



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

SOCIAL, HEALTH & ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE (SHAC) ORAL HEALTH SUB COMMITTEE (OHSC) MEETING MINUTES September 9, 2010

Council Members & Committee Participants Present

In attendance: Linda Anderson, Dr. Bob Birdwell OHSC Co-Chair, Larry Clausen, Mary Cosaboom, Susan Cypert, Diana Toussaint, RaNee Tuscano, Emma Violante
Participating telephonically: Michelle Barth

Council Members Not Participating

Kati Bates, George Evanoff, Bernadine Hoffman, Noreen Nickerson-Cruz

Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa

Welcome, Introductions

Sub-Committee Co-Chair Dr. Bob Birdwell opened the meeting at 2:32 pm. All those in attendance in person or participating telephonically introduced themselves.

Review & Approval of Minutes

After a review of the 6.17.2010 Oral Health Sub-Committee minutes, *Emma Violante made a motion to adopt the minutes as written and Diana Toussaint seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Three-Year Work Plan

Goal #2, Objective 2.3, A. – Oral Health Fact Sheet

The Sub-Committee members reviewed two versions of the newly-formatted draft fact sheet, *Healthy Smiles Forever*. It was discussed and generally agreed that the formatted version using checkmarks as bullet points was preferred by those in attendance. RaNee Tuscano suggested language be added to emphasize the importance of drinking water and the use of fluoridated water. The group agreed upon language that was then added to the last two bullet points of the fact sheet. *Emma Violante made a motion to adopt the Oral Health Fact Sheet- Healthy Smiles Forever as revised for recommendation to the Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee (SHAC). Mary Cosaboom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

A copy of the draft oral health fact sheet is available through the Council on Aging office.

Goal #2, Objective 2.2, A. – Research Available Oral Health Materials

In Ginger Froncek's absence, Dr. Birdwell provided an update on Ginger's plans to change the approach in conducting outreach to Arizona's dental schools, dental hygiene programs, medical

and nursing schools, skilled nursing, assisted living centers and other related programs. Instead of a survey, a personal letter will be sent from the Arizona Dental Foundation inquiring as to:

1. what is currently being done related to education and training for older adults, special needs adults and caregivers
2. who might be interested in participating and partnering in the Council's initiative and what they might be willing to do.

Once that information has been compiled, it will be valuable to the Sub-Committee's efforts to determine what kind of training or education is needed most, and it will help identify any potential resources to add to the *Reduced Fee and AHCCCS Dental Clinics* list. Dr. Birdwell indicated that with the change in AHCCCS coverage of all adult dental services effective October 1, 2010, (as posted at the AHCCCS website) finding alternatives for those in need of dental care will be important, and it is anticipated the Dental Foundation's outreach efforts will help build awareness of this need.

Synopsis of Actions Taken, Those Needing to Be Taken

According to discussions, accomplishments to date include the drafting and adoption of the recommended oral health fact sheet to present to SHAC and the Council on Aging, the on-going updating of the *Reduced Fee and AHCCCS Dental Clinics* resource list, the expansion of partnerships and participation in the Sub-Committee, and the invitation to the DD Planning Council and Arizona Caregiver Coalition to participate in the review and eventual recommendation of training for caregivers and vulnerable adults needing assistance with oral health. It was suggested that the next OHSC meeting might focus on a discussion of training components that caregivers see as most helpful.

Discussion of Mobile Dentistry

Dr. Birdwell and members of the Sub-Committee discussed mobile dentistry and what is currently being offered and what is needed as well as limitations to these dental services.

SHAC Meeting reminder

Since Dr. Birdwell will be unable to be present at the SHAC meeting on September 23rd, the group discussed key points to highlight in a report back to the Committee and the Council. Emma Violante volunteered to help with the presentation. In addition to the presentation, the OHSC will be recommending the draft oral health fact sheet for approval by SHAC.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The Oral Health Sub-Committee will join the Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee on September 23, 2010 at 2:30 p.m., Executive Tower, Grand Canyon Room, 1700 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona. These meetings are open to the public.