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**HOUSE OF DELEGATES
AUGUST 17 & 18, 2019**

GALT HOUSE HOTEL

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

**159th KDA ANNUAL SESSION
HOUSE OF DELEGATES
SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2019 – 2:30 P.M.
GALT HOUSE HOTEL – LOUISVILLE, KY
DR. H. FRED HOWARD – SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE**

Notice to Delegates and Alternate Delegates:

Enclosed is the Delegate information packet that includes Council, Committee and Work Group reports and proposed resolutions. The first House of Delegates meeting will convene on **SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. (EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME)** in Grand Ballroom C of the Galt House East Hotel (2nd Floor Ballroom Level – Suite Tower).

Reference Committee meetings will be on **SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. (EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME)** or immediately following the 2:30 p.m. House of Delegates meeting in the Collins, Willis and Clements rooms of the Galt House East (2nd Floor Ballroom Level – Suite Tower). Discussion relative to any report or committee should be made at that time. Reports will be available Saturday evening at the main registration desk for the Chairperson of each delegation to pick up for a caucus before the **2nd House of Delegates meeting on SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. (EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME)** in Grand Ballroom C of the Galt House East Hotel (2nd Floor Ballroom Level – Suite Tower).

ATTENTION ALL DELEGATES

The House of Delegates is the decision-making body of your organization. For it to function, all members must participate in the process. Your Society has chosen you to represent them in decisions that will affect the way they operate their practices. It is extremely important that you be present to speak for them at every meeting of the House of Delegates.

If you have circumstances that prevent your attendance and that cannot be mitigated, it becomes your responsibility to notify your Society President in order that a replacement can be appointed.

Your willingness to participate in the workings of your organization is appreciated.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

#1-BUDGET & ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS – Dr. Ryan Estes, Chairman
Dr. Matt Milliner Dr. O. Andy Elliott
Dr. Neil Rush

#2-MISCELLANEOUS AFFAIRS – Dr. Emily Brown, Chairman
Dr. Bruce Wilson Dr. Brandon Stapleton
Dr. Bill Collins

#3-WORK GROUPS – Dr. Matt Johnson, Chairman
Dr. Paul Boyd Dr. Olivia Estes
Dr. Kate von Lackum

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2019 TELLERS:

Dr. Barry Curry
Dr. Paul Boyd
Dr. Bruce Wilson

REFERENCE COMMITTEE #1
BUDGET & ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS
Dr. Ryan Estes - Chairman

REPORT NO. 1
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE – Dr. B. J. Millay, Chairman

KENTUCKY DENTAL ASSOCIATION
BUDGET AND FINANCE MEETING
Conference Call
Louisville, Kentucky
May 7, 2019
7:30 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Dr. BJ Millay called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. The following members of the committee were present: Dr. Darren Greenwell, Dr. Joe McCarty, Dr. Robert Millay, Dr. Jonathan Rich and Dr. Sharon Turner.

Staff members present were: Mr. Rick Whitehouse, KDA Executive Director and Mr. Todd Edwards, KDA Assistant Executive Director.

2. **THE PROPOSED 2020 KDA BUDGET.** There were lengthy discussions about the revenues and expenses for the proposed 2020 KDA Budget.

It was the consensus of the committee to send the 2020 Proposed KDA Budget to the KDA Executive Board with a recommendation to approve.

It was the consensus of the committee to recommend the KDA Executive Board **rescind** the following motion made at the KDA Executive Board meeting held February 2, 2019. The motion is as follows:

MOTION: Dr. Andy Elliott moved to waive full time faculty dues for the two dental schools in Kentucky if they are willing to waive any fees for the KDA when KDA attends events. Dr. BJ Millay seconded the motion.

ACTION: ADOPTED.

3. **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

RESOLUTION 2019-101
ORIGINATOR: KDA EXECUTIVE BOARD

BACKGROUND: The KDA Executive Board reviewed and approved the 2020 Budget as developed by the Budget and Finance Committee. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the proposed 2020 Revenue and Expenditure Budget be approved.

ACTION: APPROVED AND REFERRED TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES WITH AN EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. B.J. Millay, Chairman

REPORT NO. 2
COUNCIL ON ANNUAL SESSION – Dr. William J. Moorhead, Chairman

Council on Annual Sessions Report

Submitted April 15, 2019

The Council on Annual Sessions met from March 4 – March 13, and voted to approve the Galt House as the venue for our 2020 and 2021 meetings. A copy of that email is provided below. As you are already aware, the Executive Board made the decision to hold the meeting for 2020 in French Lick, and charged this Council with the duty of researching the 2021 & 2022 venues after reviewing the results of our 2019 meeting in Louisville.

The Council held another electronic meeting via email from April 3 - April 8. By a unanimous vote, the Council voted to approve the attached budget for 2020 for the annual meeting in French Lick.

Friday, March 8, 2019

Dear Executive Board member:

This week, the Council on Annual Sessions was charged with researching venue options for our Annual Meeting for 2020 & 2021. Janet Glover kindly completed the research and forwarded it to the Council on Monday, March 4. The KDA staff provided us with a Word document summarizing the available venues and dates that the Council requested. The KDA staff's evaluation is summarized below:

***Please note that locations are first determined on available space that will accommodate our exhibit hall (Approx. 100 – 10' x 10' booth spaces).*

Venues were rated 1-10 on the following criteria:

**Amenities & Attractions*

**Space (i.e. Exhibit space, CE rooms, event rooms)*

**Expense (Including A/V, ability to meet contractual obligations)*

**Availability*

**Overall meeting support*

<i>French Lick:</i>	<i>10-10-10-10-10</i>	<i>50</i>
<i>Lexington:</i>	<i>N/A (unavailable in 2020)</i>	
<i>Galt House:</i>	<i>6-9-6-8-7</i>	<i>36</i>
<i>KICC/Marriott:</i>	<i>6-7-6-0-8</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>Owensboro:</i>	<i>5-6-7-7-8</i>	<i>33</i>
<i>Northern KY:</i>	<i>6-6-7-7-8</i>	<i>34</i>

The Council debated the merits on each venue, then an electronic vote was taken that was completed today. The Council has 10 voting members since SE Dental does not have a representative. The results of the vote: Galt House 8, French Lick 1, Members not reached 1

Thus by an 8 to 1 vote, the Council on Annual Sessions recommends the Executive Board approve The Galt House as the venue for 2020 and 2021. The dates of availability for the Galt House are August 6 – 8, 2020 and August 5 – 7, 2021.

I encourage the Executive Board to make a decision as quickly as possible. We must still develop a budget for the 2020 meeting based on the venue selected, and Laura Hancock-Jones is waiting to begin approaching speakers for the 2020 meeting once a venue is selected.

We understand the selection of a venue is critical to the KDA budget and also to supply a valuable member service.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. William J. Moorhead, Chairman

REPORT NO. 3
EXECUTIVE BOARD – Dr. Jonathan Rich, Chairman

The minutes of the November, February and June board meetings are found in Addendum D. The Executive Board offers the following resolution for consideration.

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RESOLVED, that the proposed 2020 Revenue and Expenditure Budget be approved.

ACTION: APPROVED AND REFERRED TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES WITH AN EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Jonathan Rich, Chairman

REPORT NO. 4
SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT – Dr. Sharon Turner

Addendums B (year end financials) and C (journal, legislative and relief fund reports).

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sharon Turner

REPORT NO. 5
JOURNAL COMMITTEE – Dr. Glenn Blincoe, Chairman

Committee members are Dr. Glenn Blincoe, Chairman, Dr. Steve Robertson and Dr. Sharon Turner. KDA Staff Liaison is Melissa Nathanson.

KDA TODAY

KDA TODAY and its advertising are still doing well.

The KDA's two mobile-friendly e-newsletters, *eXPRESS* and *Kentucky Meeting Tidbits*, fill in gaps in communication between journals and are also doing well. These e-publications are sent to members and students and occasionally to non-members, as well.

We continue to look for new ways to reach our members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Glenn Blincoe, Chairman

REPORT NO. 6

COUNCIL ON ETHICS, BYLAWS & JUDICIAL AFFAIRS – Dr. Joe McCarty, Chairman

The Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs has communicated electronically regarding proposed resolutions to be brought before the 2019 House of Delegates.

The Council agrees that the following resolution be submitted to the House of Delegates:

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Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Joe McCarty, Chairman

REFERENCE COMMITTEE #2
MISCELLANEOUS AFFAIRS
Dr. Emily Brown – Chairman

REPORT NO. 7
KENTUCKY BOARD OF DENTISTRY

NO REPORT

REPORT NO. 8
COUNCIL ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS & FEDERAL DENTAL SERVICES – Dr. Garth Bobrowski, Chairman

HEALTH POLITICS
January 24, 2019

State lawmakers this week grilled representatives of Kentucky's five Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) over profits the companies make from Medicaid. And one lawmaker said she plans to introduce legislation to better protect providers.

Wednesday's committee hearing followed a scathing report from health providers late last year that said that Kentucky MCOs see profits that are too large and that they deny medical claims arbitrarily.

MCOs are paid by the state and the federal government to administer Medicaid benefits. Five companies administer the program in Kentucky: Anthem, Aetna, Wellcare, Passport and Humana.

Representatives from the five MCOs testified before legislators about the companies' role in reducing Medicaid costs and managing health services. Stephanie Stumbo, acting executive director of the Kentucky Association of Health Plans, said the companies have saved the state a lot of money.

"MCOs not only play a key role in the reduction of Medicaid program costs, but they better manage the utilization of health services," said Stumbo. "They yield improvement and health plan performances and health care quality."

But lawmakers — Democrats and Republicans — asked tough questions. And some accused the companies of painting an unrealistic picture that doesn't align with what they are hearing from providers.

"You guys come in and you give us an hour and a half infomercial on how everything is awesome ... and then we continue to hear from all our providers and constituents that they're not getting their payments and they're not getting their services," said Sen. Morgan McGarvey, a Democrat from Louisville.

Rep. Kimberly Moser, a Republican from northern Kentucky and new chair of the House Health and Welfare Committee, said she will introduce legislation to hold the insurance companies accountable for some of the barriers that keep providers from being paid and patients from getting care.

"If it can't be worked out behind the scenes, then I think our job is to protect our constituents and make sure that the care is being provided," Moser said, adding that the Medicaid program needs providers who accept the insurance.

RELATED STORY

Passport Health CEO: Reimbursement Rates Could Bankrupt Company

Kentucky Association of Health Plans Chairman Lawrence Ford defended the insurance companies, saying that they are required by the state to put 90 percent of every dollar from the government on patient care and quality improvements. He said another 9 percent goes to administrative costs, and 1 percent is kept by the company as profit. This is known as a “medical loss ratio.”

The MCO’s profit margin in Kentucky was at 11.3 percent in 2015, the highest in the nation. The national average that year was 2.6 percent. In 2017, the state put in place some reforms and profits went down to 3 percent that year, but that was still ahead of the national average of .9 percent.

During Wednesday’s hearing, Sen. Danny Carroll, a Republican from Paducah, questioned how the MCOs were using the Medicaid dollars.

“I’m talking from a provider’s standpoint,” Carroll said. “Of the 90 percent that goes to medical reimbursement and quality improvement, what percentage goes toward paying claims?”

He then asked if the insurance companies systematically deny claims or delay paying them to keep medical costs under 90 percent. Insurance companies leaders all said no.

Sen. Stephen Meredith, a Republican from Leitchfield, said the companies make it hard for providers to get paid and that not enough of that 90 percent goes toward fairly compensating health providers. KAHP Chair Ford said that they don’t set the payment rates – those are set by the federal government and the state.

“If it is the will of the General Assembly to put more money in what is already an \$11 billion budget...” Ford said, before being interrupted by Meredith.

“I think the Medicaid budget is as big as it needs to be if we’re spending our money appropriately. But we’re not doing that,” said Meredith.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Garth Bobrowski, Chairman

REPORT NO. 9

KDPAC COMMITTEE – Dr. Mike Johnson, Chairman

Since my last report, the KDPAC has participated in two events. The first was KDA’s Lobby Day in Frankfort, and the second was the ADA’s Washington Lobby Day.

Your PAC played a supporting role in Frankfort. During the luncheon for legislators, members of the PAC board met with legislators supported by the PAC and developed new liaison with other legislators. It was a very productive meeting. The PAC wishes to thank the KDA staff for providing a great venue at Lobby Day which was a great success.

The Washington Lobby Day was held from April 14-16. Lobby Day was a joint effort of the ADPAC and the ASDA. Those attending from the KDA were: Dr. Keally Carson, Dr. Fred Howard, Dr. Mike Johnson, Dr. Bill Lee, Dr. Bruce Wilson and Mr. Richard Whitehouse. Those attending from the University of Louisville were Janani Gurukkal, Cassity Cornett, Madeline Phillips, Ivah Lazagson, Barry Garrett, Blaine Ammon, Ricardo Ullrich, and Michael Guzelian. Those attending

from the University of Kentucky were Brent Harney, William Axtell, Varun Nigam, Erica Vetter, Sidney Herrell, Kassity Wolfe, and Shin Pruthi.

There was a full agenda for the three days and your delegates were in attendance for all events. Information about the three major issues were sent to the participants before the meeting and discussed at length during the first two days.

On Tuesday, visits were made to Capitol Hill. Since the Congress was in recess, we met with the Chief of Staff for each congressional member. For the first time in three years, we were able to meet with all eight congressional members. The group divided into groups with participation in each group of dentists and student members, with each group having representatives from each school.

Your delegates worked hard and represented you well at this meeting. The visits started at 9:30 and the last visit was at 4:30. The students were a welcome group and represented themselves and their respective schools well.

I have included with this report the documents which address the three main issues discussed with the congressional offices.

In the future, be advised that there is a possibility of a fundraising event at the KDA Annual Meeting. You will be advised and invited if the PAC Board approves the event.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mike Johnson, Chairman

REPORT NO. 10

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO KMAP – Dr. Garth Bobrowski, Chairman

**KENTUCKY DENTAL TAC MEETING MINUTES
Cabinet for Health & Family Services
Public Health Building – Conference Room C
Frankfort, Kentucky
February 13, 2019
9:00 a.m. EST.**

The meeting of the Dental Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order by Dr. Garth Bobrowski, Chair.

The TAC members in attendance: Dr. Garth Bobrowski, Dr. John Gray, Dr. Matt Johnson and Dr. Phillip Schuler.

Medicaid staff in attendance: Stephanie Bates, Sharley Hughes, Angie Parker and David Gray.

The Managed Care Organization (MCO) representatives in attendance were: Dr. Jerry Caudill, Nicole Allen, Shelly Grainger and Adrienne Bennett with Avesis; Dr. Theresa Mayfield with DentaQuest; Jean O'Brien with Anthem Kentucky; Amy Sinthavong with Passport; Stuart Owen with WellCare; Jennifer Largen with Aetna Better Health; Patti Smith-Glover with Humana-CareSource.

Also in attendance: Dr. Julie McKee, State Dental Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dr. Bobrowski called the meeting to order and introductions were made. Dr. Bobrowski introduced Sharley Hughes as the new DMS liaison for the TAC meetings.

The following changes were made to the November 14, 2018 minutes: Page 2, Item B (2) under Old Business should read: There are two MCOs that pays providers 10% or less than traditional Medicaid. Page 2, Item C should read: Dr. Brandon Taylor will have his wife look into the time it takes to do a refund. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the meeting minutes as amended.

MCO COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

- A. Avesis:** Dr. Schuler asked if providers currently have access to the portals as they will appear on April 1st, and Ms. Allen stated that they do and that Avesis is updating its system to identify members that are below the poverty level and this information will be shared on the portals with providers.

Ms. Allen stated that DMS released a notice that there will be penalties held against MCOs if they submit encounters for incarcerated members because services rendered to these members should not be billed to Medicaid. Ms. Bates corrected that statement and said that the way eligibility works is if someone is incarcerated their eligibility is suspended from Medicaid and the Department of Corrections pays for any care while they are incarcerated. However, if the member comes out for twenty-four hours (i.e. hospitalized), those claims come to fee-for-service and not the MCO.

Dr. Gray asked how providers when rendering treatment would know that the patient is incarcerated, and Ms. Allen stated that the members will have an "I" indicator on the portal to indicate they are incarcerated, and Ms. Bates stated that the indicator for incarcerated individuals will be listed in KYHEALTH.Net. Ms. Allen stated that Avesis will update its portal to state that providers are to bill to fee-for-service for incarcerated individuals. Dr. Gray stated that the twenty-four hours needs to be added in as well.

Dr. Caudill stated that DMS added expanded coverage for intravenous sedation, moderate sedation to include adults so that oral surgeons were not forced to use a deep sedation general anesthesia code when they were only doing moderate sedation. However, an unforeseen side effect of that was that general dentists that have a moderate sedation license started submitting claims for anesthesia to perform procedures that did not need that type of sedation, and Dr. Caudill stated that general guidelines have been established as to when it would be appropriate to use moderate sedation in a private office. These guidelines have been sent to one of the MCOs and it is pending approval to go out to the other MCOs.

- B. DentaQuest:** There were no comments or questions.

General Discussion: Dr. Bobrowski spoke about four letters to the same parent of a child notifying the parent of the child's upcoming appointments. Ms. Bates stated that DMS pays the MCOs on a per member/per month capitated basis and that DMS will not pay for those types of mistakes by the MCOs.

MEDICAID FEE-FOR-SERVICE COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Ms. Bates stated that a Dental Director has not been appointed to date but DMS is working on this, and there were no other comments or questions.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Eligibility check-in is getting better:** Dr. Bobrowski thanked everyone for working together on this issue.
- B. Follow-up on previous questions to the State on age/claims paid information:** Dr. Bobrowski stated the TAC did get a response back to their data request but it had nothing in it about the age group of providers that are providing "x" number of paid claims across the state. Ms. Allen had provided the TAC with the specifications for how Avesis had generated this report previously, and Ms. Bates asked her to forward those to her. Ms. Bates will speak with the Commissioner about data requests and how this process will be handled in the future.

- C. Copay problems – 13-year-old:** Dr. Bobrowski spoke of a 13-year-old having a copay on the portal information, and Ms Bates asked to see this example but she reiterated that all children who are on Medicaid are exempt from copays. Ms. Bates stated that the TAC could forward her any other questions about copays and she would get them answered.
- D. Other:** Dr. Bobrowski spoke about the amount of information given at webinar trainings for the MPPA project and he asked why DMS could not use the national clearinghouse CAQH that most Kentucky dentists use because all of the information can be found there. Ms. Bates stated that House Bill 79 requires that DMS use one credentialing verification organization and DMS is in a procurement status to select one entity, but until this process is completed, the trainings are for providers that need to use it.

Ms. Bates stated that currently providers cannot see the medically frail status of members because the waiver is not in effect, but in anticipation of going live on April 1, 2019, that will become available to providers during the first week of March.

Dr. Bobrowski stated that Jessica Jackson was going to look into developing YouTube instructionals and look into prescription filling policies and he will follow up with Ms. Hughes concerning these items.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. How are patients notified that they are not active?** Ms. Bates will be able to answer this offline, but Dr. Bobrowski noted that he is concerned that members will come to dental offices only to learn that they do not have funds available for these services.
- B. How are patients notified that they are being moved into My Rewards Program?** Ms. Bates will be able to answer this offline but did note that information concerning the My Rewards Program has been disseminated to providers and members.
- C. How are patients from another state receiving Kentucky Medicaid?** Ms. Bates explained that there are written compacts between states when Medicaid members need services in another state that may not be offered in Kentucky.
- D. Pharmacy patients swipe a card to pay for meds and to determine eligibility only with the State site (not a MCO site) Shows eligible at pharmacy, shows eligible on State dental site but not on Avesis site:** Ms. Bates stated that the State site is the source of truth. Ms. Allen stated that the process is improving and Avesis is adjusting their system. She asked providers to notify Avesis if they are receiving claims that are denying because members are not eligible in the Avesis system but are eligible in the MCO and DMS systems. She also noted that this does not have to go through the appeals process. Also, if a member's eligibility is listed incorrectly in the Avesis system and Avesis corrects it, they will do a look-back on the claims and automatically adjust those to pay.

PUBLIC HEALTH – DENTAL: Dr. McKee stated that health departments bill their preventive dental services through the medical side but that two of the MCOs believe these services should be paid by Avesis and, therefore, health departments have not been paid for many of these services since August, 2018. Dr. McKee said providers will be receiving information concerning this issue.

PUBLIC HEALTH – LEGISLATION: Dr. Bobrowski stated this was listed on the agenda to make TAC members aware of what is occurring with public health legislation.

KALBOH: Dr. Bobrowski stated he was involved in a video conference with the Kentucky Association of Local Boards of Health and many public health issues were discussed.

COMMUNITY FLUORIDATION: Dr. Bobrowski spoke about proposed legislation in this Legislative Session for communities to have a "local option" to choose or cease fluoridation of their community water system. He noted that studies have shown that it could cost an estimated \$54 million more a year because there would be 40% more cavities and that according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, community water fluoridation is one of the top ten

most important public health initiatives of the 20th Century. Ms. Bates noted that DMS has opposed this legislation.

Dr. McKee stated that the Public Health Department has a free program where physicians, dentists or health departments can collect water samples to be tested for fluoridation by the State Lab and if deficiencies are found, Public Health has a standing order to provide supplements free of charge to that dentist and/or to the family, and she noted that her office could do a public information campaign to providers and to the public concerning this program.

AD HOC COMMITTEE (MAC members and TAC Chairs): Ms. Bates stated that all TACs and the MAC are being revamped to take on more of an advisory role and to focus on developing and discussing policy and program development rather than claims processing issues and one-off issues and that all future TAC agendas should reflect this. It was suggested by DMS that following the TAC meetings, MCO representatives and TAC members could meet to discuss claims issues and other issues and that DMS could facilitate with room availability but DMS personnel and the court reporter would not be present. Ms. Hughes will be distributing an MCO contact list for TAC members so that they can contact the appropriate MCO representatives if they have claims issues and questions.

Dr. Gray stated that in the past, he feels the TAC has not had a voice in most of the policy and implementation processes and he feels that the TAC and the providers are a resource as boots on the ground because they are the ones performing the services. He asked in what capacity the Commissioner would like the TAC's advice and Ms. Bates said that any advice that will help the member and provider communities is welcomed. Ms. Hughes stated that the Commissioner wants DMS to do a better job of bringing potential policy changes to the TAC before decisions are made, and Ms. Bates stated that a good example of this would be the telehealth regulation.

PUBLIC, DENTAL OR HYGIENIST COMMENTS: Dr. Gray requested that immediately following the May 15th, 2019 official TAC meeting that TAC members and MCO representatives meet to address specific issues outside of the presence of DMS and the court reporter. Ms. Hughes will check on the availability of the meeting room.

The meeting was adjourned. The next TAC meeting will be held on May 15, 2019.

(Minutes were transcribed by Terri Pelosi, Court Reporter, this the 19th day of February, 2019.)

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Garth Bobrowski, Chairman

REFERENCE COMMITTEE #3
WORK GROUPS
Dr. Matt Johnson – Chairman

REPORT NO. 11

MEMBERSHIP STEERING COMMITTEE/NEW DENTIST COMMITTEE – Dr. Olivia Estes & Dr. Rachel Gold, Chairmen

The New Dentist Committee hosted National Signing Days (NSD) at both the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry and the University of Louisville School of Dentistry in March of 2019. Lunch was provided, as well as ADA gift bags for all 4th year students who completed a NSD application. Gift cards were distributed as door prizes. The committee was awarded an ADA Engagement grant, which funded the events. Overall, the National Signing Days were successful.

In addition, the New Dentist Committee will be hosting a New Dentist Social at the KDA annual meeting on Friday, August 16th from 10:00-midnight. The social will take place at Al J's at the Conservatory at the Galt House. Dental students and new dentists (less than 10 years out of school) are welcome!

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Rachel Gold & Dr. Olivia Estes, Co-Chairmen

MEMBERSHIP COUNT AS OF JULY 15, 2019

	2017	2018	2019
Blue Grass Dental Society	208	225	245
Eastern Dental Society	31	30	25
KY Mountain Dental Society	36	35	40
Louisville Dental Society	355	376	421
Northern KY Dental Society	112	116	123
Green River Dental Society	56	59	61
Pennyrile Dental Society	50	52	53
Southeastern Dental Society	33	34	32
Purchase Dental Society	57	52	47
West Central Dental Society	45	44	47
South Central Dental Society	49	48	52
KY Student Dental Society:			
University of Kentucky	246	220	201
University of Louisville	457	445	452
TOTAL:	1735	1736	1799

Please Note: These figures indicate dues paying members only and do not include approximately 319 retired life members residing in Kentucky and other states.

REPORT NO. 12
MEDICAID – Dr. Garth Bobrowski, Chairman

SEE REPORT NO. 10

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Garth Bobrowski, Chairman

REPORT NO. 13
TELEDENTISTRY – Chairman To Be Determined

NO REPORT