

**KENTUCKY DENTAL ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

Zoom Meeting
March 5, 2022
9:00 A.M.

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

Dr. Thomas Carroll	Dr. John Lowe
Dr. Ryan Estes	Dr. Julie McKee
Dr. Darren Greenwell	Dr. BJ Millay
Dr. Laura Hancock Jones	Dr. Matt Milliner
Dr. Margaret Hill (U of L interim dean)	Dr. Charles Montague
Dr. Fred Howard	Dr. Jonathan Rich
Dr. Matt Johnson	Dr. Kevin Wall
Dr. Beverly Largent	Dr. Zindell Richardson (representing UK)
Dr. Cliff Lowdenback	

- 1.** Guests included Drs. Garth Bobrowski, Olivia Estes and Mark Moats were also present. Jennifer with Volunteers of America and Dr. Ray Cohlma, ADA Executive Director were also present. Staff members present were Mr. Richard Whitehouse, Mr. Todd Edwards, Mrs. Melissa Nathanson, and Mrs. Janet Glover.
- 2. INVOCATION. Dr. Garth Bobrowski** gave the invocation.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** The minutes of the October 30, 2021, 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.** KDA's accountant, **Mr. Roy C. Hoagland III, CPA, CGMA** Audit Partner with Welenken CPAS presented the year end financials for 2021.
5. **Jennifer Hancock, President & CEO Volunteers of America Mid-States** gave a verbal overview of their new program, Healthy Mouth/Healthy You.
6. **Dr. Ray Cohlma, ADA Executive Director** introduced himself with some remarks.

7. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT. Dr. Jonathan Rich gave the following report.

HB370 has passed the House. Call and thank your representatives.

It is now in the Senate call and ask for their support.

We need one to two more dentist to attend Lobby Day in DC please contact me if you would like to go or know someone that would.

Thanks to Dr Lowdenback Rick, Libby and the UofL students that came to Frankfort!

Have had the opportunity to visit Bluegrass, Purchase LDS and NKDS. Please reach out to me if you would like me to visit your society.

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 March 5, 2022 meeting
Date: February 24, 2022

Presentations

Jennifer Hancock, President & CEO Volunteers of America Mid-States
Roy Hoagland III, Partner Welenken CPAs
Dr. Ray Cohlma, ADA Executive Director

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 -

Insurance Reform Legislative Initiative

HB370 was unanimously voted out of committee February 23rd. It's on its way to the full House for a vote. We had to withdraw language in the bill related to assignment of benefits. However, we will work with ADA and NCOIL to craft language for a bill in a future session.

Key Legislative Contact Program

We still need members to 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.

Medicaid Fees

- Sen. Ralph Alvarado sponsored HB87, a bill that would adopt a minimum fee schedule for Medicaid services through a directed payment option. Dr. Garth Bobrowski provided testimony in support on behalf of KDA. The bill was voted out of committee and is currently in the Senate.
- Avesis reportedly increased a number of fees on their schedule. I will provide more information whenever it is available.
- I have not heard back from Dr. Heitmeier regarding the potential we discussed of following Louisiana in creating a Full Medicaid Pricing model for dentists in Kentucky.

MEMBER SUPPORT

- serve and support the needs and success of members -

KDA Annual Meeting 2022

It's not too early to start thinking about The Kentucky Meeting. This year, we return to French Lick Resort. Be prepared to go full Gatsby this year as we are planning another big event for our members. I am happy to report that Kenny Aronoff will be back by popular demand!

PUBLIC AWARENESS

- promote oral health through community service and public relations -

Healthy Mouth, Healthy You campaign

We attended a press briefing in Frankfort for the launch of this campaign by Volunteers of America, Avesis, Red Bird Clinic, and the KY Beverage Association.

Tornado Relief

Upon hearing about the natural disaster in Mayfield, our board donated \$20K from our relief fund to the Governor's Team Western Kentucky Tornado Relief Fund. We also facilitated the transfer of monies from California (\$5K) and Oklahoma (\$1K) to the fund.

ASSOCIATION EXCELLENCE

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

ADA Executive Director Comments

ADA Executive Director Raymond Cohlmiia will be making a brief presentation during our meeting. However, I think he would be happy to respond to questions you may have regarding public policy or his philosophy and vision for the future.

Financial Update

Ray Hoagland III with Welenken CPAs will present information to the board regarding our annual compilation report. Please feel free to ask any questions you may have during our meeting.

There are several items related to revenue last year of which you should be aware:

- We received \$92,605 in SPA grants from ADA, \$10,000 from Purchase Dental Society, and \$1,000 from the KY Society of Oral Maxillofacial Surgeons to support our insurance reform initiative.
- Members chose to contribute \$10,150 in addition to their regular dues as a voluntary contribution to our legislative fund.
- Investments realized a gain of \$27,945.

Overall, our legislative fund is in the black, the reserve fund is above target, and our journal continues to be profitable.

Component Society Visits

If your society president has not contacted Janet to arrange a KDA component visit, please do so. We can meet in-person or virtually.

Upcoming Meetings:

March 20-22 ADA Dentist and Student Lobby Day

Standing Meetings:

Bi-weekly lobbyist call

Monthly executive director/committee call

Monthly call with Medicaid Commissioner

Monthly SPA grant call

Current KDA Patrons

- Bowman Insurance – Platinum Patron/Partner
- Commonwealth Technology – Silver Patron/Partner
- Anthem BCBS – Bronze Patron
- Avesis – Bronze Patron

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Whitehouse
KDA Executive Director

9. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY.

University of Kentucky College of Dentistry Kentucky Dental Association Executive Report

March 2022

College updates

- Recently the UK College of Dentistry launched a collaborative effort with the University of Kentucky Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Program, housed in the UK College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment, to provide oral health information to Kentuckians. The UK Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Program hosts the Talking FACS podcast, sharing information on various topics and issues facing many families today. UKCD faculty are working with the group on a special series of podcast interviews titled Kentucky Smiles on Talking FACS. This new series is available online at <https://ukfcsext.podbean.com/category/dental-health>.
- Nearly 80 attendees attended the 1st Annual AADOCR Kentucky Fall Symposium, co-hosted by the UK College of Dentistry and University of Louisville School of Dentistry, held on October 20, 2021, at Spindletop Hall in Lexington, Kentucky.
- The Kentucky Oral Health Innovation Initiative (KOHII), a university initiative that aims to address health disparities in the commonwealth by advancing and uplifting the value of oral health, officially launched in 2021. KOHII is based in the College of Dentistry and is implemented in partnership with the UK Colleges of Medicine and Public Health. KOHII reached a significant milestone upon formalizing a partnership with the Kentucky Primary Care Association (KPCA) and its statewide network of community health centers.

Awards and Honors

- Congratulations to **Dr. Kelly Dingrando** on earning pediatric board certification.

Publications

- **Dr. Cristina Perez** has a chapter included in the Handbook of Clinical Techniques in Pediatric Dentistry, 2e edited by Jane A. Soxman, Chapter 27: Sleep Disordered Breathing in Children.
- **Rojas-Ramirez, MV, DeVito, DM, McKee, JW, Miller, CS.** Empowering dentists to administer COVID-19 vaccines. J Public Health Dent. 2022; 1– 7. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jphd.12502>
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- Thomas D, Mallalareddy SD, **Okeson JP**, Thankachan J, Pitchumani PK, Itchumani, RC: "Trigeminal Traumatic Neuroma: A Comprehensive Review Of The Literature Based On A Rare Case" *Current Pain and Headache Reports*. Reports <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11916-022-01018-w>, 2022.

Faculty Updates

- **Dr. Cristina Perez** was appointed to the Endowed John R. Mink Chair for Pediatric Dentistry and Oral Health Research.
- **Dr. Zindell Richardson** was named Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs.
- **Dr. Melvyn Yeoh**, Chief of the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, assumed the role of interim Chair of the Department of Oral Health Science.
- **Dr. Oelisoa M. Andriankaja** joined the Department of Oral Health Practice, Center for Oral Health Research, as full-time faculty.
- **Dr. Pratishtha Mishra** was invited as an international expert to present on sleep apnea at the 49th Indian Prosthodontics Society National Conference in Chennai, India
- **Drs. James Hartsfield and Lorri Morford** presented a four-hour “Genetics Overview” program to various residents at the University of West Virginia School of Dentistry in Morgantown.
- **Dr. Jennie Ison** (UKCD '12) joined the college’s oral pathology division. Dr. Ison is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and is thrilled to return to Lexington and the College of Dentistry.

- **Dr. Shelby Oberst** (UKCD '21) joined the college's oral diagnosis division from a private practice in Lexington. During her time at UKCD as a student, she received awards for outstanding achievement in the fields of oral medicine and oral pathology.
- **Dr. Wes Coffman** delivered a keynote presentation during UK's recent annual Veterans Day celebration, organized by the UK Veterans Resource Center.
- **Dr. Kelly Dingrando** spoke with Health & Wellness magazine about the importance of caring for primary teeth.
- **Dr. Pam VanArsdall** spoke with Health & Wellness magazine about oral cancer detection.
- **Dr. James K. Hartsfield, Jr.**, was the invited speaker for the first symposium in the 20th Anniversary Series marking the founding of the Division of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics in the American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine Department of Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery. His presentation was on "Bridging the Gap between Genetics and Clinical Practice" on November 23, 2021.
- **Dr. Pam VanArsdall** spoke on KET's Kentucky Health program about the connection between oral cancer and HPV. Dr. VanArsdall also spoke on Kentucky Smiles on Talking FACS about overcoming barriers to good oral health for older adults.
- **Dr. Jeff Okeson presented a full day virtual meeting about "What every dentist should know about TMD" to the Genesee District Dental Society in Grand Blanc, Michigan on February 8, 2022.**

Student Updates

- Congratulations to OFP resident **Dr. Linda Sangalli** on being a panelist at the 2021 World Congress on Dentistry and Oral Health conference where she spoke on Telehealth and Tele-monitoring at the service of Orthodontic and Orofacial Pain Patients. Additionally, Dr. Sangalli presented as part of a Neuropathic Data Blitz by the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP), speaking on a Comparison of Psychological Profiles and Sleep Quality Between Patients Diagnosed with Persistent Idiopathic Facial Pain vs. Trigeminal Neuralgia
- **Dr. Mohamed Adel**, former Visiting Scholar, and current first-year UKCD orthodontics resident published the following: Takeru Otsuka, Adel Mohamed, Yong-Il Kim, Yu Hikita, So Koizumi, Takehiko Sambe, Elkorashie Mohamed, Koutaro Maki, and Tetsutaro Yamaguchi. "[Ethnic differences in condylar size assessed using cone-beam computed tomography.](#)" 神奈川歯学= The Journal of the Kanagawa Odontological Society 56, no. 2 (2021): 118-124.

Philanthropy/Alumni Relations

- Dr. David Bassett of Clearwater, Florida has established an endowment in recognition of his 50th anniversary of graduating from dental school in 1971. The endowment will fund a scholarship for an incoming DMD student, who has great potential for academic success, but faces financial challenges.

UKCD Alumni and friends of the college should mark their calendars for the following events/activities in 2022:

UKCD Distinguished Alumnus Awards

- Call for Nominations: to be released in March 2022
- Deadline to nominate: June 7, 2022
- Awards Ceremony: October 7, 2022 (During the Fall Symposium and Alumni Weekend)

UKCD Alumni Association Annual Golf Tournament

- August 20, 2022
- University Club of Kentucky (Lexington KY)

UKCD Alumni Reception at the KDA

- August 26, 2022
- French Lick Resort (French Lick, IN)

UKCD “Barrels & Kegs” Bourbon Tasting and Silent Auction

- October 6, 2022
- Hilton Downtown (Lexington, KY)

UKCD Annual Fall Symposium and Alumni Weekend

- October 7-8, 2022
- Lexington, KY

10. REPORT OF UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE COLLEGE DENTISTRY.

University of Louisville School of Dentistry (ULSD) Kentucky Dental Association Executive Board Report February 23, 2022

Leadership News

- In January 2022, ULSD Dean Dr. Gerry Bradley was asked to serve as interim Provost for the University of Louisville. While he is in that role, Dr. Margaret Hill is serving as interim Dean for the School of Dentistry. Dr. Paula Collins has been appointed as the interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs while Dr. Hill serves as interim Dean.
- Stephen Fairley has joined UofL as the School of Dentistry as Senior Director of Development. He previously served as the Director of Development for Major Gifts at Indiana University - Kelley School of Business.

Student Affairs/Student Admissions

- In 2021 we had more than 1,700 applicants for the class of 2026. We are fully enrolled with 120 students in the class.
- The application window for dental hygiene upper division for the class of 2024 closed in mid-January. This spring, 30 students will be selected for the class.
- The UofL ASDA chapter received several ACE awards at the District 7 Meeting in Indianapolis. The chapter was honored as “Most Improved Chapter” and “Best Community Service Initiative.” In addition, D2 Judd Burns received the “Rising Leader Award.”
- Convocation for class of 2022 DMD, dental hygiene, and advanced standing students is scheduled for the evening of Friday, May 13, 2022 at the Louisville Palace.

Clinical Affairs

- The Clinical Outreach Scholar Program was reinstated in the Fall 2021 semester. Seven students were accepted. The rotation includes a 4-week stay at the Paducah Dental Clinic as well as multiple 1-day rotations in Bowling Green and Morehead.
- ULSD continues to send students to other rotation sites around the state, including Red Bird Clinic, Inc. in southeastern Kentucky. During the fall semester, we also reestablished our regular D4 DMD and Dental Hygiene rotations at the Shawnee Dental Clinic following the construction/renovation of their clinic facility.
- The new UofL Dental practice in Shelbyville, Kentucky opened in February and has started screening potential patients. The practice will provide a full range of general dentistry services and serve as a rotation site for students.

Alumni Affairs & Continuing Education

- The ULSD Alumni Council has successfully kicked off year two of its Mentorship Program with D3 students. There was a fantastic response, again, when alumni mentors and student mentees were asked if they would like to participate. This year 39 pairings were made, with an extra 30 alumni volunteers already in the queue for next year’s class!
- Kristen George, DMD ’09, accepted the position of president of the ULSD Alumni Council in February. We are incredibly thankful to the immediate past president, Mark Schulte, DMD ’77, for his leadership in the formation of this group.

- Alumni Affairs continues to collect information about job opportunities and practices for sale. A weekly email with this information is sent to the D4 DMD class and GPR residents. Anything DH-related is posted on the DH Facebook page and sent to Jackie Singleton for dissemination.
- Upcoming alumni events:
 - March 18: ULSD Alumni & Friends Reception (held in conjunction with the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta) at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse-Embassy Suites Hotel at Centennial Olympic Park from 5:30-7:00 p.m.
 - May 14: DMD reunion for class years ending in 0,1,2,5,6, and 7 Because the previous two reunion cycles were postponed due to COVID-19, the 2022 reunion will combine three reunion cycles – honoring class years ending in 0,1,2,5,6, and 7. Registration is expected to begin in March. More information is available at uoflalumni.org/dentistry-reunions.
- Upcoming in-person CE events:
 - March 12,13,26, and 27: Dental Assisting Delegated Duties (EDDA)
 - March 25: Radiation Safety for the Dental Auxiliary
 - April 2: Coronal Polishing for the Dental Auxiliary
 - May 14: Perio Update: A Practical Approach to Implementation of the New AAP Periodontal Classification
- Upcoming virtual CE events:
 - In conjunction with the Association for Continuing Dental Education (ACDE), of which ULSD CE is a member, we continue to host a wide variety of dentistry CE courses. These presentations feature expert faculty across 30+ schools of dentistry in the U.S. and Canada.

Faculty and Staff News

- In late 2021 and early 2022, ULSD welcomed several new faculty members:
 - Dr. Suzanne Barnes - Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
 - Dr. Jacob Bishop - Department of Comprehensive Dentistry
 - Dr. Tyler Blount - Department of Comprehensive Dentistry
 - Dr. Christiano de Oliveira Santos - Department of Diagnosis & Oral Health/Radiology
 - Dr. Grace De Souza - Department of Comprehensive Dentistry
 - Dr. Adam Perry - Department of Comprehensive Dentistry/Paducah Clinic
 - Dr. Kent Sabey- Department of Diagnosis & Oral Health/Endodontics
- Dr. Himabindu Dukka has been selected as the Graduate Periodontics Program Director. This role was previously held by Dr. Henry Greenwell, who retired in 2021.
- Dr. Kent Sabey has assumed the role of Endodontics Graduate Program Director. Previous Program Director Dr. Stephen Clark remains on the faculty and is beginning a phased retirement.
- The following faculty members were approved for promotions/tenure effective January 1, 2022:
 - Himabindu Dukka, MSD - promotion to Associate Professor and award of tenure
 - Robert Flint, MD, DMD - promotion to Associate Professor and award of tenure
 - Pin-Chuang Lai, DDS, PhD - promotion to Associate Professor and award of tenure

In Memoriam

- In recent months, we lost two ULSD graduates who served as faculty members at our school:
 - Dr. Thomas O'Toole, DMD '58, who concluded his distinguished career in dentistry by teaching in the ULSD Pediatric Dentistry department, passed away on December 19, 2021.
 - Dr. David Tasman, DMD '78, who was a beloved educator for countless residents in the ULSD Orthodontic department for over 35 years, passed away on January 22, 2022.

Research

- According to the latest Blue Ridge Institute for Medical Research rankings, ULSD is now ranked 13th in

the nation for dental school NIH funding. That is up five spots from our previous ranking.

- ULSD's Oral Immunology & Infectious Disease department chair, Dr. Rich Lamont, has been selected as an American Academy of Microbiology Fellow.
- Researchers from ULSD and their colleagues recently published results of a study showing how oral bacteria can suppress the activity of oral epithelial cells, increasing vulnerability to infection.
- An R03 grant application submitted by Fata Moradali, PhD, Assistant Professor in the Department of Oral Immunology and Infectious Diseases, has been approved for funding by NIH/NIDCR. Dr. Moradali will research "The Control of Lipopolysaccharide Heterogeneity and Virulence by Cyclic di-AMP Signaling in *Porphyromonas gingivalis*" (1 R03 DE031854-01).

Faculty Publications

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11. REPORT OF THE STATE DENTAL DIRECTOR. Dr. Julie McKee gave a brief update on HB 361, stating the Cabinet for Family and Health Services is not in favor of taking fluoride out of the drinking water in Kentucky.

12. REPORT FROM COUNCIL ON ANNUAL SESSION.

Saturday, February 5, 2022 – Zoom Meeting
10:00 A.M. (Eastern Standard Time)

Council members present: Drs. Mark Moats, Chairman, Laura Hancock Jones, Kate von Lackum, Charles Montague, Randy Ransdell and Gina Davis. Ex-Officio members present: Drs. Fred Howard, Jonathan Rich, Darren Greenwell, Cliff Lowdenback and Kevin Wall. Dr. B.J. Moorhead was also present as the Immediate Past Scientific Session Chair. Staff present: Richard Whitehouse, Melissa Nathanson and Todd Edwards.

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m.

The minutes/reports from the January 16, 2021 and March 27, 2021 zoom meetings and the addendum report from 2/18/21 were approved.

The Council reviewed the 2021 Kentucky Meeting. Richard Whitehouse discussed attendance numbers, venue expenses, number of exhibitors present and overall financial performance (see attached 2021 KDA Annual Meeting Dashboard).

Site selection for the 2023 Kentucky Meeting was discussed. After the discussion was complete, the Council voted unanimously to recommend the Galt House for our meeting to be held August 23-27, 2023.

ACTION ITEM FOR THE KDA EXECUTIVE BOARD: The Council on Annual Session recommends that the 2023 Kentucky Meeting be held at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, KY on August 23-27, 2023.

New Business: The Council discussed the need for dentists interested in being Scientific Session Committee Chairs for future (beginning in 2024 and beyond) annual session meetings. Components were encouraged to recommend members they felt might be appropriate for the position. The Blue Grass Dental Society has a recommendation and will submit a name after discussing it with said individual.

The Council also discussed having a separate continuing education program (a one day event) this fall in Lexington, KY. This event would include continuing education and an afternoon of fun, possibly at Keeneland. Discussion was still under way and more details will follow in the coming months.

ACTION ITEM FOR THE KDA EXECUTIVE BOARD:

On February 15th, the council was sent, via email, a proposed 2023 Annual Session Budget for their approval and motion to present to the Executive Board. After an electronic vote, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Dr. James (Randy) Ransdell moved that the 2023 Proposed Annual Session Budget be approved. Dr. Mark Moats seconded the motion.

MOTION APPROVED AND REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR FINAL APPROVAL.

The Council on Annual Session is an advisory body. Accordingly, all motions, including budgetary implications, must be reviewed by the KDA Executive Board and approved and appropriate discussion and

deliberation.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mark Moats, Chairman

Summary of Potential Meeting Locations for 2023

Lexington Hyatt Regency & Central Bank Center

Guestroom Availability & Rates

August 23-27, 2023

\$142.00 flat rate – Hyatt Regency Lexington

Meeting & Event Space

Meeting and Event Space would be in the Central Bank Center

Central Bank Center meeting space rental **\$25,000.00**

Food & Beverage

\$23,000.00 Central Bank Center Minimum

Audio Visual

Approx. \$550 per room

Lexington Hilton Lexington Downtown & Central Bank Center

Guestroom Availability & Rates

August 23-27, 2023

\$149.00 – Hilton Lexington

Meeting & Event Space

Meeting and Event Space would be in the Central Bank Center

Central Bank Center meeting space rental **\$25,000.00**

Food & Beverage

\$23,000.00 Central Bank Center Minimum

Audio Visual

Approx. \$550 per room

Northern KY Convention Ctr. & Cincinnati Marriott RiverCenter & Embassy Suites

Guestroom Availability & Rates

August 16 – 19, 2023

\$204.00 s/d - Cincinnati Marriott Rivercenter

\$169.00 King Suites/\$179 Double Suites - Embassy Suites Rivercenter

Meeting & Event Space

Northern KY Convention Center Rental - \$20,000.00

Overflow Mtg. Space in Marriott - \$3,000.00 Room Rental & \$6,000.00 Food & Beverage Minimum

OR

Overflow Mtg. Space in Embassy Suites - \$10,000.00 event minimum (Event space and F&B)

***Please note some meetings that would not be able to be accommodated in the Convention Ctr. would need to be held in either the Marriott or Embassy Suites**

Food & Beverage

\$37,500.00 – Northern KY Convention Center

Audio Visual

Approx. \$600 per room

Galt House Hotel - Louisville

Guestroom Availability & Rates

August 23-27, 2023

\$169.00 - West Tower – Deluxe Guestrooms

\$189.00 – East Tower – Executive Suites

Meeting & Event Space/Food & Beverage

\$30,000.00 F & B Minimum/Room Rental (If F & B minimum falls below this amount, balance will be charged as room rental)

Audio Visual

Approx. \$500 per room

FRENCH LICK SPRINGS

French Lick Springs Hotel is holding 8/16-20 dates for us if we are interested in returning there in 2023.

KICC/

The Kentucky International Convention Center has only offered dates that fall on Labor Day weekend in 2023.

Also, no hotels in the city have expressed any interest in partnering with KICC for our meeting at this time.

	Year to Date 9-2021	Adopted Budget 2021	Proposed Budget 2023
REVENUES			
Exhibit Space Rental	80,600.00	100,000.00	85,000.00
Tickets Registered Clinics	102,165.00	100,000.00	105,000.00
Donations	12,680.00	20,000.00	15,000.00
Special Events	650.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	196,095.00	222,000.00	206,000.00

I. EXHIBITS EXPENSE

Galt House Room Rental	0.00	4,500.00	0.00
Room Rentals/Exhibit Committee	1,288.00	2,000.00	1,500.00
Printing & Postage	1,238.00	3,000.00	1,500.00
Security Service	2,688.00	4,300.00	3,000.00
New Dentist Reception	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Exhibitors/Members Hospitality	6,490.00	3,500.00	6,500.00
Set-Up	5,851.00	7,500.00	6,500.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	100.00	100.00
I. TOTAL	17,555.00	27,900.00	22,100.00

II. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE

Operations	22,006.00	21,000.00	22,000.00
Alliance to KDA	350.00	350.00	350.00
Printing & Postage	6,320.00	17,000.00	7,000.00
Badges	250.00	500.00	500.00
Awards	2,432.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
Support Staff Expense	137.00	200.00	200.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	250.00	250.00
II. TOTAL	31,495.00	41,500.00	32,500.00

	Year to Date 9-2021	Adopted Budget 2021	Proposed Budget 2023
III. SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS EXPENSE			
Galt House Room Rental	0.00	4,500.00	0.00
Speaker Honoraria	16,100.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Keynote Speaker	5,332.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Speaker Expenses	1,717.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Signs	725.00	750.00	750.00
Meeting Room Mgmt/Audio			
Visual	26,120.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
Printing	1,335.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Meeting Scouting Trip	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
AGD Approval	300.00	685.00	685.00
III. TOTAL	51,629.00	80,435.00	75,935.00

IV. TABLE CLINICS AND HOBBY SHOW EXPENSE

Printing & Set Up	130.00	100.00	100.00
Clinical Awards	300.00	350.00	350.00
Hobby Awards	300.00	350.00	350.00
Research Awards	300.00	350.00	350.00
Hygienists Award	0.00	500.00	500.00
IV. TOTAL	1,030.00	1,650.00	1,650.00

	Year to Date 9-2021	Adopted Budget 2021	Proposed Budget 2023
V. SPECIAL EVENTS			
Fees & License	290.00	240.00	240.00
	290.00	240.00	240.00
Opening Session		5,000.00	5,000.00
Randall Event/President's Reception			
Dinner	12,125.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
Printing	0.00	100.00	100.00
	12,125.00	11,100.00	11,100.00
President's Reception	0.00	0.00	0.00
Past Presidents' Lunch Meals & Entertainment	0.00	0.00	0.00
V. TOTAL	12,415.00	11,340.00	11,340.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	114,124.00	162,825.00	143,525.00

13. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. Dr. Olivia Estes presented the following report.

The New Dentist Committee (NDC) is in the final stages of planning National Signing Day (NSD) events, which serve as pivotal encounters with 4th year dental students before graduation. The University of Kentucky College of Dentistry is allowing in-person lunch and learn events for the spring semester. However, the University of Louisville School of Dentistry is only permitting virtual events due to its Covid-19 policy. Fourth year students who complete the ADA application will be gifted a manual entitled, The Chairside Instructor, which can serve as a visual guide for patients while presenting different dental cases.

On March 17th Dr. Estes will give a NSD presentation to 4th year dentals students at UKCD. Lunch will be provided. Door prizes will be given away to 4th year students who complete the ADA application in addition to the case presentation manual.

As previously mentioned, ULSD is not permitting in-person events on campus. Historically a virtual event is not well attended compared to a live setting. Therefore, the NDC is in the process of planning an off-campus event for 4th years students in conjunction with the ULSD Alumni Council. The NSD event is set to take place at a University of Louisville baseball game this spring. The cost of attendance is free for students and the entertaining setting should bolster attendance. ULSD alumni and NDC member(s) will oversee the event. Paper ADA application forms and laminated sheets with the QR code will be available for 4th students to complete the ADA application during the game. The date and other details are being planned.

14. THE REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY TO KMAP. Dr Garth Bobrowski
presented the following report.

MEDICAID DENTAL TAC AGENDA

FEBRUARY 11, 2022

ZOOM MEETING

Meeting ID: 849 8274 8285

Password: 7cigdw

phone:1-713-353-0212 or 1-888-822-7517

1. Welcome and Roll Call-Dr. Garth Bobrowski
2. Review meeting dates: Fridays 2-11-22, 5-13-22, 8-12-22, 11-4-22 (2-4 P.M. Eastern)(all are Zoom)
3. Election of officers: Chair=_____ Vice-Chair=_____
4. New member needed to replace Dr. Brandon Taylor
5. Comments by Commissioner Lisa Lee
6. Approval of minutes from 11-22 meeting
7. Old Business
 - a. Dr. Julie McKee-dental survey report
 - b. MCO's report on Social Determinants of Health and their Impacts on Oral Health and Total Health Care
8. New Business
 - a. Report on HB87(Senator Alvarado, Presenters: Mahak Kalra, Dr. Garth Bobrowski, Ronnie Coleman w/ Benevis)
 - b. A new TAC has been formed for Persons Returning to Society from Incarceration (Steve Shannon-Chair)
 - c. MCO reports (UHC, DQ, Avesis), FFS report
 - d. On the DMS website, can a contact # be added for each TAC?
 - e. Other
9. Motions for the MAC/DMS:
 - a. for DMS-a county-specific provider data on a quarterly basis showing activity levels for gross pay outs beginning 1-1-22
 - b.
 - c.
10. See above for the next meeting
11. Public Comments
12. Dentist Comments
13. Adjournment

KENTUCKY DENTAL TAC MEETING MINUTES
Cabinet for Health & Family Services
August 13, 2021
2:00 p.m. EST.

The TAC members in attendance via Zoom: Dr. Garth Bobrowski (telephonic only at times), Dr. Phillip Schuler, Dr. Joe Petrey and Dr. John Gray (telephonic).

Medicaid staff in attendance via Zoom or telephonically: Veronica Cecil, Angie Parker, Lee Guice, Sharley Hughes and Jennifer Dudinskie.

The Managed Care Organization (MCO) representatives in attendance: At the request of DMS, MCO participants appearing via Zoom or telephonically will not be listed under Appearances.

Also in attendance: At the request of DMS, all other participants appearing via Zoom or telephonically will not be listed under Appearances.

Call to Order and Introductions: Dr. Bobrowski called the meeting to order and introduced the TAC members present. A quorum was present when Dr. Bobrowski appeared via video.

Approval of Minutes for February 12, 2021 TAC meeting: A motion was made by Dr. Petrey and seconded by Dr. Schuler to approve the May 14, 2021 TAC minutes. Said motion passed unanimously.

Medicaid Fee-for-Service Comments/Questions

- a. **What was the Medicaid enrollment in 2015 as compared to the end of June 30, 2021?** Ms. Guice reported that at the end of June, 2015, there were 1,284,193 Medicaid members enrolled; and at the end of June, 2021, there were 1,678,801 Medicaid members enrolled. Ms. Cecil noted that part of the large enrollment numbers included people who signed up for Presumptive Eligibility which is temporary and it has also been expanded under the pandemic.
- b. **How many Medicaid providers did you have registered in 2015 as compared to the end of June 30, 2021?** Ms. Dudinskie reported that at the end of June, 2015, the total number of registered Medicaid providers were 1,612; and at the end of June, 2021, the total number of registered Medicaid providers were 1,753. Ms. Dudinskie broke these numbers out by specialties and they are as follows: Endodontics – in 2015, there were six, and in 2021, there were nine; General Dentistry – in 2015, there were 1,381, and in 2021, there were 1,525; Oral Surgeons – in 2015, there were 81, and in 2021, there were 66; Orthodontics – in 2015, there were 67, and in 2021, there were 68; Pediatric Dentists – in 2015, there were 63, and in 2021, there were 70; Periodontists – there were six in both 2015 and 2021; Oral Pathologists – in 2015, there were six, and in 2021, there were seven; and Prosthetics – there were two in both 2015 and 2021.

Other Questions? There were no other questions asked but Dr. Petrey noted the increase of nearly 400,000 more people on the rolls but yet a decrease in oral surgeons and this being one reason for the time it takes to get in to see an oral surgeon. Dr. Schuler noted that while the number of providers may be up slightly, that not every provider is delivering the same level of care and that it would be interesting to look at encounter data or paid claims' data to see the activity level. Nicole Allen

with Avesis noted that in the past, the MCOs would make presentations to the TAC that identified the number of providers within the quarter that billed and that were paid more than \$500, \$1,000 or \$5,000 or more. She also noted that on the DMS website, providers are identified by county with the counts and it compares it to DMS fee-for-service by MCO. Dr. Petrey asked if these numbers were by license number or

by location, and Ms. Allen stated that DMS required the MCOs to change the criteria used to identify the providers and now providers must be reported based upon their full-time location, and a full-time location is defined as sixteen hours or more at an office. Dr. Bobrowski asked what the TAC needed to do to request this type of information, and Ms. Cecil stated that the TAC just needed to make the request from DMS on what information it needed and DMS will go back and take a look to see if what it has publicly posted works or if it needs to pull a data request. Ms. Allen asked if this information will be supplied by DMS for each of the payers or only for fee-for-service, and Ms. Cecil stated she would take that back and will reach out to the MCOs if DMS feels it cannot provide it for entire group.

Dr. Bobrowski asked about a possible survey being done asking about who is accepting new members, to what degree a provider has limited their practice, the number of submitted claims per category, etcetera. Dr. Julie McKee stated that the Department for Public Health is working with DMS to develop this survey that will go out to all licensees with the Kentucky Board of Dentistry and she went over the types of questions that will be asked on the survey. She asked if she could send the survey in test pilot mode to the TAC members, and all the TAC members agreed that she could send it to them for their review and feedback. Dr. Bobrowski will include this survey as a topic item for the next TAC meeting agenda.

MCO Comments/Questions: (Avesis, DentaQuest, United HealthCare)

- a. What is your organization doing to increase access to care?**
- b. What is your organization doing for network adequacy?**
- c. What was the number of Kentucky providers you had in 2015 as compared to the end of June 30, 2021?**
- d. Other Questions:**

The above questions were answered as follows:

Avesis:

Nicole Allen stated that the network increased 6% for the first client it had in Kentucky at the time of the count for 2015 compared to today, and the other MCOs that it brought on, the network has increased by 30%. Those increases were because one of the MCOs went from just urban areas and went statewide, and when they went statewide, Avesis had to open up the recruitment. And, then, with the other MCOs, Avesis was able to increase their networks to their first client from what they originally were before they were Avesis. Ms. Allen stated that the Avesis-administered MCOs implemented increased fees for certain procedure codes. It is looking at things to do from a referral perspective to ensure that patients who are in true need of services are referred to the proper providers. When emergency situations arise, Avesis will rely on relationships and partnerships with certain practices to ensure that members are seen. Ms. Allen and Dr. Caudill also spoke about programs like Mission of Mercy and the RAM Clinics where oral health providers coordinate oral health days where they do extractions, restorations and other dental procedures, and Ms. Allen thought this might be something the parties could partner in doing in the future.

DentaQuest: Christina

Medina stated that from 2015 to 2021, DentaQuest had a 30% increase of unique providers. It increased from 575 unique providers to 748. Out of the mix in 2015, it was 25% dental subspecialists, and in June 2021, it increased to 40% dental subspecialists. Currently, it has about 4,300 access points. DentaQuest's member-to-provider ratio is trending at about 1 to 70 for general practitioners and 1 to 240 on the subspecialty level. It surveys providers monthly to understand their capacities, their dates of operation, the number of new patients and other information, and DentaQuest has a team that reaches out to providers to assist in any way that they can. To increase access to care, DentaQuest monitors the Medicaid registration very closely and proactively engages with people coming out of residency programs. If members are transitioning from one MCO to another, it wants to ensure that it is a seamless process and that there is good continuity of care. DentaQuest has commercial products that it administers and it compares the network to that commercial network. It tracks providers that have not seen members and it has specialized outreach to

see what challenges or barriers they may be experiencing. Ms. Medina stated that DentaQuest prides itself on the rates it pays providers, ensuring that providers are getting reimbursed fairly and adequately.

United Healthcare: Dr. Adam Rich stated that from an access-to-care issue, the MCO has provided PPE for need-based and school-based clinics in rural areas. It has a social determinants of care team and engages community partners in all areas of the state to educate members and make them aware of the dental services available and the importance for overall oral health, and it has provided educational materials to health departments and schools. UHC does nutritional programs at community centers and education at screening clinics and assists with housing needs. Dr. Rich stated that from a network perspective, he could not give any data from 2015 but that the general dentistry network is meeting all the requirements. It does struggle with recruiting specialists but the recruiting team is working to expand the dental network, and the member service team is dedicated to making sure that members receive and have access to dental care.

Dr. Schuler suggested that at the next TAC meeting, the MCOs and/or their subcontractors could address the social determinants of health and how that impacts dental care and total health care of individuals and what the MCOs are doing to address this. Dr. Bobrowski again spoke about engaging all of the TACs in a collaborative effort to discuss social determinants of health and to look at ways to make Kentucky a healthier state, and he will add this topic to the next TAC meeting agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Status on the MCO contracts and Judge's ruling?** Ms. Guice stated that there is not a status report at this time because there is still a pending lawsuit.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Motions for the MAC:** A motion was made by Dr. Schuler and seconded by Dr. Petrey to request from DMS county-specific provider data on a quarterly basis showing activity levels for gross pay-outs, beginning January 1, 2021.
- b. **Medicaid Forum at the KDA Meeting, Saturday, August 221, 2021, at The Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky.** Dr. Bobrowski invited everyone to the KDA meeting.

Public Comments: There were no further public comments.

Dentists' Comments: There were no further dentist comments.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next TAC meeting will be held on November 12, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., EST. The meeting was adjourned.

(Minutes were transcribed by Terri Pelosi, Court Reporter, this the 16th day of February, 2021.)

KENTUCKY DENTAL TAC MEETING MINUTES
Cabinet for Health & Family Services
November 12, 2021
2:00 p.m. EST.

The TAC members in attendance via Zoom: Dr. Garth Bobrowski and Dr. John Gray (telephonic).

Medicaid staff in attendance via Zoom or telephonically: Lee Guice, John Hoffmann, Jonathan Scott and Dawna Clark.

The Managed Care Organization (MCO) representatives in attendance: At the request of DMS, MCO participants appearing via Zoom or telephonically will not be listed under Appearances.

Also in attendance: At the request of DMS, all other participants appearing via Zoom or telephonically will not be listed under Appearances.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Dr. Bobrowski called the meeting to order. A quorum was not present.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were not done.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR 8/13/21 MEETING: Due to lack of a quorum, the minutes could not be approved.

4. COMMENTS / QUESTIONS FOR:

a. MEDICAID Fee-for-Service: There were no questions or comments from DMS.

b. Avesis (Aetna, Humana, Passport, WellCare): There were no questions or comments from the MCOs other than Stuart Owen with WellCare asked Dr. Bobrowski if he wanted the MCOs to address the social determinants of health at the next TAC meeting. Dr. Bobrowski agreed and stated that he would add this to the next agenda and send emails out to the MCOs as a reminder.

The MCOs will make presentations on the following five social determinants of health and present it from both a rural and urban aspect:

- 1) Economic stability
- 2) Education access and quality
- 3) Health care access and quality
- 4) Neighborhood and built environment
- 5) Social and community context

5. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Status of the MCO/State contracts and the Judge's ruling: Lee Guice noted that this is still a pending action.

b. Report on the KDA meeting Medicaid Forum on August 21, 2021: Dr. Bobrowski thanked all those who participated and provided input at the Medicaid Forum.

c. Dr. Julie McKee Survey Report: Dr. McKee was not present to give her report.

d. Other: There was no other Old Business.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. New motions for the MAC: There were no recommendations to the MAC.

b. DMS response to TAC Recommendation:

-DMS to get county specific provider data on a quarterly basis showing activity levels for gross Pay-outs beginning 1/1/21.

-“DMS will provide the requested data on a quarterly basis. The report is currently under development. In addition, DMS is verifying that the data does not violate any federal rules by showing reimbursement to specific providers by county.”

Dr. Bobrowski asked for clarification on DMS’ response to the TAC’s recommendation inquiring if DMS was going to look back and get all of the 2021 reports or was DMS going to start on January 1, 2021, and Ms. Guice clarified that DMS was going to go back that far and show the quarters but the actual reports would not be done until sometime in 2022.

- c. MCO/State contracts: Dr. Bobrowski noted that the Kentucky Dental Association has formed a workgroup to look at the MCO/state contracts and it will be making suggestions at a later date.
- d. Thanks to Commissioner Lisa Lee meetings with the KDA leadership (Ideas on patient care. A KDA workgroup has been formed.) Dr. Bobrowski thanked Commissioner Lee for listening to the providers’ concerns and he stated he looked forward to other meetings.
- e. Other: There was no other New Business.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no public comment.

8. DENTISTS’ COMMENTS: Dr. John Gray announced that he would no longer be a Medicaid provider beginning sometime in 2022, and he stated that the risks in an oral surgery practice outweigh the benefits of participating in the program. Dr. Bobrowski thanked Dr. Gray for his many years of service and dedication to the Medicaid Program, and Ms. Guice stated she would pass this message on, in hopes that all partners can do something to assist in changing Dr. Gray’s mind.

Dr. Gray asked Dr. Bobrowski to bring to the MAC’s attention his concerns about Internet availability in Eastern Kentucky for providers and pharmacies to do electronic prescriptions and the need for a waiver or an alternative method for implementing this program.

9. NEXT MEETING: Set dates for 2022: votes

- a. continue with ZOOM (yes or no)
- b. Suggested dates: Fridays, February 11, 2022; May 13, 2022; August 12, 2022; Nov 11, 2022. 2-4 P.M. Eastern time

Dr. Bobrowski stated that TAC meetings would continue to be held virtually until such time that DMS has the necessary equipment and technology to hold hybrid meetings where people can elect to attend in person or via Zoom or telephonically.

10. Elections will be held at the February 11, 2022 meeting: Dr. Bobrowski noted that he would continue as the Chair if no other TAC members are interested in holding that position.

11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned.

(Minutes were transcribed by Terri Pelosi, Court Reporter, this the 9th day of December, 2021.)

KENTUCKY DENTAL TAC MEETING MINUTES
Cabinet for Health & Family Services
February 11, 2022
2:00 p.m. EST.

The TAC members in attendance via Zoom: Dr. Garth Bobrowski, Dr. John Gray, Dr. Joe Petrey and Dr. Phil Schuler.

Medicaid staff in attendance via Zoom or telephonically: Leslie Hoffmann, Lee Guice, Judy Theriot, Angie Parker, Sharley Hughes, Erin Bickers and Jennifer Dudinskie.

The Managed Care Organization (MCO) representatives in attendance: At the request of DMS, MCO participants appearing via Zoom or telephonically will not be listed under Appearances.

Also in attendance: At the request of DMS, all other participants appearing via Zoom or telephonically will not be listed under Appearances.

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1. **WELCOME AND ROLL CALL:** Dr. Bobrowski called the meeting to order. Introductions were made and a quorum was present. Sharley Hughes introduced Erin Bickers as the new DMS liaison for the TAC and she will provide Ms. Bickers' email address to the TAC members.
 2. **REVIEW MEETING DATES:** The future meeting dates are May 13th, August 12th and November 4th, 2022 at 2:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time and will be held via Zoom.
 3. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Nominations were made and approved to name Dr. Garth Bobrowski as Chair of the TAC and Dr. Phil Schuler as Co-Chair of the TAC.
 4. **NEW MEMBER NEEDED TO REPLACE DR. BRANDON TAYLOR:** Dr. Bobrowski noted that he reached out to Rick Whitehouse at the Kentucky Dental Association asking for nominations to replace Dr. Brandon Taylor.
 5. **COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONER LEE:** Dr. Bobrowski noted that Commissioner Lee was not sure she would be able to attend the TAC meeting but he spoke about items that they discussed. One item included receiving data on how many dentists are actually practicing in the state and getting a paid claims' breakdown according to certain categories. Another item discussed was receiving data on the total dollars paid from Medicaid in 2013 and, then, each year after that up through 2021, excluding the Expansion population. Dr Bobrowski noted that this information would be a useful recruitment tool to find where the dental shortages are.

After a lengthy discussion amongst TAC members and others in attendance, a motion was made concerning the TAC receiving county-specific provider data on a quarterly basis showing activity levels for gross pay-outs. This motion can be found below under Motions for MAC/DMS.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 11/22 MEETING:** The meeting minutes of November 12, 2021 were approved.
7. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Dr. Julie McKee – Dental Survey Report:** Dr. McKee was not in attendance and, therefore, this item will be included on the next TAC agenda, and Dr. Bobrowski will reach out to Dr. McKee to

invite her to the next meeting.

- b. MCOs' report on Social Determinants of Health and their impacts on oral health and total health care: United Healthcare, Anthem and WellCare made reports on the social determinants of health and their impacts on oral health and total health care, and these PowerPoint presentations can be found on the Dental TAC website. Humana, Aetna and Molina will present reports at the next meeting. Angie Parker will also provide the TAC with a focus study done through DMS' external review organization on social determinants of health, as well as the website link where this information can be found.

There was no other Old Business discussed.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Report on Senate Bill 87: Dr. Bobrowski stated that this bill would raise the floor so that the MCOs could not go below the state fee-for-service fee schedule. The bill came out of the Health & Welfare Committee and has been sent to the Appropriations & Revenue Committee.
- b. A new TAC has been formed called Persons Returning to Society from Incarceration: Dr. Bobrowski announced that this new TAC has been formed and Steve Shannon chairs the TAC.
- c. MCO reports (UHC, DQ, Avesis) FFS report: Nicole Allen with Avesis requested DMS to load the 2022 procedure codes into DMS' operating system. If Avesis bills a procedure code that DMS does not have in their operating system, then, the Avesis encounter will deny as an invalid procedure code and it incurs encounter penalties. Ms. Allen will submit a formal request to the MCOs to submit the question to DMS. There were no other MCO reports given.
- d. On the DMS website, can a contact number be added for each TAC: Ms. Hughes noted that DMS will not post contact information for TAC and MAC members and any and all questions may be directed to Erin Bickers with DMS.
- e. Other: Dr. Petrey will follow up with Dr. Jerry Caudill concerning the billing change to D8670 and D8080 and the impact that it had on underpayments for orthodontic services. He also will follow up with Dr. Caudill on other concerns with Passport and WellCare related to appeals and Provider Relations' issues. Dr. Caudill did note that these issues have been pushed up the line.

9. MOTIONS FOR MAC/DMS:

- a. For DMS – County-specific provider data on a quarterly basis showing activity levels for gross pay-outs beginning January 1, 2022: A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to ask DMS for reports going back to 2018 and going forward that show paid claims' data paid by region, using the eight MCO regions, reported per quarter, the number of dentists listed by specialties, of Medicaid business of zero to \$1,000, \$1,000 to \$5,000, \$5,000 to \$10,000, \$10,000 to \$20,000 and over \$20,000, and a breakdown of dentists by age ranges of less than 35 years of age, 36 to 45, 46 to 54, 55 to 64, and greater than 65. The motion also included asking for a report that reflects the total number of patient visits or encounters per provider, using the same parameters. Ms. Hughes asked Dr. Bobrowski to send her this motion via email.

10. SEE ABOVE FOR NEXT MEETING: The next TAC meeting will be held on May 13, 2022.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no public comment.

12. DENTIST COMMENTS: There were no dentist comments.

13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned.

(Minutes were recorded and transcribed by Terri Pelosi, Court Reporter, this the 24th day of February, 2022.)

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

COUNCIL ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS REPORT

KDA EXECUTIVE BOARD

MARCH 5, 2022

I want to give a big 'THANK YOU' to our council for the last two quarters. They have been involved in two main areas :

1. reading and helping with the draft language for the KDA's HB370,
2. agreeing to be KEY CONTACTS during the process.

At the beginning of drafting our KDA bill, I contacted our KDA past President Beverly Largent and she graciously agreed to be our KEY CONTACT coordinator for developing and working with our Executive Director, Mr. Rick Whitehouse and the KDA's lobbyist, Libby Milligan and KDA Presidents: Dr. Darren Greenwell and Dr. Jonathon Rich. Beverly and I made many, many phone calls to dentists for KEY CONTACT recruiting. Beverly put our lists together and has done an excellent job as KEY CONTACT coordinator.

THANK YOU , BEVERLY, for your hard work on this matter.

This KEY CONTACT list is a fluid list and will have to be worked on throughout the year and especially as legislators come and go. It is not a one and done event. As an Executive Board member or ex-officio member I want to encourage each person to learn how to be a KEY CONTACT for the KDA to cover your area of the state or any other legislator that you may know any where in our state.

So far we have been successful in getting our bill , HB370, out of committee and passed through the Kentucky House of Representatives. Our work is not complete , though. The bill now goes through the Kentucky Senate process. Please continue to be a KEY CONTACT and make those calls or visits to your State Senator. Be sure to "thank" your State Representative for their support of the KDA.

Thank you to the KDA Executive Committee for including me on your calls and ZOOM meetings. It is a great honor .

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Garth Bobrowski

16.COMPONENT REPORTS.

Report from Southeastern Dental Society

The Southeastern Dental Society has not met since our last KDA Executive Board meeting. A CE class scheduled for January 20, 2022, was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Fred Howard, DMD

Bluegrass Dental Society Report

We have had one meeting in 2022. It was actually a free social mixer at a local restaurant in preparation for Lobby Day. It took place on January 27th and was attended by our KDA President and our KDA Executive Director. I was unable to attend due to traveling to an orthodontic meeting in Orlando, but I heard that it was a very successful event.

No future events are planned but the plan is to continue to use our excess funds to hold free CE and social events to help boost our attendance and hopefully membership.

Respectfully submitted by:
Clifford Lowdenback



5 March 2022

The LDS is starting to see a shift back to “normal”. Our November 2021 CE event was attended by 46 dentists. The speaker was Dr. Lewis Jones on “Applications for Platelet-Rich Fibrin in Dentistry”.

Our January event held at Ruth’s Chris Steak House had a sell out crowd of 50 attendees. We heard from KDA representatives on the upcoming legislative issues and from Jeremy Davis on Transition Planning.

Our February CE event was held at the Audubon Country Club and featured Dr. Gustavo Santaella, an OMF radiologist, presenting “Diagnostic Checklist in Interpreting 3D Imaging”. We had 50 members in attendance.

Our March meeting will include a talk from Dr. Brian Shumway on Oral Pathology and our April meeting will be Dr. Kent Sabey, the new ULSD Post Doc Endo Director, discussing Endodontics.

In December we held a New Dentist (ND) social event sponsored by Stock Yards Bank. It was attended by both dentists and students.

We held another ND event in February at the periodontal office of Dr. Jody Lusby. It was quite successful with 14 in attendance.

We held a drawing (YETI cooler) at the end of the year to increase people paying dues by 1/7/2022. It was quite successful. So far in 2022 we have twenty NEW members. We are also doing a phone campaign to remind members who may have forgotten to pay their dues yet.

We received a \$3000 grant from the ADA for membership recruitment and retention efforts. We will be using \$2000 to keep our ND events going and \$1000 for an event for women dentists in the fall.

The Free Clinic is back up and running with dates set monthly through the rest of the year. The Free Clinic was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Delta Dental Foundation for 2022.

We have already set the date for our Day at The Downs. We will be back on Millionaire's Row on September 16, 2022.

Respectfully submitted – Samantha Shaver, DMD

17. KDPAC. Dr. Samantha Shaver, Chair person of the KDPAC gave the following report.



KENTUCKY DENTAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

23 February 2021

Current Balance: \$24,000

Monthly recurring donations: \$890

I attended the LDS January meeting and the Purchase's February meeting to request existing donors to contribute again this year and to seek out new donors.

An event is scheduled March 17 in Frankfort. McCarthy Strategic Solutions St. Patrick's Day Legislative Reception a great opportunity to meet with key-decision makers and legislators in a social environment.

We are still holding checks to donate to both the House and the Senate Democratic Caucus when they plan events.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Shaver, DMD – KDPAC Chair

18. NEW BUSINESS.

MOTION: **Dr. Thomas Carroll** moved to refer supporting Volunteers of America to the Kentucky Dental Foundation for possibilities. **Dr. John Lowe** seconded the motion.

ACTION: APPROVED.

Dr. Matt Johnson discussed the Work Group appointed by **KDA President, Dr. Jonathan Rich**. He suggested more people needed to be involved. **Dr. BJ Millay** volunteered. **Dr. Pam VanArsdall** from UK was suggested. **Dr Margaret Hill** will explore possible individuals from U of L as well.

The report of the KDA Annual Sessions was accepted as presented. The 2023 KDA Annual meeting will be at the Galt House, August 23-27, 2023.

Dr. Garth Bobrowski, Chairman of the TAC, asked if there were any volunteers for two vacant positions on the TAC.

15. FUTURE KDA BOARD MEETING. The next KDA Board meeting will be June 4, 2022.

16. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Dr. Kevin Wall
Secretary/Treasurer