1. CALL TO ORDER. Dr. David Narramore called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The following members of the Board were present:

Dean T. Gerard Bradley (U of L)  
Dr. Vaughn Brummer  
Dr. Bill Collins  
Dr. Barry Curry  
Dr. Ansley Depp  
Dr. Darren Greenwell  
Dr. .H. Fred Howard  
Dr. William Lee  
Dr. Ted Logan  
Dr. Julie McKee  
Dr. Matt Milliner  
Dr. David Narramore  
Dr. Dennis Price

Guest included Drs. BJ Moorhead, Rachel Gold, Garth Bobrowski, Jerry Caudill of Avesis, Ken Rich, Robert Kovarik UK Senior Associate Dean and UK student Karah Brown. Staff members present were Mr. Todd Edwards, Mrs. Janet Glover, Mrs. Melissa Nathanson and Mr. Richard Whitehouse.

2. INVOCATION. Dr. Ted Logan gave the invocation.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST. Mr. Richard A. Whitehouse commented regarding the importance of transparency regarding conflicts of interests and dualities in any organization. He noted the policy contained in the KDA Bylaws as well as the disclosure each board member signed upon election to the KDA Board. He referred to the agreement of board members at the last meeting to incorporate a declaration of any conflicts or dualities into the opening of each official meeting. Chairman Lee called for board members to declare any conflicts or dualities.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The minutes of the August 8, 2016 meeting of the Executive Board were 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.

5. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER. Dr. Ted Logan, Jr. stated there was no financial report for this meeting since investments reports were not received in time to prepare the statements.
6. **AVESIS/WAIVER 1115. Dr. Jerry Caudill** discussed some changes in the appeals process and some code changes coming in November.

Dr. **Julie McKee** gave the following report:

Dr. McKee presented numbers that showed the possible impact of the public health hygienists on Medicaid being seen by a dentist. In Calendar Year 2014, 48% of Medicaid children received a service by a dentist. In Calendar Year 15, that rate stayed at 48%. But, in those counties served by a public health hygiene program, 12% more children were seen in CY15 than the year before.

From a question by Dr. Narramore, Dr. McKee explained why the report didn't state that 100% of these children received a dental service since all children are required to have an exam before school entry. Reasons for less than 100% include that many dentists don't record a screening when they do them in an informal setting (therefore not reported), other health professionals are authorized to do these and although most schools report activity in this requirement, only 52% of this population receives this service. There is no penalty to schools for a less than 100% compliance.
As the summer comes to a close, fall is in the air, our annual ADA meeting is around the corner. Bluegrass Dental Society had their annual Fish Fry and Meet and Greet. The dates, somehow, were changed and I was unable to attend so I will defer to our 2nd Vice President for a progress report on that event. I did attend the Louisville Dental Society meeting with Rick Whitehouse and our 1st Vice President Ansley Depp. Dr. Bobby Mann and Dr. Paul Boyd were great host and the audience was attentive as I discussed the importance of holding fund raisers and KDPAC donations. With the time for pre-filing bills nearing, we must monitor what Rep. Burch is trying to push through. Good news, Rep. Burch does have someone running against him.

Medicaid Waiver 1115 has been filed at the Federal level, it’s all but a wait and see now, it will probably dangle on the string until after the Presidential election. As we all know, CMS rejected Ohio’s request to make significant changes to its Medicaid program. CMS is making it clear that policies that make it harder for the lowest-income people in the program to get health care are inconsistent with the goals of Medicaid. The decision also defined some boundaries regarding what is and is not appropriate for approval through the Medicaid waiver process.

Ohio’s request was extremely punitive compared to other state waivers previously approved by CMS that include premiums, such as Indiana’s and Montana’s. Ohio had requested to:
- Charge premiums to all non-disabled Medicaid adults aged 18-64, except for pregnant women, regardless of income, this included and extended beyond those eligible through the state’s Medicaid expansion.
- Remove people from the program if they did not pay the premiums (aka “non-payment disenrollment penalty”).
- Require people to pay all the premiums they owed before they could be re-enrolled in coverage.

In its denial letter, CMS focused on Ohio’s request to add premiums, disenrollment penalties for non-payment, and program lock-outs to its Medicaid program. These measures would have made Medicaid coverage inaccessible for the lowest-income enrollees who lack the resources to meet these stringent requirements. The state’s own estimates attested to the devastating impact the proposals would have had on low-income Ohioans.

With this in mind, Governor Bevin also wanted to charge premiums, remove people from the program if they didn’t pay or comply, and other obstacles for those in need.

I have officially taken a position at Red Bird Clinic. I am now their dental director and practice there 3 days a week. I am also learning a lot about 501c3’s that operate a functioning clinic, FQHC’s and Primary Care Centers. I learned they are subsidized by
grants and other programs to offset the lower fees of Medicaid and some insurance companies. FQHC’s are supplemented by the Feds and are paid per visit and not by the procedures they complete so it encourages repeat appointments. This explains why those agencies can be successful while the private practitioner is having rough waters to tread. It also presents some insight as to how to approach their employees and encourage them to become members of the Association but before I open my mouth I feel the need to make some inquiries. As to Red Bird, they are very supportive of the Association.

I was afforded the privilege of meeting the new United Methodist Church Bishop Leonard Fairley who is assigned to the Louisville area. Bishop Fairley was assigned to The Louisville Area effective September 1, 2016. He was nominated by the North Carolina Conference and was elected July 13, 2016 on the seventh ballot during the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. Bishop Fairley had served the North Carolina Conference since 1984 and his last appointment in North Carolina was serving as the District Superintendent of the Capital District. The Capital District is the largest district in the North Carolina Annual Conference. He made a special request to visit the Red Bird Dental Clinic as he toured the facility.

The clinic at Red Bird is very busy, as I stated earlier, they write grants to supplement the fees from various entities to fund their sliding scale or what they call “Discount Dental”. I have officially exhausted all their funds and they are in search of more grants. Until the end of June I only worked on Saturdays, in July I worked Fridays and Saturdays, and in August the clinic started 3 days a week. The financial director told us last week the “discount dental” program could not take any more patients until more funds were secured. It is very evident the need is there and Red Bird is located in a high poverty area.

The annual meeting is upon us. I am going to keep this report brief and wish everyone a safe trip and return to and from Denver.

Bill Collins DMD
The KDA held the Women’s forum in August and I would say it was successful. We had a turnout of about 65 ladies and the feedback on the speakers was very good. I thought the program was a very good one. The donations were wonderful and the speaker had arranged for a gift for each attendee. We lost money on the overall program but there may be some play in the numbers. Going forward we surveyed the attendees and there is definite interest in continuing the Women’s forum. The overall consensus was for a stand-alone meeting. They also preferred fall for a meeting time. Many topics were offered up that give us a great start for future forums. Some things I noticed that could help make this a better meeting in the future.

1. While the event center is lovely; the AV is horrible and the acoustics are not great. This has been an issue each time. Each speaker brought a MAC and the event center would not work with MAC’s. It would be great if we could find a meeting place that costs the same with a better AV set up.

2. The catering was our biggest cost. When I divided the total by attendees the cost per person was $77. We have already cut out the wine and cheese after the course and I think if we are starting the meeting at 9:30 we can cut out breakfast also. The cost per person seems high for breakfast, drinks and soup and salad.

3. While we may be able to find some speakers to donate their time, there will be a cost for speakers. We cannot continue to have a meeting and not bring in a good program. We need to have a budget for the speakers so the program committee knows what they are working with.

4. Though fall was the preferred time by the attendees, next fall we will have our annual meeting and the 6th district caucus. I don’t think a women’s forum would fit in there. I would recommend having our next women’s forum in Spring 2018.

5. I, Beverly and Sam worked well on this and it definitely helps to have someone in Louisville on the committee. I recommend that we set up a committee next spring to start working on the Spring 2018 program. This would be a wonderful way for some younger members to help out. Suggestions are welcome.

6. If ADA grants are continued in the future, this should be one of the grants we should pursue. We continue to have several non-members come to the forum.
Women's Forum Income:  Total attendees:  65

$7,150.00 Registration Fee Income
500.00 Sponsorship (Crest/Oral B)
200.00 Sponsorship (HPC, Inc.)
1,000.00 Sponsorship (US Bank)

Total Income: $8,850.00

Women's Forum Expenses:

Printing & Postage $1,675.71
(Brochures, agendas, posters, etc.)
Catering (Ladyfingers) 5,037.61
Rental Fee (Gingerwoods) 400.00
Centerpieces 237.40
(Tea Light Candles, Jars, Flowers)
Lanyards/Badges/Badge Holders 75.00
Favors 215.00
(Tennis Balls & Socks)
Stoney River Dinner 249.05
Sleeping Room at Hilton Garden for Speakers 229.82
Speaker Honoraria 2,000.00
Misc. 246.04
(Mints, Balloons, Platter, etc.)

Total Expenses: $10,365.63

$8,850.00
10,365.63

$1,515.63 LOSS

It was a pleasure to attend the LDS meeting in September. I thoroughly enjoy talking with the students and look forward to meeting with them more. Coming up we have the NKDS meeting which I will also be attending.

Dr. Bill Lee, Dr. Matt Milliner and I along with Rick and Todd have been working to clear up the KDAIS confusion and plot a plan for the future. I would like to bring this up in Executive Session to discuss with a recommendation to pursue.

Sincerely,
9. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. Mr. Richard Whitehouse submitted the following report:

REPORT OF THE 
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 
10-15-2016

MEMORANDUM

To: KDA Executive Board
From: Richard A. Whitehouse, Executive Director
Re: Executive Director’s Report for October 2016 meeting
Date: September 26, 2016

ADVOCACY 
- advocate for dentistry in the commonwealth -

Medicaid
On August 23rd, Dr. Narramore, Dr. Bobrowski, and I met with Cabinet Secretary Scott Brinkman, Deputy Chief of Staff Adam Meier, and waiver consultant Seema Vermart. The day after this meeting, the governor’s office submitted his 1115 waiver proposal to the federal government. It has since been accepted as complete. The waiver maintains dentistry in Medicaid as part of the Kentucky HEALTH rewards program.

On August 24th, Dr. Bobrowski submitted motions for recommendations to the administration through the Medicaid Technical Advisory Committee consistent with those approved at our last board meeting.

Government Affairs Committee
We will be working with Dr. Narramore and his committee to develop our legislative agenda and present it to the board for approval. However, we also need to refine our capacity to respond with data and testimony as in Frankfort once that agenda is determined.

We must continue to work with stakeholders and other organizations in promoting our agenda. Based upon conversations and meetings with colleagues, I believe we can anticipate the challenges to promoting better oral health in this state. We will better serve our members if we articulate a vision that is more inclusive, demonstrates system sustainability, and is fiscally sound.

ACTION ITEM – We still need members to serve on both government affairs and telehealth committees.
MEMBER SUPPORT
- serve and support the needs and success of members -

Membership Recruitment & Retention
At our last meeting, ADA Manager for Member & Client Services Jeanine Pekkarinen spoke to us regarding membership and how to reverse the trend of member attrition in our organization. Staff and I have continued that conversation with Jeanine. She has submitted a draft plan (see Attachment 1) to us we will be implementing to address this problem.

KDA Annual Meeting
The KDA Executive Board met and decided the site of our 2019 meeting will be in Downtown Louisville at the Galt House on September 12-15.
I encourage board members to support our upcoming meetings in French Lick scheduled for 2017 and 2018. We will work to make all these meetings a success. But, we need board member support in order to generate excitement and attendance. There will be more to come as plans unfold.

Women’s Forum
Our third annual KDA Women’s Forum was a success, received many favorable reviews, and lost only $1515. I encourage the board to support this program and others like it to grow membership in areas where we have had historically lower market share. I also suggest organizers work with those on the Annual Meeting Scientific Session to ensure similar programming is incorporated into our annual meeting.

Kentucky Dental Advisory Board (DentaQuest) appointment
I have been asked to serve on a group similar to the one I referred to in my last report for Avesis. I have informed them that I will not accept an honorarium or sign a confidentiality statement as I will attend only to serve the interests of our members and those they serve.

PUBLIC AWARENESS
- promote oral health through community service and public relations -

Smile Kentucky
We continue working to secure funding from DentaQuest for this program.

University of Louisville School of Dentistry Exchange Students Visit
Dr. Mike Mansfield visited the office with Polish exchange students. We enjoyed a good discussion regarding the differences and similarities in practice between Kentucky and Poland.

Donated Dental Services
Please consider volunteering or recruiting volunteers to participate in this program. See Dr. Greenwell for details.
ASSOCIATION EXCELLENCE
- lead the profession through the ADA tri-partite structure -

Non-Dues Revenue/KDAIS – At our last meeting the board created a committee comprised of Dr. Depp, Dr. Lee, and Dr. Milliner to study KDAIS and determine the continued viability of our current insurance program as a member benefit and source of non-dues revenue. A copy of their report and recommendations will be provided in advance of our meeting for review and discussion.

**ACTION ITEM** – Take appropriate action relative to KDAIS.

Component Meetings
Since our last meeting, I have had the opportunity to attend meetings at both our Louisville and Bluegrass Dental Societies.

2016 Upcoming Meetings
- September 30-October 1: 6th District Pre-Caucus
- October 15: KDA Board Meeting
- October 20-25: ADA Annual Meeting
- December 1-3: ADA Lobbyist Conference
- December 7: Dental TAC Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Whitehouse
Executive Director
Admissions Status:
- Our admissions cycle is well underway; we will again plan a class size of 65.

Student Updates:
- On September 30th we held our annual White Coat Ceremony to welcome our first year students into the profession of dentistry.
- The AAWD Fall Fashion Show is scheduled for October 15, 2016. Annually, this event raises over $10,000 to support this outreach effort.
- Saturday Morning Clinics dates this fall:
  - November 12, 2016
  - December 3, 2016

Academic Affairs
- The University Of Kentucky College Of Dentistry started the Academic year with the use of Examsoft and Folitek for the first, second and third year students. The first software program allows for electronic written exam taking, and the second is an important tool for the students to build portfolios of work performed during dental school, and to show growth, reflection, and self-assessment skills among others.
- Dr. de Leeuw represented UKCD at the ADEA Commission on Change and Innovation Liaisons Summer Meeting in New Orleans with a poster showcasing the work on mindfulness initiated by Christine Harper and ended up being one of the top ten candidates, who then competed in an oral presentations. The poster can be found on the ADEA CCI website [http://www.adea.org/cci2016/Program/Competition.aspx](http://www.adea.org/cci2016/Program/Competition.aspx)

Alumni Affairs
- Together with the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, we held the 5th Annual John Mink Legacy Conference. Dr. William Waggoner was our speaker for the all-day continuing education and hands-on course.
- The 9th Annual UKCD Alumni Association Golf Scramble was held August 20 at the University Club of Kentucky. We had 22 teams consisting of UKCD alumni, faculty, students and friends.
- Perspectives, the magazine of the College which is published annually, was mailed in August.
• We continue to visit alumni with Dean Stephanos Kyrkanides where he speaks to them about the future of the College.
• The 40th Annual Fall Symposium and Alumni Weekend will be held October 7 and 8 in Lexington. Events include a continuing education course with Dr. Steven Tucker, Keeneland racing and luncheon, College Reception at Commonwealth Stadium, tailgate and UK football. Dr. Kyrkanides will host the UKCD Class of 1966, our first graduating class, at his home for a brunch on Saturday. The UKCD Alumni Association will award two scholarships to 4th year dental students.
• On Saturday, October 22, the UKCD Alumni Association will host a reception at the ADA in Denver, Colorado.

Development:
  o Dr. Gene Louis Fellowship received additional donations totaling $41,500 from family and friends. This fellowship will go to a student or junior faculty member in Dentistry, Public Health, or Medicine to be used to support oral health research projects focused on issues confronting underserved populations.
  o Bien-Air USA, Inc. has donated five Electric Systems and attachments to the new UKCD West Regional Clinic. This donation outfits the West Regional Clinic with the same equipment that the College received two years ago. The donation is valued at $87,467.
  o The UKCD Class of 2003 has launched a fundraising drive to establish a scholarship in the memory of Josh Sullivan. Their goal is reach $25,000 by December 31, 2016. They have already gathered over $12,000 in commitments.

Research:
  • Continued progress on implementation of the Appalachian Regional Dental Education Project (ARDEP), with MSU. Both in developing the pipeline for future dentists from this region, but also implementing improved oral health to the student population and developing and delivering improved oral health literacy to the population. Sizeable student population accessing credit in new courses developed between the college of MSU, as well as activities in high schools in region as a feeder process into college and consideration of dental career. Continued funding through June 2017.
  • Continue to support up to 10 groups who were awarded HRSA funds to expand oral health programs.
  • Implementation of core laboratory support facilities within the Center for Oral Health Research in the College of Dentistry as recharge centers for Microbiology/Virology, Host Responses, Mineralized Tissue, and Genetics/Genomics
  • Continued service of multiple faculty on NIH study section review groups.
  • DMD students will be presenting at Hinman meeting in late October.
  • New funded research activities:
    o Octavio Gonzalez/UKCD COHR (Collaborator: Stefan Stamm/UKCOM) – “Modulation of oral epithelial cell responses induced by oral bacteria using
chemically modified oligonucleotides: A potential clinical translational approach.”

- **Lina Sharab/UKCD Orthodontics** (Collaborators: Ahmad Kutkut/UKCD; Paige Daney DSIV/Shelby Stein DSIII) – “Cephalometric analysis assessing the validity of ala-tragus line while establishing the occlusal plane in edentulous patient”

- **Cristina Perez/UKCD Pediatric Dentistry** (Collaborator: Aneesha Reddy/DSII) – “The implication of orally administered Xylitol to patients with Early Childhood Caries following full mouth rehabilitation”

- **Lorri Morford/UKCD COHR** (Collaborators: Jim Hartsfield/UKCD; Chi Wang/UKCOM) – “Genetic association analysis of known ovarian cancer susceptibility loci markers with human dental agenesis”

- **Pinar Emecen-Huja/UKCD Periodontics** (Collaborators: Jeffrey Ebersole/UKCD; Andrew Morris/UKCOM; Justin Unrine/UKCAg) – “The exposome poses risk factors for periodontal disease severity.”

- **Karin High/UKCOM** (Collaborators: Rob Danaher/UKCD; Linda van Eldik/SBCA; Adam Bachstetter/SBCA) - “Small molecule relief of orofacial pain and prevention of tau expression”

- **Rony Aouad/UKCOM** (Collaborator: Hollie Swanson/UKCOM) - “E-cigarettes, nicotine and nicotine receptors in oropharyngeal squamous cell carcinoma”

- **Rebecca Peyyala/UKCD COHR** (Collaborator: Jeffrey Ebersole/UKCD) – Environmental lead effects on oral epithelial cell responses to pathogenic biofilms.”

- **Joanna Aalboe/UKCD Public Health** (Collaborators: Sharlee Burch/UKCD; Raynor Mullins/UKCD) – “Oral health surveillance program for school-based Early Learning and 1st grade students in Kentucky”

- **James Hartsfield/UKCD Orthodontics** (Collaborator: Lorri Morford/UKCD; U. Florida) – “Effects of genetics on the expectations and experience of orthodontic pain.

- **Sudha Gudhimella/UKCD Orthodontics** (Collaborator: Sarandeep Huja/UKCD) – “Bone adaptation during orthodontic tooth movement in rates.”

- **David Puleo/UKCOE** (Collaborator: Larry Cunningham/UKCD) – “Biodegradable simvastatin.”

**Growing new Fellowship Program in Craniofacial Genetics with first 2 trainees entered.**

**An array of peer-reviewed publications:**

- **Correlational study of impacted and non-functional lower third molar position with occurrence of pathologies.**

- **Smoking and posttraumatic stress disorder symptomatology in orofacial pain.**

- **Transcriptome analysis of B cell immune functions in periodontitis: Mucosal tissue responses to the oral microbiome in aging.**

- **Root contact with maxillomandibular fixation screws in orthognathic surgery: incidence and consequences.**

- **Simultaneous removal of third molars and completion o fa sagittal split osteotomy: effects of age and presence of third molars.**
- Barriers to repair of maxillofacial trauma.
- In vitro evaluation of osteoblast responses to carbon nanotube-coated titanium surfaces.
- PhyloToAST: Bioinformatics tools for species-level analysis and visualization of complex microbial datasets.
- Cvek pulpotomy – revisited.
- Salivary biomarkers, oral inflammation, and functional status in patients with heart failure.
- Salivary and serum adiponectin and C-reactive protein levels in acute myocardial infarction related to body mass index and oral health.

- First 2 students selected for DMD Research Track Fall 2016.

Clinical Affairs:

- The College continues to implement new clinical technologies with an eye to the future. The College is implementing fully digital scanning, design, milling, and 3D printing (additive manufacturing) systems to enhance both pre-clinical instruction and patient care.
- Issues relating to Medicaid dental treatment, safety net care, and public health outreach by the College continue to be addressed actively by the School in collaboration with other stakeholders.
- The new UK College of Dentistry Turfland Mall faculty practice, located in Lexington in the new UK HealthCare Building on Harrodsburg Road, continues to grow. Oral health services offered include oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics, and general dentistry as well as other specialty services. This practice provides “one stop shopping” for UK employees and their families, for UK students, and for patients from the community seeking UK Oral HealthCare services.
- The College has completed remodeling of the Endodontic and Urgent Care clinical treatment areas. In addition, all Radiology Services, which are fully digital, have been decentralized and strategically located throughout the patient clinics to meet patient needs at the point of care.

Oral Health Practice:

New Faculty:

- No new full-time faculty
- Part-Time Faculty:
  - Dr. Tyler Bolin is teaching in our 4th year patient care
  - Dr. Matt Pelais is teaching in our 4th year patient care clinic
  - Dr. Scott Jacobs is helping teach in our endodontic clinics
  - Dr. Meagan Aull is helping teach in Oral Diagnosis and also in endodontics
- The College is in the process of recruiting a new Endodontist to the faculty

Resignations:
- No FT faculty resignations

**Promotion:**
- Dr. Ahmad Kutkut is being reviewed for promotion and tenure in the current academic year
- Dr. Elizangela Bertoli is being reviewed for promotion and tenure in the current academic year

**New Appointment:**
- Dr. Robert Frazer was recently appointed as Vice Chair of the Department of Oral Health Practice. Congratulations!

**Oral Health Science**
**New Faculty**
- Melvyn Yeoh, DMD, MD, Assistant Professor, Division of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Department of Oral Health Science. Dr. Yeoh comes to the University of Kentucky from Louisiana State University Health Science Center-Shreveport where he has just finished Head and Neck Surgery training.
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University of Louisville School of Dentistry
September 27, 2016

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ADMISSIONS - Dianne Foster

DMD Admissions: Class of 2021
We currently have 2,466 applications in process and are on target to receive about 3,000. This is on par with similar number of applications over the past several years. The DMD Admissions Committee began the on-site interview process on August 22, 2016. The Committee has interviewed a total of 94 candidates so far and the interview schedule runs through the end of February 2017.

White Coat Ceremony:
The 2016 White Coat Ceremony was deemed successful and we appreciate the faculty support! Over 30 faculty attended including the 10 faculty mentors for our "houses". It was the first White Coat Ceremony to be held at The Palace and there were about 1,000 in attendance.

DMD ULEAD Program:
We have three ULEAD students that have applied via direct application this cycle to join ULSD Class of 2021. One Kentucky resident, one Ohio resident and one California resident. We have 13 students in the new ULEAD class. They will join the ULSD Class of 2024 if they continue to meet all of the ULEAD program requirements. There are 28 current ULEAD students in their sophomore, junior and senior years on campus. These students continue to engage in selected ULSD events.

Dental Hygiene:
The Dental Hygiene program is excited to have advising space in the new Health Science Campus Advising Center on the Belknap campus. This permanent office space is connected to other HSC Campus undergraduate programs to ease access and connection for students, staff, and faculty as well as solidify a more prominent presence of the program on the undergraduate UofL campus.

Diversity and Inclusion:
There is a new program developed by the HSC Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Health and Social Justice Scholars. This is a one year program. The goal of the Health and Social Justice Scholars (HSJS) programs is to promote the development of future leaders in health care innovation and health equity through inter-professional learning, professional development, community engagement and research experience. Each of the four schools on the HSC has a
The dental scholar is D2 Ashton Green. For all of her hard work she will receive a $10,000 scholarship.

There were four enrichment programs that ran during June and July. They were Gear-up, PEPP, SMDEP and MCAT/DAT. The total number of participants was 150. All but 15 of the participants were exposed to dentistry and the dental school via admissions presentations, hands on activities, lunch with students and shadowing opportunities.

Along with all the other summer enrichment program activities, the 20 SMDEP dental scholars and the 15 DAT scholars had individual advising.

Dr. Babbage and Dr. Washington attended the NDA in Atlanta. Dr Babbage participated in a recruitment fair with 65 students in attendance and a Woman to Woman seminar, aimed at a frank discussion with pre-dental and dental students about what it’s like to be a Black woman in dentistry (the journey, past, present and future).

Several of the leadership of the ULSD SNDA traveled and participated in events. Ira Hill presented in the research category.

Financial Aid:
Barbara Dagnan continued to work with the incoming Class of 2020 to finalize their financial aid for the upcoming school year. She conducted loan entrance counseling with the incoming class to ensure that students understood the terms and conditions of their loans. She also provided information to students in regards to how they may set up payment plans, if they did not wish to take out student loans.

Academic Support:
- Added 8 new tutors.
- Matched 44 students for tutoring services.
- Coordinated and proctored exams for DMD and DH students receiving testing accommodations.
- Co-ordinated the D1 orientation and White Coat ceremony.
- Planned welcome back to ULSD snacks and Italian Ice event.
- Coordinated the annual meeting with ULSD RSO’s to discuss travel procedures.

COMMUNITY SERVICE - Dr. Lee Mayer
ULSD faculty, students and staff average over 4,000 community contacts monthly based upon reports and the purchase of necessary oral health supplies and teaching aids. Students generally are willing to provide oral health education, work at health fairs, and do other self-formulated outreach activities over and above the required 16 community service hours (GDOM 820). Quality affiliations have become the basis of the ULSD program. All large-scale activities are reported to the UofL Community Engagement Database. A uniform format to report community engagement activities has been implemented. Most student-originated projects are oral health education presentations.
The UofL Schools of Medicine and Dentistry, via the HSC Office of Diversity and Inclusion, were awarded a $1.4 million Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) grant providing a summer (SMDEP) program for 60 pre-med and 20 pre-dent students from underserved areas in 2016. A for-credit college class began on June 5 and ended on July 15. The director of the UofL program is Mary Joshua and Dr. Sherry Babbage is the Dental Coordinator. Dr. Mayer is on the dental academic team and presented a clinical correlation lecture on Diabetes and Periodontal Disease on June 20.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE LEARNING
Dr. David Maddy is director of the international program and charitable clinical outreach. Sponsors include the ISLP, CMDA, Global Health Outreach, RAM and other self-funded trips. Two dental students from Poland have just completed a visit to the school from August 26, 2016 through September 11, 2016.

CONTINUING EDUCATION - Dr. Dan Fadel
- Alumni Day registration is going well and we were able to get sponsors to cover our expenses. This is our first year having sponsors instead of exhibitors. There will be one Platinum Vendor, Fontana Lasers. Included in this Platinum Sponsorship package will be a 15 minute time slot to speak with course participants.
- Alumni Day 2017 will be September 29, 2016. We have already secured Dr. John Cranham as guest speaker. His daughter is a D1 student this year. Dr. Cranham founded Cranham Dental Seminars which provides lectures, mobile programs and intensive hands-on experiences to dentists around the world. In 2008, Cranham Dental Seminars merged with The Dawson Academy. He is The Dawson Academy’s acting Clinical Director. The DH Legacy Floss Walk will have a table in the main lobby for their silent auction.
- The 2017 CE calendar is almost complete and hope to have posted by Thanksgiving. On-line courses will hopefully be an addition.
- New Dental Assisting courses (structuring it to rival local DA certificate schools) and a Dental Coding series is scheduled for 2017. We are trying to think out of the box and service the whole dental community.
- The CE Advisory Committee met on September 14, 2016 and discussed implementing fee increases, hands-on courses and on-line courses.

COMMUNICATIONS - Julie Heflin
- Fall Edition of Dental e-newsletter was distributed.
- KDA Today – Stories were submitted for the fall edition.
- ADEA Newsletter – Monthly submission completed.
- Dr. Bryan Harris on WHAS TV.
- State Contract for HIV/AIDS – WFPL Feature
- ULSD was involved in the Spirit of ’45 celebration.
- OHR Marketing materials were developed.
- Living in Louisville brochure was developed.
- UofL – HSC targeted brochure was developed.
• Collaboration with the Red Bird Mission and Dr. Collins - Focused on the work of the school as well as our Outreach Scholars.

KEY GOALS FOR THE DEAN - FALL 2016:
• Meet and get to know the people.
• Series of town hall and class meetings to share information school wide.
• Increase the profile of the School of Dentistry in the state by visiting community partners and alumni.
• By January 1, 2017 have a new Strategic Plan for 2017-2020 in place.

T. Gerard Bradley
Professor and Dean, UofL, School of Dentistry
The KDA New Dentist Committee has a few exciting upcoming events this fall and winter! We are focusing our attention on fourth year dental students and new dentists around the state.

We will be hosting “Welcome Back” lunch and learns for fourth year dental students at both UKCD and ULSD this fall. We will provide lunch and discuss student loan consolidation through the ADA and Darien Rowayton Bank. This is a popular topic that students and new dentists are interested in furthering their knowledge. We will also be able to reach out to students and answer any questions they may have about upcoming events and the ADA, KDA and local chapters.

The ULSD lunch and learn will take place October 19th. In the past, we have been required to donate a specific amount of money, $1,200, in order to provide lunch at ULSD, regardless of the number of attendees. We received clarification that the KDA is exempt from this rule. Therefore, we will be able to apply our funds and gauge interest based on the number of students registered for the lunch. A tentative date set in November for UKCD fourth year students.

Later this month, I will be attending the ADA annual meeting in Denver, Colorado. In addition, I will be participating in the New Dentist Conference. This includes continuing education catered specifically to new dentists as well as a New Dentist Social held at a local restaurant. The New Dentist Conference will provide interaction with new dentists and leadership in other regions of the country.

Additionally, we are actively planning events for the winter. Rachel and I are working on coordinating social events around ASDA Day held at each dental school. Hosting a “happy hour” at a bar/restaurant in Lexington and Louisville will provide a one-on-one atmosphere with fourth year students. Signing Days will be held between March and April 2017. Hosting the events later in the spring semester allows students to provide more accurate, updated contact information.

The New Dentist Committee has proposed a budget of $5,925 for the remainder of 2016 and 2017. This budget includes UKCD and ULSD Signing Day lunch donations and give away prizes. Funding for social events, such as the New Dentist social function at the KDA meeting, are also included in the financial plan.

The New Dentist Committee will be applying for Membership Program for Growth (MPG) grant later this year. The MPG grant funding was reduced from $500,000 to $250,000 in 2016. We are unsure what the future holds for 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Olivia Estes, DMD
10. REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS. Dr. David Narramore submitted the following report:

Council on Governmental Affairs
Report to the KDA Executive Committee
October 15, 2016
Louisville, Kentucky

Members of the TAC and the Council on Governmental Affairs met on Tuesday, August 23, 2016 with the Secretary Scott Brinkman and Deputy Chief of Staff Adam Meyer. Rick Whitehouse, Libby Milligan, Garth Brobrowski and David Narramore met with these top level advisors in the Governor’s Office concerning the CMS 11-15 Wavier request.

The discussion yielded the following: That when the 11-15 Waiver is approved or declined the KDA has requested to be included in that discussion so that we can negotiate and better position organized dentistry to treat the patients left in the Medicaid Program that retain benefits. The Cabinet has agreed to defer the implementation of dental for 3 months to allow the patients to accrue benefits before the final form of the expansion population benefits are developed and publicized. The KDA also offered to assist in the development of literature that will be created to inform the general public on how the remaining members of the Medicaid population will receive benefits. We made several requests for the insertion of specific contractual language into the RFP’s for the MCO’s Contracts before they are negotiated.

The Governmental Affairs Committee will begin to verify which members wish to remain active and help develop the 2017 position papers for the KDA, BEFORE the next legislative session begins.

KDA Legislature Donor list for Fall 2016
$7,000.00- Suggested Total to be distributed as follows:
$ 2,500.00 to Kentucky Democratic Party-Sharon Turner
$ 2,000.00 to House Republican Caucus-DELIVERED
$ 1,000 to Senate Majority Caucus-DELIVERED
Leadership
$ 250.00 to House Majority Floor Leader Rocky Adkins (D) Contested Race- Dr. Bill Collins
$ 250.00 to House Minority Floor Leader Jeff Hoover (R) Unopposed (ROLLED INTO HOUSE CAUCUS)
$ 250.00 to Sen. Alvarado (R) SENATE Health and Welfare Committee No Race-DELIVERED
House Health and Welfare
$ 200.00 to Addia Wuchner (R)-Unopposed-MAILED
$ 200.00 to Robert Benvenuti (R)-Unopposed-MAILED
$ 200.00 to David Watkins (D)-Contested Race-Mailed

**House Banking and Insurance**
$ 200.00 to Jeff Greer (D) Contested Race- Dr. Darren Greenwell
$ 200.00 to Bart Roland (R) Unopposed-ROLLED INTO HOUSE CAUCUS

**House Licensure**
$ 200.00 Chair Dennis Keene (D) Contested Race- Dr. Ansley Depp
$ 200.00 David Osborne (R) Unopposed-DELIVERED

**New Races**
$ 250.00 Frank Justice Race Favorite-DELIVERED

**Total of all Checks $ 7,450.00.**

This list was updated to show how these checks were finally distributed.
The PAC and the Council on Governmental Affairs will need to begin working NOW, to raise money to replenish the PAC. These latest round of checks will go a long way to make KDA MORE visible in the 2017 Legislative session. The Council on Governmental Affairs is suggesting the following request for funding to be sent via a CAPWIZ pre-end of the year fundraising drive:

“This year the KDPAC and Council on Governmental Affairs worked to defeat issues like denturity, create a better, more fair appeals process with the MCO's, lobbied to prevent the loss of the Medicaid expansion population and be an advocate for oral healthcare in Kentucky in the 2016 Legislative Session. The next legislative session will begin the first week of January 2017, less than 9 weeks away. We must raise crucial funding for the PAC so we can continue to work in YOUR best interests when the legislative session BEGINS. The denturity people have been already lobbying for several months.

Please donate to the KDPAC today by clicking on the provided link and help us to advance DENISTRY in Kentucky!!!!
Your membership dues statements will be arriving shortly, so if you cannot donate now, then remember the KDPAC when you pay your annual dues.

Donate online at: [https://www.kyda.org/kdpac-contribute.html](https://www.kyda.org/kdpac-contribute.html)

Or make out a check to: KDPAC

STUDENT MEMBER……………………………………………………………..$10.00

NEW DENTIST MEMBER (after 5 years of practice, individual membership rates apply) $25.00

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER……………………………………………………….. $50.00

2017 CENTURY CLUB MEMBERSHIP………………………………… $100.00 and over
MILLENIUM CLUB MEMBERSHIP………………………………$200.00 and over

NOTE: This is a voluntary contribution for dental political action and is not limited to the suggested amount. No one will be favored or disadvantaged based upon the amount of, or failure to make a contribution. If your practice is incorporated, PAC contributions must be written on a personal check.

Contributions are not deductible for federal income tax purposes. Federal law requires political committees to report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer for each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of $200.00 in a calendar year.

MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: Kentucky Dental Political Action Committee

MAIL TO: KENTUCKY DENTAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE
1920 NELSON MILLER PARKWAY
2ND FLOOR
LOUISVILLE, KY 40223

“Thank you in advance for your support!”

Last action item for the Governmental Affairs is to set up a follow-up meeting with the Commissioner of Medicaid Stephen Miller and see what language if any can be inserted into the new MCO’s Contract that will best benefit the providers of dental services for the Medicaid population in 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Narramore
Chairman
KDA Governmental Affairs
11. REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO KMAP. Dr. Garth Bobrowski submitted the following report:

KENTUCKY DENTAL TAC MEETING MINUTES
Public Health Building
Suite C
275 East Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

March 23, 2016
8:00 a.m. EST.

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

The TAC members in attendance: Dr. Garth Bobrowski, Dr. Susie Riley, Dr. John Gray, Dr. Neil Rush, Dr. Matt Johnson and Dr. Heather Wise.

Medicaid staff in attendance: Dr. Ken Rich (telephonically), Stephanie Bates, C.J. Jones and Jessica Jackson.

The Managed Care Organization (MCO) representatives in attendance were: Dr. Jerry Caudill, Dr. Stephen Robertson, Nicole Allen, Charles Buseck, Christy Vowels, Amanda Barrow and Christine Hohl with Avesis; Jean O’Brien with Anthem Kentucky; Dr. Vaughn Payne, Candace Owens, Bonnie Urick (telephonically) and Kathy Stevens (telephonically) with Humana-CareSource; Morgan Tackett and Meghan Henkel (telephonically) with MCNA Dental; David Hiestand with Aetna Better Health; Matt Misleh, Ada Carlile and Rebekah Mathews and Dr. Jim Thommes (telephonically) with DentaQuest; Chris Wagner and Amy Sinthavong with Passport.

Also in attendance: Dr. Brandon Taylor, Community Dental Clinic; Todd Edwards, Kentucky Dental Association; Babette Southard, Department for Public Health.

Dr. Bobrowski introduced Dr. Heather Wise as a new TAC member. A motion was made by Dr. Riley and seconded by Dr. Gray to approve the December 2, 2015 minutes, with corrections noted. The motion passed. C.J. Jones will re-send the September, 2015 minutes for approval at the next TAC meeting.

MCO’S/SUBCONTRACTORS:
All the MCOs furnished the TAC members with reports prior to the meeting.

ANTHEM/DENTAQUEST: Ms. Carlile and Ms. Mathews presented for the MCO. Ms. Carlile noted that Dr. Kwane Watson is the new Interim Kentucky Dental Director and he is located in Louisville. The presentation covered the support staff of Anthem; the membership broken down by adults and children and regions; network and credentialing and top provider volumes; contact center performance; utilization management; top authorization denial reasons; claim processing; appeals and quality measures. Ms. Carlile spoke about the benefit changes effective March 1, 2016, and the incorporation of DMS fee schedule changes and the broken appointment tracking.

Dr. Bobrowski asked why the number of denied services and approved services did not total up to the total service request count on Slide 15. Ms. Mathews will get clarification on this. Dr. Wise spoke about the length of time it took her to get credentialed and that other associates in her office withdrew their applications because of this. Mr. Misleh will check on this and report back to Dr. Wise.

HUMANA-CARESOURCE: Candace Owens presented for the MCO. She noted that as of January 1, 2016, the new dental benefits manager is Avesis. Any claims for dates of service prior to January 1, 2016 will be processed for payment by Humana-CareSource, and any claims for dates of service January 1, 2016 forward will be processed by Avesis. The MCO’s presentation covered the Service Center call data, the geo access map, utilization management, claims information and dental appeals.

Dr. Riley asked if the MCO would be seeing a reversal on the amount of paper versus electronic claims, and Ms. Owens stated that Avesis is educating providers and helping with the transition into more electronic claims processing. Ms. Owens will follow up with Dr. Riley on the taxonomy issue she had previously raised with the MCO. Dr. Bobrowski asked why the geo access map listed 75 miles, and Morgan Tackett stated she would re-run this with the 30 to 60 miles and will email the revision to Dr. Bobrowski.

AETNA BETTER HEALTH/AVESIS: Dr. Jerry Caudill introduced Dr. Stephen Robertson as the new Western Kentucky Dental Director for Avesis. Nicole Allen presented for the MCO. She gave an Avesis overview and she covered performance
measures, reminders and notifications, provider outreach, and contact information. Dr. Riley asked if Aetna will be meeting the new DMS guidelines. Ms. Allen stated that Aetna does meet the guidelines, but the fee revisions for preventive and diagnostic services were not implemented for the Aetna line of business. Dr. Bobrowski again asked Ms. Allen for a breakdown of providers by county and she will follow up with this.

Dr. Gray asked for contact information for Dr. Elliott and Dr. Robertson. Dr. Caudill noted that a provider notice will be forthcoming that will include many topics, including regulation changes.

Ms. Allen noted that the DMS universal preauthorization forms are now available, but she encouraged providers to continue to use the Avesis forms because not all of the necessary information to approve an authorization is found on the universal form.

**PASSPORT:** Chris Wagner made the presentation for the TAC. His report included access to care; the provider network; claims performance; member and provider complaints; utilization management; provider appeals; provider outreach, reminders and notifications; and contact references.

**WELLCARE/AVESIS:** Nicole Allen presented for the MCO. She gave an Avesis overview and she covered performance measures, reminders and notifications, provider outreach, and contact information.

**KY MEDICAID FFS:** A report was provided. Ms. Jones will follow up with Dr. Riley concerning information Dr. Riley would like to see on the report.

**General Concerns of TAC Members for all MCOs:**
* Dr. Johnson spoke about the access-to-care numbers and that they are not truly reflective of what is available in the regions across the state. Dr. Bobrowski spoke about the loss of oral surgeons, and Dr. Caudill noted the under-utilization of expanded duties assistants.
* Dr. Riley spoke about the delay in communications to providers when changes are implemented, and Dr. Gray stated that this needs to be a priority with the MCOs. The TAC would prefer network notifications be sent via email.
* Providers and MCOs need to continue spreading awareness of the no-show codes.
* Questions were raised about translation services, and Stephanie Bates will provide the policies and procedures for each MCO.
* TAC would like to see the credentialing process started during a student’s senior year of dental school for general dentists and specialists. Ms. Bates will find out what DMS’ policy is, as well as what the turnaround time is for getting a Medicaid ID number. Dr. Rich stated that this can be explored but he did note that with the portal back up and running, this may help.
* Dr. Wise spoke of her frustration with mobile dental units and noted that these units need to be held to the same standards across the board as dentists are.
* Dr. Riley asked about the need for a prior authorization for pain medications, and Dr. Caudill stated he is working with Avesis partners on trying to get an exception to this.

**OLD BUSINESS:**
**RETRO TERMINATIONS:** Dr. Bobrowski gave an example of a first-year dentist who was hit with a $3,200 retro termination. He reminded the TAC that Lee Guice with DMS could assist providers with problems.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Dr. Taylor asked about mismatch addresses for foster children, and Ms. Jones stated that foster children are not included in the address mismatch for disenrollment. She noted that if Dr. Taylor is having problems with this, to forward them to her and she will send these to Lee Guice.

Dr. Bobrowski thanked everyone who worked on the regulations.

**12-VISITS/YEAR/PER PROVIDER CLARIFICATION:** Dr. Caudill stated that there must be a medical necessity, but that anything that goes through the system and a provider puts in one code and it goes through, this will show up as a visit on that date of service.

**OTHER:** Dr. Bobrowski suggested moving the TAC meeting dates to one month following the end of a quarter so that the information supplied to the TAC is more current. The MCOs were in agreement with this change.

**DENTIST AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no dentist or public comments.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held in mid-August.

(Minutes were taped and transcribed by Terri Pelosi, Court Reporter, this the 30th day of March, 2016.)
The meeting of the Dental Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order by Dr. Garth Bobrowski, Chair.

The TAC members in attendance: Dr. Garth Bobrowski, Dr. Susie Riley, Dr. John Gray, Dr. Matt Johnson and Dr. Heather Wise.

Medicaid staff in attendance: Dr. Ken Rich, Stephanie Bates, C.J. Jones and Jessica Jackson.

The Managed Care Organization (MCO) representatives in attendance were: Dr. Jerry Caudill, Dr. Andy Elliott, Ms. Nicole Allen and Ms. Andrienne Bennett with Avesis; Jean O’Brien and Andrea Varvis with Anthem Kentucky; Dr. Vaughn Payne, Candace Owens, Ms. Beth McIntyre, Ms. Martha Campbell and Ms. Cthy Stephens with Humana-CareSource; Mr. Jay Hedges and Ms. Amy Sinthavong with Passport; Mr. David Hiestand with Aetna Better Health; Dr. Katherine King, Ms. Ada Carlile, Ms. Rebekah Mathews and Mr. Matt Misleh with DentaQuest.

Also in attendance: Dr. Brandon Taylor, Community Dental Clinic; Todd Edwards, Kentucky Dental Association; Dr. Julie McKee, State Dental Director.

Dr. Bobrowski introduced Dr. Katherine King as the new Kentucky Dental Director of DentaQuest. A motion was made by Dr. Johnson and seconded by Dr. Riley to approve the meeting minutes of September, 2015 and March, 2016. Dr. Bobrowski noted that the March, 2016 minutes referred to him at one point as Bob and asked that the correction be made. The minutes were unanimously approved.

MCO’S/SUBCONTRACTORS:

All the MCOs furnished the TAC members with reports prior to the meeting.

ANTHEM/DENTAQUEST:

Ada Carlile reported on Quarter 1 and 2 of 2016 and reviewed the report furnished to the TAC. She reported that the MCO has added 48 general dentists and 20 specialists to the network. All benchmarks have been met and/or exceeded their goals in the area of the call center, credentialing and utilization management. Ms. Carlile reported on broken and missed appointments, and she noted that the MCO has begun to recognize providers who go above and beyond for members in the network.

AETNA BETTER HEALTH/AVESIS:

Nicole Allen reported that for Quarter 1 and 2 of 2016, 100% of all of the performance goals were met. In Quarter 1, the growth of the network was 4.7%, and in Quarter 2, it was 3.16%. Credentialing turnaround time for Quarter 1 was 20 days and 24 days for Quarter 2. The MCO has seen an increase in the number of providers that are actually treating patients and receiving payment for services. Claims are paid timely and over 99% of claims are paid in 30 days or less. The sealant rate continues to grow, and children who are receiving any dental service are also growing. Ms. Allen noted that although Aetna does not reimburse providers for missed appointments, providers are actively reporting these missed and cancelled appointments.

Dr. Taylor asked if there was a way to separate out the missed appointments and not intermingle them with other claims. Dr. Caudill and Ms. Allen will review this. Dr. Taylor also noted that his office staff has difficulty with timing out while working on claims, and Ms. Allen noted that Avesis is launching a new portal that is being tested, and the timing-out issue is one of the enhancements to the new portal. Ms. Allen will have a Public Relations’ rep to follow up with Dr. Taylor about these issues.

Dr. Taylor raised a concern with Aetna about the MCO requiring a prior authorization for pain medication if a patient comes back for two appointments. Dr. Hiestand will check into this.

WELLCARE/AVESIS:

Ms. Allen reported for Quarter 1 and 2 of 2016. All performance goals were met with the exception of one quarter where the credentialing turnaround time for Quarter 2 was 36.33 days and the performance goal is 30 days, and this was due to one provider’s credentialing taking more than 30 days. All performance goals were met for member calls and provider call stats. The provider network grew for Quarter 1 by 4.45% and Quarter 2 by 2.93%, and 99.9% of the members had access to a provider. All performance goals were met for claims administration. During Quarter 1 and 2, WellCare did six provider seminars throughout the state that Avesis participated in.
PASSPORT: Amy Sinthavong stated that the MCO continues to increase patient access to dental providers. For Quarter 1, there were 961 unique providers, for a growth of 5.31%. For Quarter 1, there were 965 unique providers, for a growth of 4.25%. Credentialing turnaround was met in Quarter 1. However, in Quarter 2, it was 44 days for credentialing turnaround time due to one provider’s credentialing taking more than 30 days. At the end of the second quarter, the number of active Medicaid providers rendering care increased by 10%. The MCO continues to meet the CMS 416 measures for oral health. The MCO exceeded the goal for claims for Quarters 1 and 2. Turnaround times were met for utilization management and provider authorization appeals.

Dr. Bobrowski asked Passport about the fee increase that was given to providers in January of 2016 but that is now going to be taken away in September, 2016. Ms. Allen explained that Passport has always been 105% of Kentucky DMS, and that on 1/1/2015 the fees were increased 20% by Passport for preventative and diagnostic because DMS had stated that when the new KAR revisions would be released, DMS’ base fee schedule would be increased by 25% for those same services. However, DMS revised the rates in which the MCOs were capitated, and to remain competitive in the market, the fee schedules were adjusted back to the 105% that they were previously, and this change will take effect 9/1/2016.

HUMANA-CARESOURCE/AVESIS: Ms. Allen stated that Avesis became the Benefit Administrator effective January 1, 2016. All performance measures were met for call stats for Quarter 1 and 2. There has been a significant increase to the number of providers that participate in the program. In Quarter 1, the network grew by 18.75% compared to the previous quarter; and for the second quarter, the network grew an additional 7.71%. The number of dentists treating patients and receiving payment increased by 12% from the first quarter to the second quarter which is a big jump for a six-month period. For oral health, the 416 CMS measurements continue to increase.

Dr. Riley asked what the MCO’s position is on paying interest on claims that are over 30 days. Ms. McIntyre stated she will discuss this with Dr. Riley after the meeting.

KY MEDICAID FFS: A report was provided to the TAC. Jessica Jackson stated that there were some systematic issues with the D0140 code but these have been corrected and they are now being reviewed, processed and paid in a timely manner. She asked providers to contact her if they are still having issues. Dr. Riley asked about denture codes being paid to adults 21 and over and Ms. Jackson noted that this was for a waiver patient. Ms. Jackson will provide more information to Dr. Riley on this topic.

Dr. Taylor asked about the turnaround time for provider revalidation. C.J. Jones suggested inviting someone from Provider Integrity to the next TAC meeting to discuss this issue. She also recommended that the TAC formulate any questions they may have and provide them to Ms. Jackson so she can present them to the representative from Program Integrity ahead of the meeting. Ms. Jackson will furnish the TAC with contact information for Provider Integrity and Provider Enrollment.

Ms. Jones noted that at Dr. McKee’s request, DMS has added the missed appointments and cancelled appointments and the screening CDT code to the preventive fee schedule. Dr. McKee announced that after the first full year of Public Health hygienists seeing Medicaid patients, 92% of them have received care in a local dentist’s office.

GENERAL CONCERNS OF TAC MEMBERS OF ALL MCOs:
* Dr. Johnson and Dr. Bobrowski continued to raise the concern about access-to-care numbers and that they are not reflective of what is available in the regions across the state.
* Dr. Wise asked if it is possible to look at a different tier of claims performance, and Ms. Bates stated that for the next contract year, DMS is looking at tying it to claims and full-time equivalents of providers.
* Dr. Bobrowski discussed a concern of providers being listed as a Medicaid provider but they do not see Medicaid patients and yet charge the patient a full fee. Ms. Bates and Dr. Caudill stated they need to know about these situations because this is not allowed.
* Dr. Riley asked Avesis if acknowledgement letters for appeals are posted on the website. Ms. Allen will take this back for review.
* Dr. Taylor asked if Avesis reports and monitors claim denials even if a claim is overturned or is considered an incorrect denial. Ms. Allen stated that Avesis has to look at their claim accuracy to confirm that the claim is being processed according to claim processing guidelines. She asked for examples from Dr. Taylor and stated she could send a Provider Relations’ rep to his office for further education or training.
* Dr. Taylor stated that he did not think that incision and drainage procedures done in conjunction with extractions should be kicked back. Dr. Caudill stated that he has taken action to look into this.
* Dr. Bobrowski raised a concern that his office is receiving denials due to an unknown provider. He provided Ms. Allen with an example and she will look into this.
* Dr. Bobrowski raised a concern of patients who have braces and do not follow up with general dentists for cleaning. Dr. Caudill stated that Avesis could do an outreach to the orthodontic network to ask them to encourage their patients to see a general dentist for cleanings.
* Ms. Allen encouraged all providers to report any inappropriate behavior by members to the MCO plans.
OLD BUSINESS:
** Dr. Bobrowski stated that Ms. Mathews of DentaQuest was to report on why the number of denied and approved services did not total up to the total service request count on Slide 15 in their presentation on March 23, 2016. Ms. Mathews will have to follow up since she did not see this item on the agenda nor did she have access to the previous minutes.
** Morgan Tackett with MCNA Dental was going to send the TAC an updated version of the geo access map. Candace Owens stated this had been sent to the TAC but she will send it again.
** Nicole Allen was to provide the TAC with a listing of providers per county. Ms. Allen stated Avesis is not authorized to release this information and that the MCOs consider it proprietary to identify the number of providers by county. Dr. Johnson asked if this could be provided by region and Dr. Caudill said that would be up to the MCOs.

RETROTERMINATIONS: Dr. Bobrowski made a motion and it was seconded by Dr. Riley that the language be changed to indemnify the dental provider from recoupment of funds for treatment already provided solely for ineligibility of the patient when the provider can prove that the patient was eligible on the date of service by the MCO and DMS website. The motion was approved unanimously.

EARLY CREDENTIALING AND OBTAINING MEDICAID NUMBER FOR NEW GRADUATES: Ms. Jackson recommended that this question be directed to Program Integrity. Dr. Caudill asked that DMS not make statements to providers that they can participate in Medicaid once they have an ID number without telling them that they need to also be credentialed with each MCO plan that they will be participating in.

MOBILE/PORTABLE DENTAL UNITS: Dr. Bobrowski again asked each MCO to present a one-page summary regarding how services are handled through mobile or portable dental units. Dr. Caudill noted that a mobile/portable group has been formed to work on a set of guidelines and he stated that a draft should be ready in September.

NEW BUSINESS:
MCO ISSUES/CONCERNS: Dr. Bobrowski made a motion that the contracts between DMS and the MCOs reflect a floor on the reimbursements to providers to match the KAR. This motion was tabled for further discussion by the TAC.

Dr. Bobrowski spoke about concerns providers are having with receiving notification of policy changes and these policy changes taking effect before the providers are notified. Ms. Allen stated that Avesis would like to use provider email addresses, and Dr. Caudill suggested that the Kentucky Dental Association share this request with the dental providers. Ms. Allen will furnish to the TAC all the grids that have been updated with the 2/5/2016 KAR revisions.

Dr. Bobrowski made a motion and it was seconded by Dr. Gray that all MCOs present any changes in their standardization of care or policy changes to the Dental TAC prior to implementation for analysis, review and to offer approval or disapproval. Motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Bobrowski discussed the feasibility of a statewide soda tax where the money generated would be used to help pay for dental care and oral health education. He also asked that DMS look into the use or abuse of the EBT card and that Medicaid members make better food and drink decisions for better overall health and especially oral health.

ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD ISSUE: Ms. Jackson asked Dr. Bobrowski to email her the concerns he has been receiving from providers and she will see if someone from Compliance could attend a future TAC meeting.

WAIVER UPDATE: Dr. McKee stated that the waiver was submitted to CMS today and that dental and vision changes are to be delayed three months so that patients can build up their My Rewards’ account.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on November 16, 2016.

(Minutes were taped and transcribed by Terri Pelosi, Court Reporter, this the 14th day of September, 2016.)
12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Women’s Forum

Our 3rd annual Women’s Forum is scheduled for August 19th. The response is slow so far and we would welcome any assistance you may have to offer with attendance, sponsorships, or donations. This is our first year without grant support. If we do as well as last year, we should be in good shape. If we continue this as a standalone event and attendance exceeds last year, we may have to consider a change of venue.

Notwithstanding the facts above, it is important to note this event falls at the same time in 2017 as we have scheduled our annual meeting and will be hosting the 6th District Caucus. Due to that and the fact I believe this event can be incorporated into our annual meeting, I would request the board consider doing so. We can also discuss the potential for moving it to Spring 2018.

ACTION ITEM – I propose the Board plan on incorporating the Women’s Forum into the 2017 Annual Meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Ansley Depp moved to have the Women’s Forum in the Spring of 2018. A committee of three will be appointed. Dr. Ansley Depp will work with Dr. Bill Collins to appoint the committee. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bill Lee.

ACTION: ADOPTED.

Non-Dues Revenue/KDAIS – Our insurance program has not performed as hoped. After considerable review and discussion with KDA officers and staff, I believe it is time to reimagine our offering of insurance as a member benefit.

ACTION ITEM – I ask the board for approval to terminate/modify the KDAIS program as necessary to allow the KDA to solicit patronage, sponsorship, advertising, and new partnerships with other companies that can meet the needs of our members throughout the state.

MOTION: Dr. Ted Logan moved that an ad hoc committee of the Executive Board be appointed by the president to study the current contract regarding KDAIS. The committee shall also study the function of KDAIS as a member benefit and a source of non-dues revenue. A report of the committee findings and recommendations will be presented at the next meeting of the Executive Board.

President Collins appointed the following board members to serve on the committee:
   Dr. Ansley Depp
   Dr. Bill Lee
   Dr. Matt Millner

ACTION: ADOPTED.

It was the consensus of the KDA Board to direct the adhoc committee of the KDA Executive Board that was appointed at the August 6, 2016 KDA Board Meeting to meet with the Nelson Insurance Company to discuss the future of KDAIS.
New Dentists / Membership Committee 8-8-2015

New Dentist Chair Lindsey Willoughby is moving to Chicago for about eighteen months and Membership Chair Jonathon Rich is stepping down to become NKDS representative to our board. We appreciate the service and dedication of these two important young leaders. But, this leaves a vacuum in an important part of our organization. The good news is that we have two young dentists (Rachel Gold and Olivia Faulkner Estes) who have expressed a willingness to step up and become involved in organized dentistry.

I would propose we merge the new dentist and membership committees to serve as one body. There is a good deal of overlap in these areas and enough to do to justify creating a co-chair arrangement.

ACTION REQUESTED
• Vote to merge the New Dentist and Membership Committees and appoint Rachel Gold and Olivia Faulkner Estes as co-chairs. (Recommendation: Approve)

MOTION: Dr. Dr. Rachel Gold moved to merge the New Dentist and Membership Committees and appoint Rachel Gold and Olivia Faulkner Estes as co-chairs. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bill Lee.

ACTION: ADOPTED.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION. The Executive Board moved into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion personnel issues. Dr Logan excused himself from the room during the discussion.

14. BOARD MEETING DATES. The next KDA Executive Board meeting will be April 29, 2017 and August 19, 2017 will be at KDA Headquarters Building.

15. ADJOURNMENT. Dr. Barry Curry moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Bill Collins, DMD
President