Michelle Landrum moved that this section be returned to the Writing Committee for revision to be an agreeable collaboration among the TDHA, TDA and TAGD. Dr. Bankler seconded. No vote. Discussion, that Dr. Vaclav and Dr. Armstrong will need to take any revisions to their organizations’ Boards before final agreement and acceptance.

Nancy Cline moved to recess for 30 minutes, for an opportunity to reach a collaborative statement that can be included in the OHP, by separate discussion among herself, Dr. Armstrong and Dr. Vaclav. Dr. Armstrong seconded. APPROVED unanimously.

Reconvene at 3:40 pm

Nancy Cline moved to amend 3.9.3, to delete everything from 3.9.3 to 4.0, and insert “Texas could see a substantial increase in access to care by dentists and hygienists...” Cindy Hines seconded. APPROVED unanimously (These representatives of TDHA, TDA and TAGD stated that this added sentence would need to be taken to their Boards.)

#### 4.0 Summary and Conclusion

Dr. Bolin pointed out comments of DSHS for this section. He moved to strike the final sentence under 4: “Also, the Program Director should evaluate the best utilization of resourced...” Dr. Armstrong seconded. APPROVED unanimously

#### 5.0 Appendices

No further discussion

Dr. Vaclav withdrew his motion to substitute the prepared “supplement” to the OHP. There was no objection to the withdrawal.

Dr. Vaclav moved to add this document as a supplement to the Writing Committee’s OHP. Dr. Armstrong seconded.

Discussion: Dr. Armstrong was concerned that there may be things now that are at odds with the original document, since the supplement was created from the Writing Committee’s OHP. Dr. Bolin agreed that changes have been made to the original document that likely are in disagreement with the supplement; he felt it shouldn’t be attached. Michelle Landrum felt it was confusing to attach it to the OHP. FAILED

Motion pending: to adopt the OHP as amended

Discussion: Dr. Armstrong asked how we can be sure that all comments will be included, especially those from Dr. Altenhoff; will it return to the Writing Committee. Dr. Bolin suggested that the changes and Dr. Altenhoff’s comments be provided to the Writing Committee for revision and addition, and then returned to the Board of TxOHC for review.

Vote on motion to adopt OHP as amended, APPROVED unanimously.

Dr. Law reviewed the process to finalize the OHP before submission to Dr. Altenhoff:

Current time lines: minutes of today’s meeting provided to Beth Stewart by Dr. Coons by close of business July 17, 2012. Beth will review minutes to ensure that she has made all of the necessary amendments to the OHP and send the amended OHP to the Dr. Shulman on July 20. Dr. Shulman will complete rewrites in three business days, and the Board will receive the state OHP from the Writing Committee, to review before submission to Dr. Linda Altenhoff, DSHS on July 31, 2012.

Dr. Vaclav moved to suspend the time framework in the TxOHC Board bylaws requiring a 10-day period before voting, to permit Board members to vote on the OHP. Dr. Armstrong seconded. APPROVED unanimously



### **Approval of Appointees:**

Nomination Committee appointment was tabled at this meeting to devote more time to the state OHP discussion. Beth Stewart asked how the Board would ratify the nominating chairman, and Dr. Law recommended a conference call.

### **Reports:**

#### Chairman's Report

There are no new grants being considered at this time.

#### DSHS Contract Update

There were no updates to the contract.

#### New Business

- Dr. Vaclav offered appreciation to the hard work of the Writing Committee in preparing the state OHP. He also thanked the parliamentarian for his assistance in today's meeting.
- Dr. Joey Cazares (TAGD president) wanted to recognize that everyone crucial to the issue was present at the table today to discuss access to care, including the private practitioners; he presented the question, with the varieties of backgrounds of those present, "what's the motivation," the answer being that all are looking to improve access for the people of Texas.

Dr. Patrice Coons  
Temporary TxOHC Secretary