

Minutes
Texas Oral Health Coalition
Board of Directors Virtual Meeting
February 16, 2023

Call to Order:

Chairperson Matthew Thompson called the meeting of the Texas Oral Health Coalition (TxOHC) Board of Directors (BOD) to order on February 16, 2023 at 8:03 AM CT.

Members Present:

Matthew Thompson, JD; Tonya Fuqua DDS; Dale Hahn, RDH, BSDH; Tim Cluley, COO; Kila Johnson, DDS; Magda de la Torre, RDH, MPH; Deborah Jones, PhD, MSN, RN; Sohini Dhar, DDS, MPH; Yashashri Urankar, DDS, MPH

Members Absent:

Annaliese Cothron, DHSc, MS, CPH; Heather Dent, DDS

Others Present:

Beth Stewart, RDH, TxOHC Executive Director (ED), Jessica Stewart, MA, TxOHC Operations Coordinator (OC) and guest Sherdeana Owens, DDS, MPA

Call to Order:

Chairperson Matthew Thompson welcomed those present. Roll call was taken. Verbal confirmation of a quorum was established. No changes to the agenda and no updates regarding conflict of interests.

Minutes:

The December 15, 2022 minutes were disseminated via email for review prior to the meeting. There were three corrections made, so the minutes stand approved as edited via consent agenda.

Treasurer's Report:

Matt Thompson gave the treasurer's report. The bank account was reconciled through January 31, 2023. Financial review for December 2022 and January 2023 has been completed.

Statement of Financial Income and Expenses and other financials are available in the TxOHC BOD Microsoft Share folder.

BOD Appointments:

November 7, 2022, Deborah Jones met with the Chair and ED to inform TxOHC that she had assumed the interim Provost role in October 2022 in addition to her dean role and was concerned about her ability to devote the necessary time to the Board. She said she was still interested in serving on the Board, but not able to fulfill the Treasurer's duties.

Chairman Thompson appointed previous TxOHC Chair, Sherdeana Owens as Treasurer and Deborah Jones as a liaison. Magda de la Torre moved to ratify the appointments and Tim Cluley seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved to ratify the appointments.

2023 Reflections & Planning (aka Strategic Planning):

Details for this meeting were shared with board members. The Board will meet at the Midwest Dental Office from 4-6 PM on Thursday, March 23, 2023 and again from 8:30 to 5:00 the following day. Thursday dinner for the board is planned and the restaurant location is to be announced.

Facilitator Carrie Gray, developed a survey to be shared with board members to gain information and feedback to help guide the meeting. The survey link will be sent out by Friday, February 17, 2023.

Committee Reports:

- Board Governance – Magda de la Torre
 - Nominations. We have three nominees confirmed for the three Director positions open for the 2023 elections. They are: Sohini Dhar, Yashashri Urankar and Tonya Fuqua.
- Policy Committee – Beth Stewart
 - A bill list was shared with the board and ED Stewart discussed some of the issues and specific bills.
 - ✓ Increase in Medicaid reimbursement fees for dental providers, may get rolled into a bill for a study.
 - ✓ Designate CMS codes with the suggested increase in Medicaid reimbursement for hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Centers. This issue may get rolled into a bill study as well.
 - ✓ Medicaid expansion for women to 12 months postpartum should include oral health benefits and services. There are several bills regarding this perinatal expansion. The policy committee will review each of them to determine if oral health is included in the expansion, or if that is a bill we want to oppose.
 - ✓ Support the reimplementation of the Free Care Rule if government run school-based oral health programs can seek reimbursement from the school or directly from Medicaid. No response if a government

run school-based program can receive Medicaid reimbursement directly from Medicaid or indirectly from the school.

It could be this bill is for nurses to apply FV or SDF in the schools.

- ✓ Support modernizing SNAP and the Double Up Food Bucks to purchase more fruits and vegetables, but they need to omit candy and soda from the SNAP food list. There is no support to request the omission of Sugar Sweetened Beverages (SSBs) from the SNAP food list. Other states are requesting the addition of non-food items such as toothbrushes, fluoride toothpaste and fluoride mouth rinse.

Mission Moments:

Yashashri Urankar asked, **How can TxOHC have an impact not only on the oral health but on overall health of Texas communities?**

- Getting the information out there about how oral health is linked to overall health
- We also need to educate other health providers – specifically medical to increase awareness of the oral-systemic link.
- ROHCs can be helpful. Could use nursing programs and partner with nursing students to do FV events, health fairs. Same with other health professionals like NPs and PAs.
- Incorporate oral health into communications and educational materials to show how oral health diseases are linked to other health diseases.
- Partner with OHNEP – Informing nursing students about the oral-systemic link and what is the role for other allied health providers to do OE/FV, SDF, etc. Who can do what and how.
- Take every opportunity to speak to other groups – public or other health professionals
- Put links to Dental Home info. on our website
- Create a resource guide that helps organizations or individuals to connect the dots from oral health to overall health and what health providers can do to provide prevention and referrals in office and to encourage healthy home behaviors. – The resource guide could include information and/or links about how to conduct an oral health evaluation, risk assessment, and application of Fluoride Varnish or Silver Diamine Fluoride. TxOHC can also provide speakers for their events. – The resource guide could also include a list for health providers of where to go for information, who to call and what they need to do.
Guides will show how health professionals and community service providers can help in their community and how to connect resources with them. Can use a QR code to take it directly to the resource brochure in promotional materials.
- See about DPH or MPH students to develop the resource guide packet.
- Connect this resource guide to the other ROHC community resource guides.

ED Report-Beth Stewart:

- Dropbox has been discontinued and all folders and files moved to Microsoft Sharepoint. Detailed instructions were provided to board members so they are able to access materials.
- Strategic Planning dates – March 23-24, 2023, Carrie Gray facilitator, watch for survey to complete in February. The survey link will be sent out by Friday, February 17, 2023.
- Texas Oral Health Conference will be in-person this summer. August 4, 2023 tentative date and the tentative location is TCEA Conference Center.
- TxOHC D&O and Crime insurance have been renewed for 2023. Will need a conference/event rider for TOHC at TCEA.
- Financials for 2022 have been closed out. Staff working on CPA packet to file IRS #990 for 2022.
- Membership – As of Feb. 8, 2023 membership is 594 and we added two new organizational members, Oral Health Industries and Mobile Dental Care.
- Texas Two Steps (TTS) train the trainer program revisions are under development to educate Community Health Workers (CHWs).
- BOD Snapshot – Look here if you're wondering if you are due or if you've completed required commitments. The ED and Chair will follow up with members that have not completed all requirements.
- There is interest in developing a ROHC for the Amarillo/Lubbock region in 2023. Working on establishing a core group and finding a Coordinator.
- ED Stewart is working on finding a replacement for Teresita Ladrillo to serve as Coordinator of the Houston ROHC. Dr. Ladrillo said she no longer has time to lead the Houston group and requested assistance in finding a replacement.
- No date for the launch of the El Paso ROHC has been determined yet.
- The Consortium on Aging reached out to TxOHC to partner again on their annual conference to provide CDE. Negotiations are underway.

CE/Meeting Events:

- Quarterly member meetings:
3rd Friday per quarter from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM
 - Friday, February 17, 2023
 - Friday, May 19, 2023
 - Friday, August 18, 2023
 - Friday, November 17, 2023
- Monthly 1.0 CDE live webinars scheduled: in process for 2023
- Texas Oral Health Conference: tentatively scheduled for Friday, August 4, 2023 in Austin.

Announcements:

- Reminder to submit your BOD Dues, Commitment form and fee & Conflict of Interest form. The Chair and ED will contact specific board members that have not submitted everything. The Commitment Fee and Membership Dues due before Jan. 1, 2023.
TxOHC Board Conflict of Interest: <https://forms.office.com/r/KjtEbK5cg6>
<https://bit.ly/TxOHC-COI>
TxOHC BOD Commitment Agreement:
<https://bit.ly/TxOHC-BOD-Comm>
- Next TxOHC BOD meeting: Thursday, April 20th, 2023 falls during the National Oral Health Conference. Will need to reschedule BOD meeting. Tentatively rescheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2023 from 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM CST - virtual
- Next quarterly member meeting after tomorrow's meeting is May 19, 2023. The registration link for all monthly webinars is <https://bit.ly/QtrMtgs>.
- TxOHC Review & Reflections (Strategic Planning) is scheduled for March 23-24, 2023 in San Antonio.
- National Oral Health Conference (NOHC) April 17-19, 2023 with weekend workshops April 15-16 in Orlando Florida. The conference hotel is the Doubletree by Hilton at the Entrance to Universal Studios.

With no further business to come before the BOD, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 AM CT.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Stewart, Executive Director
Texas Oral Health Coalition