

**KENTUCKY DENTAL ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

Zoom Meeting
February 20, 2021
9:00 A.M.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER.** Dr. Joe McCarty called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The following members of the KDA Board were present:

Dr. Gerard Bradley (UL Dean)
Dr. Scott Bridges
Dr. Thomas Carroll
Dr. Andy Elliott
Dr. Ryan Estes
Dr. Darren Greenwell
Dr. Laura Hancock Jones
Dr. Don Heine
Dr. Fred Howard
Dr. Beverly Largent

Dr. Cliff Lowdenback
Dr. Joe McCarty
Dr. BJ Millay
Dr. Mark Moats
Dr. Charles Montague
Dr. Jeff Okeson (UK Dean)
Dr. Jonathan Rich
Dr. Samantha Shaver
Dr. Kevin Wall

Guests included Drs. Garth Bobrowski and BJ Moorhead. Jennifer Venerable of Dental Lifeline and Mr. Jeff Allen of the Kentucky Board of Dentistry were also present. Staff members present were Mr. Todd Edwards, Mrs. Melissa Nathanson, Mrs. Janet Glover, and Mr. Richard Whitehouse.

- 2. INVOCATION.** Dr. Garth Bobrowski gave the invocation.

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** The minutes of the November 14, 2020 meeting of the Executive Board was approved.

NOTE: All reports are presented in the minutes as they were submitted by their authors. No editing in the form of spelling or grammar has been attempted.

4. **REPORT OF THE TREASURER. Ms. Sarah Askin** of Welenken CPAs presented the year end financials for 2020.
5. **DENTAL LIFELINE. Jennifer Venerable** gave a presentation of the services offered by Dental Lifeline. She also asked the board to join the network and support Dental Lifeline.
6. **KENTUCKY BOARD OF DENTISTRY. Mr. Jeff Allen**, Executive Director of the Kentucky Board of Dentistry introduced himself and gave a brief update on activities of the dental board. The activities included vaccine regulations, interactive CE and the CE tracking tool.
7. **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT. Dr. Darren Greenwell** gave a verbal report to the KDA Executive Board emphasizing the importance of contributing to the KDPAC and the KDA legislative fund.
8. **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. Mr. Richard Whitehouse** submitted the following report:

MEMORANDUM

To: KDA Executive Board
From: Richard A. Whitehouse, Executive Director
Re: Executive Director's Report for February 20, 2021 meeting
Date: February 8, 2021

PRESENTATIONS

Dental Lifeline – Donated Dental Services
Jeff Allen – KBOD Update
Auditor's Report

The following is a summary of significant information and activity since my last report. It is broken down according to our strategic goals.

ADVOCACY

- advocate for dentistry in the commonwealth -

KDA Advocacy Days

Due to COVID restrictions, an in-person legislative day was not possible. Nonetheless, we are expanding our approach and considering larger public policy relationships with the executive branch and stakeholders in public health as we continue to build upon the model developed with the legislative branch. Our goal is to promote

organized dentistry, our legislative priorities and our agenda for oral health in the Commonwealth. We plan to hear from key legislator and allies, Sen. Ralph Alvarado, Sen. Max Wise and Rep. Derek Lewis as well as our public health commissioner, Dr. Steve Stack. We also hope to recruit and train members to be key legislative contacts. We are conducting KDA Advocacy Days in a series of six modules over lunch time on Wednesdays and Fridays in February.

- Wednesday, Feb. 10th 12:00-1:00 PM / BE ENGAGED!
See your KDA leaders and lobbyists conduct a LIVE interactive session on organized dentistry. (*Your Profession... If You Can Keep It* – 1.0 CE)
- Friday, Feb. 12th 12:00-12:30 PM / BE AWARE!
Watch pre-recorded Q&A from legislative leaders with analysis by KDA leaders and lobbyists.
- Wednesday, Feb. 17th 12:00-12:40 PM / BE INFORMED!
Hear the important legislative issues and priorities your KDA is advocating for on your behalf.
- Friday Feb. 19th 12:00-1:00 PM / BE IN TOUCH!
Call your legislators!
- **Wednesday Feb. 24th 12:00-12:30 PM / BE UP-TO-DATE!**
Listen to a KDA members-only COVID-19 update from the KY Public Health Commissioner. Guest: Dr. Steve Stack
- **Friday, Feb. 26th 12:00-1:00 PM / BE HEARD!**
Learn in a LIVE interactive session how you can be a KDA key contact for your legislators. (Advocacy 101 – 1.0 CE)

2021 KDA Legislative Priorities

Our 2021 KDA Legislative Priorities are complete. (SEE ATTACHMENT)

Insurance Reform Initiative

Dr. Greenwell and I have been meeting with component leadership and members to talk about this initiative and generate support. We have met with Louisville, Bluegrass, Pennyrile, Purchase, Southeastern and Northern. Members are very interested in action in this effort. To date, we have received financial support in the amount of \$25,000 from Louisville Dental Society and \$10,000 from Purchase Dental Society. This effort will also be supported by monies earmarked for our legislative fund as part of the one-time assessment (to date \$43,000) and from the optional advocacy fee paid by members (to date \$12,437). We have also been approved for two ADA SPA grants totaling \$72,000 (8/1/20 thru 12/31/20 for \$32,000; 1/1/21 thru 6/30/21 for \$40,000).

McCarthy Strategic Solutions Contract

I have renewed the current MSS contract. The board may be interested in discussing modifications to that contract based upon increased lobbying work associated with our insurance reform initiative. **DISCUSSION/MOTION**

Key Legislative Contacts

On Friday, February 19th, we are asking members to call their legislators. But, we hope that will not always be an unusual thing. We must have members establish relationships with their legislators so they can serve as both a resource and an influencer to legislators. Please work with your component leadership to assist us in compiling a list

of key legislative contacts. You may wish to encourage anyone with interest or questions to view our continuing education program on this topic February 26th. Anyone who is interested in being a key contact can contact me at whitehouse@kyda.org.

Fluoride

I was contacted by Dr. Trent Garrison, President of the Kentucky Academy of Science. He is interested in working with us in opposition of the proposed legislation regarding fluoride as a local option.

MEMBER SUPPORT

- serve and support the needs and success of members -

KDA Annual Meeting

We are still moving forward with plans for a live in-person meeting for 2021 with some modifications to the agenda to streamline events and ensure member safety. Our keynote speaker will be legendary drummer Kenny Aranoff who will talk to us about working as a team. Our friends at Patterson have also met with us and plan to host another big event. Artie Dean Harris will again entertain our members in an event honoring our KDA members and leaders.

For 2022, the council voted to return to French Lick Resort.

Regarding Possible Action by Council on Annual Sessions

I am providing this background information for board members on an issue that may be presented during the Council on Annual Session report at our meeting.

You may be asked to consider making changes to the manner in which we have run the annual meeting in the last few years. The changes would partially or wholly eliminate cost saving measures put into effect after our 2015 meeting. These measures have helped us remain more profitable while ensuring we could still offer high quality-low cost CE. They helped us turn a \$90k deficit in 2015 into a \$90k profit in 2016.

I am often asked how much something costs or how much is in the budget to spend? We need to reframe our thinking instead to ask how much a particular decision will cost or make for us. This is not a question of being staff led or dentist led. I believe that is often a false choice. Still, this is not really a question of governance a board would typically consider. It involves a larger issue for which I have been charged with responsibility and upon which I am evaluated. Ultimately, it is a question of whether we can afford to do something that will almost certainly make it more difficult to have a profitable meeting.

Some suggest it doesn't cost us anything to give exhibit space away and I'm not saying we don't do it. We do it for schools, charities, and some other partners. The real issue involves vendors upon whose support we rely through patronage or exhibit booth rental to make our meeting profitable. It is a major source of revenue from our meeting.

Unfortunately, there can be no half-measures or compromises. Vendors share information with one other. We will not be able to limit free booth space to two or three select vendors. Other vendors will promote their own speakers seeking the same deal.

The result will be a return to 2015 with too many speakers on the agenda and too few who can fill a classroom. Our expenses will soar, and our revenues will plummet.

I know how much that cost us in 2015. We lost \$90k that year. But, only \$30K was due to refunds on account of snow. Walk-ins were close to normal. So, we obviously lost the other \$60k due to the meeting itself. This is why we cut expenses and focused on a plan to generate more revenue that has proven can work. Replacing our big source of revenue and not having CE our members are interested in is a plan that did not work in 2015 and there is no reason to believe it will work now unless the nature of our meeting is dramatically changed.

We have come through a tough year. We're looking at another. We had a very difficult time with our budget. We have cut expenses and the house of delegates imposed an assessment on members. This is certainly not the time to do something that will almost certainly be unprofitable for KDA.

I understand some of you are on the council and may have voted in support of a motion thinking it would help the meeting and this association. I was not involved in this discussion and wanted you to have more complete information before you voted as a member of the board – particularly if you were not on the board in 2015. The board was made aware of the changes made after 2015 and has supported them in the interests of making our meeting profitable. I am hopeful that this additional information will better inform your decision making.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have during our meeting.

PUBLIC AWARENESS

- promote oral health through community service and public relations –

Dental Lifeline -Donated Dental Services

This month, Donated Dental Services will reach the \$1M mark in free services provided to our most vulnerable citizens in the Commonwealth. This achievement and our partnership will be the subject of an resolution from the Kentucky legislature.

Volunteers of America

VOA is looking for volunteers to provide either Medicaid or free services to their clients. If you have an interest in serving this patient population, please let me know. I suggested VOA may want to reach out to the Cabinet for Health & Family Services to see if there is an easier way to refer that population to dentists accepting Medicaid.

I also spoke with representatives from Dental Lifeline – Donated Dental Services. They see a few barriers to working together beyond that existing backlog of 300 clients I referred to. Their main concern is that the program is not well suited for the homeless population due to the difficulty in keeping in contact for subsequent care requiring multiple visits. They were more open to instances where clients may be in a residential setting like Freedom House as there would be a better means to maintain contact. In those cases, they are suggesting such cases be dealt with via referral to their program.

ASSOCIATION EXCELLENCE

- lead the profession through the ADA tri-partite structure -

COVID-19 Guidance

We continue to receive questions regarding vaccine availability and general guidance and are providing or directing members to information that assists them.

Component Meetings

We are receiving requests for visits. Most are still virtual. But, some have expressed interest in re-starting in-person meetings.

Upcoming Meetings

The upcoming ADA President-elect meeting may be in-person. All other meetings in the first two quarters will continue to be virtual. At this time, ADA still plans a live annual meeting.

Current KDA Patrons

- Bowman Insurance – Platinum Patron/Partner
- Commonwealth Technology – Platinum Patron/Partner

Respectfully submitted,
Richard A. Whitehouse, Executive Director

9. REPORT OF UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE COLLEGE DENTISTRY.

KDA Report 02/16/2021

Curriculum:

Grand Rounds: Four new courses were added to the DMD fall/spring 2020-21 schedule. This was one of the recommendations from the 2018 Vertical Curriculum Review to assure that students are provided both formative and summative assessments when evaluating their ability to integrate the basic sciences, clinical sciences, and behavioral sciences and enhance the students' clinical reasoning and critical thinking skills using Problem-based or Case-based Learning from team clinics.

Behavioral Sciences: Foundations of Behavioral Sciences in Dentistry Courses were added throughout the curriculum in order to better organize and coordinate the behavioral sciences curriculum, and to ensure compliance with CODA Standard 2-16.

Ethics: As a result of the vertical curriculum review it was determined that there was a significant gap in the ethics curriculum, and more ethics content needed to be introduced earlier in the curriculum. To address the gap, a new course was added in the fall 2020 D1 schedule: Professionalism & Ethics Fundamentals (CMPD 887)

CDCA testing Results 2020

CDCA Licensure Examination D4

Year	First time pass rate	Second time pass rate	Overall pass rate
2020	53%*	92%	100%

*Despite the disruption of the pandemic, the class of 2020 performed as well as in previous years. The drop-in first-time pass rate at the first attempt was due to the move from a live patient-based examination format to a mannequin format that the students were unfamiliar with.

Administration:

Faculty hires in Calendar Year 2020:

- Dr. Jasmine Mohandesi, RARD – Prosth
- Dr. Venkata Chandana, DXOH – Perio
- Dr. Gill Diamond, OIID
- Dr. Tim Followell, CMPD – Pedo

- Dr. Allison Geary, CMPD
- Dr. Greg Lord, CMPD
- Dr. Erin Schroeder, CMPD – Lecturer and then Asst. Professor Term
- Dr. Jyme Charette, RARD – Prosth, Lecturer
- Dr. Lee Mayer, CMPD – Lecturer

Faculty resignations/retirements during Calendar Year 2020:

















- Dr. Catherine Binkley, RARD, Retired
- Dr. Bruno Correa de Azevedo, DXOH, Resigned
- Dr. Don Demuth, OIID, Retired
- Dr. Marcelo Durski, CMPD/RARD, Resigned
- Dr. Dan Fadel, CMPD, Retired
- Dr. Roycelyn Gray, DXOH, Resigned
- Dr. Ann Greenwell, CMPD, Retired
- Dr. Ryan Noble, CMPD, Retired and is now Gratis Faculty
- Dr. Barb Stratton, CMPD, Retired
- Dr. Loana Tovar, RARD, Resigned

Noteworthy Accomplishments:

National Rankings: (NEW)

In 2020 we moved up a tier from the 50-75 ranked schools in the world to #49 ranked school in the world based on shanghai rankings.

<http://www.shanghairanking.com/Shanghairanking-Subject-Rankings/dentistry-oral-sciences.html>

36	University of Toronto		2	232.8	48.0
37	The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio		16	232.7	45.1
38	The Ohio State University - Columbus		17	231.9	52.4
39	Niigata University		3	231.2	41.8
40	University of Maryland, Baltimore		18	228.9	46.3
41	Stanford University		19	228.0	26.4
42	University of Turku		2	226.7	38.3
43	University of Geneva		3	225.9	46.5
44	University of Alabama at Birmingham		20	223.1	34.6
45	The University of Adelaide		1	221.3	35.9
46	McGill University		3	220.8	33.3
47	University of Paris		1	219.7	38.0
48	Seoul National University		1	218.9	59.6
49	University of Louisville		21	218.4	32.2
50	Texas A&M University		22	217.0	36.4
51-75	Boston University		23-29		30.8

2020 Grant Medical Research Funding: Highlighted in yellow ULSD. Only 47 of 66 Schools received funding. Moved up from 18 in 2019, to 16 in 2020.

From the BLUE RIDGE INSTITUTE for MEDICAL RESEARCH as compiled by Robert Roskoski Jr. and Tristrom G Parslow		BRIMR.ORG
Rank	School of Dentistry	Award
1	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO	\$25,903,058
2	UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN ANN ARBOR	\$22,528,704
3	NEW YORK UNIVERSITY	\$15,454,032
4	UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BALTIMORE	\$15,231,514
5	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	\$13,704,027
6	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	\$13,051,654
7	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	\$10,889,430
8	UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT SCH OF MED/DNT	\$9,404,408
9	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES	\$8,458,963
10	UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA BIRMINGHAM	\$7,012,258
11	UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH	\$7,007,297
12	UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	\$6,890,643
13	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HLTH SCI CTR SAN ANTONIO	\$5,901,804
14	BOSTON UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CAMPUS	\$5,665,871
15	OREGON HEALTH & SCIENCE UNIVERSITY	\$5,504,219

16	UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE	\$5,456,566
17	UNIVERSITY OF IOWA	\$5,322,090
18	OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY	\$5,092,905
19	STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK BUFFALO	\$4,792,744
20	HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL	\$4,473,710
21	TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER	\$4,405,062
22	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO	\$4,353,508
23	RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY	\$3,829,381
24	VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY	\$3,800,419
25	COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES	\$3,596,426
26	UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER	\$3,593,920
27	UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON	\$3,101,883
28	TUFTS UNIVERSITY BOSTON	\$2,639,123
29	CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY	\$2,367,225
30	NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY	\$2,354,892
31	INDIANA UNIV-PURDUE UNIV INDIANAPOLIS	\$2,153,051
32	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CHAPEL HILL	\$1,860,771
33	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HLTH SCI CTR HOUSTON	\$1,701,644
34	AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY	\$1,660,576
35	MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA	\$1,105,804
36	UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI KANSAS CITY	\$927,652
37	MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY	\$809,760
38	UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA LAS VEGAS	\$627,602

10. THE REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY TO KMAP. Dr Garth

Bobrowski presented the following report.

Dr. Beverly Largent has agreed to be the KDA representative to the Children's Health TAC.

This may need to be added to the next Exec. Brd. meeting agenda to officially vote on her appointment to this TAC . I don't think we have voted on her, but please double check me.

Thanks,

Garth

These are the tentative dates for the 2021 ZOOM dental TAC:(2nd Friday's at 2:00pm Eastern time)

FEB. 12, 2021 May. 14, 2021 Aug. 13, 2021 Nov. 12. 2021.

Please add this to my TAC REPORT for the Feb. Exec. Brd .

Thanks ,

Garth

2021 Meeting Dates:

- Jan. 28 (10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Eastern time [Zoom Meeting](#))
Password: 4FNwnB
Phone: [1-713-353-0212](tel:1-713-353-0212) or [1-888-822-7517](tel:1-888-822-7517)
Meeting ID: 599250.
- March 25 (10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Eastern time [Zoom Meeting](#))
Password - 0YBVEv
Phone: [1-713-353-0212](tel:1-713-353-0212) or [1-888-822-7517](tel:1-888-822-7517)
Meeting ID: 599250.
- May 27 (10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Eastern time [Zoom Meeting](#))
Password - 8iaLw2
Phone: [1-713-353-0212](tel:1-713-353-0212) or [1-888-822-7517](tel:1-888-822-7517)
Meeting ID: 599250.
- July 22 (10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Eastern time [Zoom Meeting](#))
Password - 7yyYDn
Phone: [1-713-353-0212](tel:1-713-353-0212) or [1-888-822-7517](tel:1-888-822-7517)
Meeting ID: 599250.
- Sept, 23 (10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Eastern time [Zoom Meeting](#))
Password - 6ZP0R3
Phone: [1-713-353-0212](tel:1-713-353-0212) or [1-888-822-7517](tel:1-888-822-7517)
Meeting ID: 599250.
- Nov. 18 (10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Eastern time [Zoom Meeting](#))
Password - 2a95bV
Phone: [1-713-353-0212](tel:1-713-353-0212) or [1-888-822-7517](tel:1-888-822-7517)
Meeting ID: 599250.

Please Note: LRC business takes priority over other agency meetings in LRC meeting rooms.
The meeting ~~location could change~~ as late as the

**CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES Department for Medicaid
Services Andy Beshear Eric C. Friedlander Governor Secretary Lisa D. Lee Commissioner**

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December 29, 2020

Prior Authorization Guidance – Effective 2/1/2021

□ Prior authorization (PA) requests are removed for all **inpatient** Medicaid services provided by Kentucky Medicaid enrolled inpatient hospitals (Provider Type 01), as well as all Medicaid covered substance use and behavioral health services. For MCOs, this includes both participating and non-participating providers

□ Medicaid (including MCOs) will apply their full utilization management (UM) programs, including prior authorizations for all outpatient Medicaid services, except those with a COVID diagnosis

□ Prior authorizations will remain in place for all pharmacy benefits and products listed on the physician administered drug lists, except for medication assisted treatment (MAT) products (i.e. Sublocade)

□ Notification requirements will remain in place for inpatient services in order to facilitate care management, COVID reporting/tracking, and discharge planning

□ The Concurrent Review process will remain in place for non-COVID diagnoses to support discharge planning, placement of members, care management, and facility capacity

□ In order to facilitate provider payment, requirements for prior authorization of non-Kentucky Medicaid enrolled providers will remain in place

□ Medicaid (including MCOs) will continue to monitor for fraud, waste, and abuse (FWA) activity

□ Previous guidance issued 12/10/2020 remains in place through 1/31/2021

Please add this MAC REPORT to my TAC.

Libby takes better notes than I do , but I am a close 2nd. Where she lists dental frustrations.... it really needs to be reworded that, “ there are several many frustrations in dentistry, and dealing recoupments is one of them and that the dentists are treated as 100 % guilty and they haven’t even talked with the dentist yet. “

Thanks , Garth

Begin forwarded message:

From: Libby Milligan <libby@mssgov.com>

Date: January 28, 2021 at 4:55:33 PM CST

To: Libby Milligan <libby@mssgov.com>

Subject: SUMMARY: 01.28.2021 Advisory Council for Medical Assistance (MAC) Meeting

Good Afternoon,

Today, the Advisory Council for Medical Assistance (MAC) met virtually to hear updates from the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS), an overview of KHIE and KY Medicaid Partner Portal Application (KY MPPA), along with reports from the TACs.

For your review and information, below is a summary of the meeting, along with links to the meeting materials.

If you have any questions, please let our office know.

Best regards,
Libby

Advisory Council for Medical Assistance (MAC)
January 28, 2021

Meeting Materials

Presentations from the meeting will be available on the MAC website in the coming days at <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/mac/Pages/default.aspx>

Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE) Update

Presenter: Andrew Bledsoe, Deputy Director, CHFS Office of Health Data and Analytics

- Mr. Bledsoe provided an overview of what is an HIE and a high-level overview of KHIE.
- Overview:
 - KHIE is unique as it is stored inside state Government.
 - Participants with certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT) can access, locate, and share needed patient health information with other healthcare providers at the point of care.
 - KHIE Participants have access to the following types of data: patient demographics, lab, and pathology results, transcribed reports including radiology, immunization data, summaries of care, admit, discharge, and transfer data, behavioral health data, data from EMS, and correctional facilities.
- The slides of this presentation will be posted on the MAC website following the meeting. (see link above)

Old Business

Below are questions brought up at the last MAC meeting that Commissioner Lee answered.

What state plan amendments (SPAs) to incorporate changes made under emergency orders have been submitted to CMS?

- Commissioner Lee said we are currently working on telehealth. The main thing is incorporating the telehealth flexibilities. We have not submitted any SPAs.
- Chairwoman Beth Partin: Regarding the Governor vetoing several bills relating to executive powers, does Medicaid have any plans to address telehealth flexibility issues if the legislature overrides the vetoes?
- Commissioner Lee: Our telehealth flexibilities are granted under an 1135 Waiver. We anticipate that President Biden will extend the Public Health Emergency through December 31, 2021.

Did the amended regulation on co-pays pass the Joint Health and Welfare Committee?

- Commissioner Lee said the regulation passed did pass. She noted that legislation has been filed that would eliminate co-payments. Under the public health emergency, all co-payments have been waived. MCOs have waived the \$1 co-pay.

Update 1115 Waiver for treating incarcerated people submission to CMS. Was it approved by CMS?

- Commissioner Lee said that the Waiver has been submitted to CMS but has not been approved. She hopes to hear some news soon.

Reimbursement for more than 1 visit per day for Medicaid recipients (i.e. primary care and specialty care)

- Commissioner Lee said Medicaid is working on a change order to allow a patient to see a primary care provider and a specialist on the same day.
- Chairwoman Partin commented that transportation is an issue for her patients, and this would help those patients.

Request amendment to the Rural Health Clinic regulation 907 KAR 1:082 Section 9(1)(b) 2 (on page 16) to extend the time to 3 days for providers to sign Medicaid participant's chart. The current regulation requires charts to be signed on the day services are provided. Three (3) days would be in line with other regulations and more realistic in busy clinic settings.

- Commissioner Lee said Medicaid is reviewing the rural health clinic regulations and all other regulations to ensure consistency among practices. One of the issues being addressed is when the provider must sign a Medicaid recipient's chart following a visit. The problems with RHCs is the same day requirement, and there is interest in making it 3 days to be consistent with other regulations.

Suggestions from the MAC on how to improve the problem of low birthweight babies.

- At the last MAC meeting, Commissioner Lee asked the MAC to provide some suggestions on improving the problem of low birthweight babies.
- Chairwoman Partin provided several recommendations that were approved by the MAC.
 - Medicaid reimbursement for Certified Professional Midwives ("CPMs")
 - Support HB 92 and SB 96, which would introduce and regulate birthing centers as they improve the maternal and child health
 - Increase efforts to reduce smoking among pregnant women
 - Quit testing and reporting for marijuana use as that is a deterrent to newly pregnant mothers receiving care

- Increase access to birth control as that enables mothers to space pregnancies
- Support HB 27, relating to implicit bias in perinatal care
- Support HB 212, relating to child and maternal fatalities in the Commonwealth
- Support SB 78, relating to the prescriptive authority of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses
- Provide prenatal and perinatal care through the health departments as this helps in communities where there are no obstetricians
- Explore group prenatal care opportunities
- Require DMS to work with the Kentucky Perinatal Quality Care Collaborative to address issues.
- Commissioner Lee thanked Chairwoman Partin for the recommendations and said she would review and that she would like to see this topic kept on the agenda going forward.

Updates from Medicaid

Presenter: Commissioner Lee

- Commissioner Lisa Lee provided the MAC an update on currently active projects.
- Current Projects:
 - Fee for Service PBM RFP has been released. This will provide pharmacy management for Waiver and long term care recipients.
 - MCO PBM awarded to MedImpact is in protest. The Finance Cabinet has approved implementation of the contract which should be in place by July 1, 2021.
 - Hospital Reimbursement Improvement Program (HRIP): This was approved by CMS. Medicaid has worked with KHA on this. There is also legislation to address this. This will increase revenues to hospitals. It will not have an impact on the Medicaid budget. It is similar to the program for university hospitals. Additional information on the program will soon be included on the Department's website.
 - Single Preferred Drug List has been implemented. There were a few medications that fell outside the list that were used for SUD treatment. That issue has been resolved.
 - SUB 1115 Waiver Incarnated is under CMS review.
 - Information Technology: Medicaid is moving to modular components.
 - Electronic Visit Verification (EVV): CMS has confirmed Medicaid's system is in compliance.
 - HCB and Model II Waiver renewals are at CMS for review.
 - Appendix K is being reviewed and updated for submission to CMS
 - PACE should be operational in October or November with a go-live date of 1.1.22
 - Missed appointment tracking in KYHealth.net is targeted to go live 03.25.2021. The Commissioner asked for volunteers for testing before it goes live.
- Public Health Emergency:
 - Commissioner Lee said that it is her understanding that it will be extended through 2022.
 - Medicaid has been looking at COVID claims data of the FFS and MCO populations.
 - FFS: (Based on U071 diagnosis Code)
 - Unduplicated members during COVID: 14,988
 - Total Claims Amount: \$86,148,620
 - MCO (Based on U071 diagnosis Code)
 - Unduplicated members during COVID: 25,004

- Total Claims Amount: \$32,806,466
- There will be a special enrollment on the exchange during the public health emergency.

Provider Enrollment System Update

Presenter: Kate Hackett

- KY Medicaid Partner Portal Application (KY MPPA) Overview
 - The KY MPPA is a CHFS initiative to streamline and automate Kentucky's current paper-based Medicaid program enrollment process. This Web-based application is a product of this effort. Upon completion and approval of an electronic application, users will be able to perform online screening, enrollment and maintenance of individual, group and entity information, among other tasks. DMS staff also will use the system to review each enrollment.
 - KY MPPA allows providers to assign delegates to create new provider requests and complete maintenance on their behalf and allows enrollment and maintenance requests, sanction checks, certification/license verifications and individual or business data validations to be initiated online.
 - KY MPPA allows providers to create, submit and track correspondence with Program Integrity staff and reduces the number of rejected applications.
- The slides will be posted on the MAC website following the meeting.

Dr. Beth Partin

Q: Regarding the telehealth and out of state providers, does the federal order cover only Medicaid?

A: Commissioner Lee: It only covers Medicaid.

Reports and Recommendations from TACs

The MAC approved all of the following MAC reports.

- Behavioral Health:
 - No recommendations.
 - Dr. Schuster shared several issues regarding the PDL from the TAC.
 - Deputy Commissioner Stephanie Bates said that Medicaid is working to address the issues.
 - Pharmacy Director Jessin Joseph explained that the PDL is a subset of the drugs that DMS is required to cover. The PDL does not have prior authorizations, for the most part. With the move to the single PDL, the MCOs applied edits to products not on the PDL, essentially making them "non-preferred." The MCOs have been instructed to be clinically appropriate in applying PAs and hopefully moving to a "smart PA" which means that if a claim includes a diagnosis then the appropriate medication is approved without PA. If the diagnosis code is on the prescription, the pharmacist can override an edit and dispense the drug. As issues develop, Dr. Joseph should be informed. His email address is: Jessin.Joseph@ky.gov. Dr. Joseph explained that the PDL is the same as has been used for years which is a product of the P&T Committee recommendations and manufacturer rebates. This explains why some of the generics

have been transferred to brand name drugs in the change. Dr. Joseph emphasized that the MCOs are responsible for all covered outpatient drugs. Both Dr. Joseph said he hopes to have this resolved by the end of the month.

- Children's Health:
 - No report.
- Consumer Rights and Client Needs:
 - The TAC has two special meetings.
 - Recommendations:
 - Department needs to communicate better about changes, especially regarding new MCOs, the extended open enrollment period, application of copays, and pharmacy issues.
- Dental:
 - The TAC will meet February 12th.
 - The KY Dental Association is getting numerous calls from Medicaid dentists around Kentucky who are frustrated and having issues with financial issues with keeping their offices open due to recoupment issues.
- Nursing Home Care:
 - No report
- Home Health Care:
 - No recommendations
- Hospital Care:
 - They will meet later this month.
- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities:
 - No report
- Nursing Services:
 - Did not meet
- Optometric Care:
 - The TAC will meet next week.
- Pharmacy:
 - No report
- Physician Services:
 - No recommendations
- Podiatric Care:
 - No report
- Primary Care:
 - No recommendations from their last meeting.
 - They are working with Medicaid on crossover claims cleanup.
- Therapy Services:
 - Recommendation:
 - Establish a task force to review administrative burdens and suggest solutions. Prior authorization is just 1 example of the issue.

MCO report – United Health Care (UHC)

Presenter: Keith Payet, CEO of UHC

- The leadership of United Healthcare provided a presentation about its company and programs.

- A copy of its presentation will be posted to the MAC's website
- Steve Shannon: As of the end of last week there is still concerns on the status of the contracts with his members. We hope it will get resolved soon.
- Dr. Cook said she is aware and has been working diligently to expedite the contracts. If there are additional issues, we can set up a call.
- Chairwoman Partin: Commented that other providers have had issues with contracts. She noted that some of the contract provisions are difficult than other contracts, Once the credentialing is complete, will you backdate reimbursement to the first of the year?
- Chris Burns: We would be happy to discuss that on an individual basis.
- Chairwoman Partin: Since it's on a universal issue, it should be done for all. It is not fair to have individual providers make calls. That would be an additional hoop.
- Dr. Cook: That it happening on the behavioral health side.

New Business

IMD issues for free-standing Behavioral Hospitals and the resulting lack of MCO adherence to "payment" regarding Managed Care Medicaid 42 CFR Part 438

- Nina Eisner said she is seeking clarification on what is an IMD.
- This is an issue on whether the MCOs were adhering to the federal law regarding payment for emergency services and follow-up care in free-standing behavioral hospitals, citing IMD exclusion rules.
- This item will be reviewed by Medicaid and discussed at the next meeting.

10. GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS. Dr Garth Bobrowski presented the following report.

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December 14, 2020

Mr. Eddie Newsome
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RE: Medicaid Dental Fee Schedule/Codes

Dear Mr. Newsome,

Many 'THANKS' are extended to you all for allowing the Kentucky Dental Association and dentists to have input into this process.

For decades the dentists across Kentucky have truly cared for the Medicaid folks in our communities. With the last full fee upgrade(including adults) being in 2002, the increasing costs just to run a dental office, staffing and now COVID-19 and the additional high costs of PPE(personal protective equipment) , dentistry is really being strained to the limit of being able to continue participating in the Medicaid program from a purely business standpoint. In addition to this, the MCO's take off another 10% in reimbursement. For instance, for every adult patient that comes to the dentist for a cleaning, the dentist loses income to run the business. Many dentists are forced to limit or stop seeing Medicaid patients.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with you on getting more participation in the Medicaid program. We are concerned about the decreasing 'ACCESS TO CARE' situation for our Kentucky citizens.

You asked me about possible other dental codes that might be included in Medicaid , going forward. Numerous new research shows a direct correlation between good ORAL HEALTH and the overall health of each individual. For instance, gum disease can be a contributor to heart disease. We need to look at

treatment codes that really help the patient prevent disease, to improve their overall health, and to improve their job application chances-all at the same time.

Please consider these additional codes:

<u>CODE #</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
D0140	Problem focused exam:emergency, infection, pain, trauma
D0432	Glucose level test
D0273	Bitewing x-rays-3 radiographic images
D0277	Vertical bitewings-7-8 radiographic images to evaluate bone loss and root caries , like in cancer patients who have undergone radiation and / or chemical treatments
D0367	Cone beam - CT for both jaws
D0368	Cone beam - CT for TMJ
D1320	Tobacco counseling
D1999	Unspecified preventive procedure
D3110	Pulp cap - direct
D3120	Pulp cap - indirect
D1353	Sealant repairs(after 2 years from initial placement, for ages 20 and under)
D3221	Pulpal debridement: to relieve acute pain
D3410	Root canal treatment on anterior teeth(to be added for adults)
D4342	Periodontal scaling and root planing - 1-3 teeth per quadrant
D4355	Full mouth debridement(not just for pregnant ladies-any adult)
D5110	Complete Denture-maxillary
D5120	Complete Denture-mandibular
D5130	Immediate Denture-maxillary
D5240	Immediate Denture-mandibular
D5211	Maxillary partial denture
D5212	Mandibular partial denture
D5221	Immediate maxillary partial denture
D5222	Immediate maxillary partial denture
	Denture-complete repairs/adjustments (see code book)(all ages)
	Denture-partial repairs/adjustments(see code book)(all ages)
D4342	Periodontal scaling and root planing-1-3 teeth per quadrant
D4910	Periodontal maintenance
D7922	Placement of inter-socket biological dressing for bleeding control

D9230 Nitrous oxide
D9248 Non-IV conscious sedation
D9944 Occlusal guard for clenching, bruxism, TMJ problems
D9995 Teledentistry-synchronous: (a real time encounter)
D9996 Teledentistry-asynchronous: (store and forward)
Reference: American Dental Association, CDT 2020 Dental Procedure Codes

Add codes to pharmacy formulary for products like Prevident 5000 Booster for desensitization, root cavities prevention (especially for cancer patients). Since many adults have been added to the Medicaid roles through expansion and Presumed Eligibility programs, codes like D2920 for crown re-cementation are needed.

Another item to look at is the fee structure for the EPDST program for the 20 and under age group. The MCO's put out fees/reimbursements that are questionable and make the treatment not feasible to complete. The MCO contracts need to reflect that they will reimburse the dentist at or above the stated fee by DMS(not 10% or more below the stated DMS fee).

I am not a statistician or financial analyst, but I know there are a lot of Medicaid dentists that are really struggling financially to continue seeing our Medicaid patients. Here is another idea: 1. Substantially (20 years worth) increase the current codes fees, 2. add the codes that gives the dentist the ability to treat the patient and their oral health diseases, 3. create a \$1500-\$2000 yearly maximum for the adult patient, and 4. reign in the MCO's. This may actually save the state money in the long run and alleviate some of the frustrations dentists are having to participate in the Medicaid program.

If you have questions about a code and why we recommend inclusion, please contact me. We will be glad to help with written protocols, treatment frequencies, etc., on any code.

Sincerely,

Dr. Garth Bobrowski
Chair, Medicaid , Dental TAC
Vice Chair, Medicaid MAC
Chair, KDA Council on Governmental Affairs

11. COMPONENT REPORTS.

Report of the Green River Dental Society

The Green River Dental Society has not met in person since the last Executive Board meeting in November. However, we were gathered virtually on Dec. 8, 2020 for a CE course hosted on Facebook by Dr. Greg Adams staff. It was titled "Bloodborne Pathogens, OSHA, and Covid." It was such a treat and very well received. We next come together Thursday, Feb. 18 at 5:30 pm for yet another virtual CE course on Facebook. We anticipate meeting in person this year as soon as feasible to elect officers and plan the remainder of this year. Respectfully submitted, Joe McCarty, D.M.D. January 20, 2021.

Bluegrass Dental Society Report

We have no scheduled meetings for the spring of 2021 but have remained in contact as a board and continue to plan for the future. Many of our members and their staff have started the vaccination process so hopefully we can start meeting in person again sometime soon.

Respectfully submitted by:

Clifford Lowdenback

Nothing to report for NKDS. Thank you.

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Diplomate of The American Board of Periodontology

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12. **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.** Dr. Ryan Estes gave a verbal report on behalf of Chairman Dr. Olivia Estes. March 9 will be a virtual meeting with the University of Louisville students. She is trying to schedule a meeting with the University of Kentucky Students.

13. **KDPAC. Dr Mike Johnson** presented the following written report.
We have not met since the last report sent in November.

Mike

14. NEW BUSINESS.

MOTION: The Council on Annual Sessions recommends the KDA Executive Board allow a maximum of three complimentary booths be allotted per year to use in exchange for large sponsorships. The following provisions are added to be eligible:

- The sponsor does not normally exhibit with the KDA and would otherwise not be attending.
- There are available booths on our exhibit floor.
- The cost to the KDA be nothing more than the overall cost for the exhibit room space.

Dr. Andy Elliott made the following amendments to the motion:

1. The Annual Session Chairman, Scientific Chairman and the KDA Executive Director approve the free booth spaces.
2. The free booth space can only be given to an entity that has not exhibited with KDA in the past five years.
3. This motion will only be in effect for the next two years (2022 and 2023). And then re-evaluate the process.

Dr. Don Heine seconded the motion.

ACTION: APPROVED.

The original recommendation with amendment was then approved.

MOTION: Dr. Samantha Shaver made the motion to nominate **Dr. Beverly Largent** to the Children's Health TAC. **Dr. Andy Elliott** seconded the motion.

ACTION: APPROVED.

15. FUTURE KDA BOARD MEETINGS. The next KDA Board meeting will be May 15, 2021. July 24, 2021 is also scheduled.

16. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Dr. Kevin Wall
Secretary/Treasurer