

ORAL HEALTH FLORIDA
SENIOR ACTION TEAM
CONFERENCE CALL

MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday September 17, 2014
TIME: 1-2 p.m.
CHAIR: Nolan Allen, DDS

Call to Order

The chair called the conference call to order at 1:07 p.m., Wednesday September 17, 2014.

Opening Remarks

The chair welcomed the participants to the OHF Coalition Senior Action Team conference call.

Approval of Minutes (May 14, 2014)

The minutes were approved as distributed.

Oral Health America Tooth Wisdom Program

The participants discussed the status of the OHA Tooth Wisdom program and the information included on the Florida section of the website. It agreed that there was a need to better list the order of relevance of programs available in the state for the elderly to make it easier for people to access. It was also noted that there was a need to ascertain all Florida facilities that treat the vulnerable elderly listed by zip code. The chair said that much of this information was included in the Florida Dental Health Foundation's Project Dentist Care which could be accessed online. The participants felt that once the Tooth Wisdom program needed to be marketed to all Florida Council on Aging chapters in the state.

Effect of Medicaid Managed Care on Elderly Dental Care

The participants agreed that there was need for additional study on the effect that Medicaid Managed Care was having on the provision of dental care in long-term care facilities. The chair said that this matter needed to be continually monitored to determine what action might need to be taken to ensure that residents of nursing homes can receive proper dental care.

NECAC Update

The chair provided an update on the National Elder Care Advisory Committee's (NECAC) project dealing with an on-line long term care continuing education program to train dentists on the best practices to provide dental care in long-term care facilities. He said that there were nine modules and would cost \$600 for the dentist to complete the training course. He said that the ADA was currently reviewing whether all dental team members could have access to the modules.

ADA State Long-Term Care Initiative

The chair provided an update on the American Dental Association's long-term care initiative. He said that the FDA president would appoint the committee and that it would begin meeting later this year. He requested Mr. Macdonald to forward the Oral Health Care for the Vulnerable Elderly white paper to the workgroup upon its appointment.

Oral Health Florida Coalition/FPHA Conference

Mr. Macdonald provided an overview of the Oral Health Florida Coalition state conference in Orlando July 31 – August 1. He said that he was able to meet during a lunch and learn session with Senior Action Team members and other interested parties attending. He said that the FDA representative requested the coalition leadership council to revise certain segments of the state plan to make them in concert with certain association policy on the delivery of proper oral health care.

Old Business

The action team discussed the current status of PrevMED operations in Florida related to Medicaid Managed Care. The chair said that this issue needed to be monitored to determine what course of action may be needed.

New Business

The chair called for any new business. None was added.

Announcements

The chair called for announcements. None were made.

Adjournment

The Oral Health Florida Coalition Senior Action Team conference call was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.