

Minutes  
Texas Oral Health Coalition  
Board of Directors Virtual Meeting  
November 19, 2020

**Call to Order:**

Chairperson Kila Johnson called the meeting of the Texas Oral Health Coalition (TxOHC) Board of Directors (BOD) to order on November 19, 2020, at 8:06 am CDT.

**Members Present:**

Kila Johnson, DDS; Heather Dent, DDS; Deborah Jones, PhD, MSN, RN; Nancy Cline, RDH, MPH; Sherdeana Owens, DDS, MPA; Annaliese Cothron, MS; Sandy Tesch, RDH, MSHP; Matthew Thompson, JD; Tim Cluley, COO; Magda de la Torre, RDH, MPH; Maryam Tabrizi, RDH, DMD, MPH, CFMP.

**Members Absent:**

Ankit Sanghavi, BDS, MPH

**Others Present:**

Beth Stewart, RDH, TxOHC Executive Director (ED), Jessica Stewart, MA, TxOHC Operations Coordinator (OC)

**Call to Order:**

Chairperson Johnson welcomed those present. Roll call was taken. Verbal confirmation of a quorum was established. Chairperson Johnson asked if there were any additions to the agenda. With no additions to the agenda, Sherdeana Owens moved to approve the agenda as presented. Nancy Cline seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Minutes:**

The October 3, 2020 minutes were reviewed. Kila Johnson made a few amendments to the minutes. Deborah Jones moved to approve the minutes as amended. Annaliese Cothron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Annual meeting minutes were submitted by previous Secretary, Sharon Dickinson, and are stored in Dropbox for approval during next annual meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Deborah Jones gave the Treasurer's report. The financial reports were reconciled through October 31, 2020. Financial review for September has been completed. The proposed budget for 2021 will be brought to the December Board meeting for approval.

### **Ratification of Committee Appointments:**

- ❖ Board Governance: Committee Chairman Maryam Tabrizi, Nancy Cline, Sandy Tesch
- ❖ Budget and Finance: Committee Chairman Deborah Jones, Matt Thompson, Tim Cluley
  - ✓ Sustainability Task Force: Deborah Jones, Matt Thompson, Tim Cluley, Ankit Sanghavi
- ❖ Fund Development – Committee Chairman Annaliese Cothron, Tim Cluley, Magda de la Torre, Heather Dent

Maryam Tabrizi moved to ratify committee appointments. Sherdeana Owens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports:**

- ❖ Board of Governance: Committee Chair Maryam Tabrizi
  - ✓ After discussion, the overall coalition goal was amended to include whole person health instead limiting to medical and dental collaboration.
  - ✓ **Overall Coalition Goal:** Encourage collaboration to foster whole person health, eliminate oral disparities and address health inequalities for all Texans.
  - ✓ Annaliese Cothron motioned to change the verbiage of the overall coalition goal. Maryam Tabrizi seconded the change. The motion passed unanimously.
  - ✓ Texas Oral Health Coalition Values:
    - Diversity, education, and evidence-based solutions;
    - Preventive measures and treatment that are available, accessible, affordable, timely, and culturally appropriate;
    - Community solutions that are shared among patients, parents, providers, employers, insurers, and government;
    - Collaboration with government, higher education, and the public and private sector;
    - Interprofessional collaboration; and
    - Advocacy to promote health and systems change
- ❖ Fund Development: Committee Chair Annaliese Cothron reported the committee has met twice.
  - ✓ Giving Tuesday Campaign-TxOHC will participate this year.
  - ✓ End of Year Campaign- In development within the committee
  - ✓ Committee developed three goals to highlight in fund development:
    - Increase Access to care in rural areas.
      - This is an aspirational goal as TxOHC does not provide direct physical services. Discussion on this goal to focus on education or change verbiage will be continued within the committee.
    - Educate children and parents about the importance of oral health.
    - Provide support to aging communities.
  - ✓ Beth Stewart will arrange meetings with potential funders and may invite Board members to participate in these meetings.
  - ✓ The fund development committee will work further on the goals and will then email out to the group for discussion.

## **New Business**

- ❖ **Texas Oral Health Conference** – If you have any suggestions for topics or speakers, please send to Nancy Cline or Beth Stewart.
- ❖ **Texas Fluoridation Campaign** – Ideas for communications dissemination campaign should be sent to Beth Stewart.
- ❖ **Monetize Intellectual Property** (sell educational products we create)
  - ✓ Discussion among the Board to charge for educational materials. The TxOHC Articles of Incorporation states we will furnish educational materials free of charge to the public. The Board discussed the disseminator would be charged and not the general public for the educational materials. Matt Thompson and Beth Stewart will meet to discuss the legality of charging for TxOHC intellectual property and will report back to the Board in December.
- ❖ **DSHS budget cuts** (\$33+ million) includes the Texas Fluoridation Program

## **Unfinished Business:**

- ❖ Conflict of Interest Statements – Need: Maryam Tabrizi and Sandy Tesch
- ❖ Board Commitment Agreements- Need: Sandy Tesch
- ❖ Memberships dues and Board Commitment fee due by January 1, 2021
- ❖ Fund Development Sub-groups:
  - ✓ Cultivation: Matt Thompson, Tim Cluley, Magda de la Torre, and Heather Dent
  - ✓ Solicitation: Annaliese Cothron, Tim Cluley, Deborah Jones
  - ✓ Stewardship: Magda de la Torre, Matt Thompson, Sherdeana Owens, Sandy Tesch, Nancy Cline
  - ✓ Ankit Sanghavi and Maryam Tabrizi need to choose their bucket group.

## **Announcements:**

- ❖ TxOHC BOD Meeting Scheduled:
  - December 17, 2020 – 8:00 AM
- ❖ 2021 Texas Oral Health Conference Scheduled:
  - July 9, 2021
  - One day virtual conference

With no further business to come before the BOD, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Dent  
TxOHC Secretary