

## **Washington State Oral Health Coalition**

Report from the Meeting of Fri., May 13, 2011 – 10:00am – 12:00pm Virtual Meeting via Teleconference call: **Toll-(805) 309-2350 Toll-Free (800) 309-2350** 

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Attendance: Cynthia Newman, Chair; Patty Plank, Secretary; Sean Picard, Interim Treasurer, Peg Terp, King County Public Health; Pat Brown, Past-Chair.

Agenda Item	Action	Discussion and Follow-up
Welcome and Introductions	Five attendees, introducing themselves as they joined the conference call.	
Reports from Officers: •Cynthia Newman, Chair	No updates available until post Legislative Session for the Oral Health Plan	
•Patty Plank, Secretary	Minutes Report	Corrections welcomed and will be changed in the April 11, 2011 draft meeting report.
Round Table Discussion		
	Oral Health Funding at Local, State, and Federal levels	Locally, Peg advised that her program will be fine through June and then cut by half beyond that month.  State funding overall received a boost through a Federal Tax Amnesty program of \$200 Million for the budget. Still the outlook for oral health remains grim. Medicaid overall is still being decided. In the Senate version Medicaid and Basic Health will consolidate into a single agency to

		improve efficiency. The developmentally disabled and pregnant women will continue to receive oral health care benefited, however, advised Sean Pickard.  Lucy Crow asked Cyndi to pass on that the Health Care Authority will possibly have 50% of funding reinstated, hopefully by the end of the year.  Federally, Sean stated, the issues depend on what they decide to do in regards to shifting the block grant. The debt ceiling and the next budget will be the deciding factors. Block grant funds will still need to be matched by the state. Still early to make any type of determination.
	2010 Smile Survey Report	Access may be found on the WA State Dept. of Health website. Cynthia commented that fewer children are going untreated; however the caries rate has not been reduced. Peg mentioned the survey could possibly skewed due to so many families immigrating in and around King County, therefore creating a large turnover.
	Local Oral Health Coalitions	11 counties still have coalitions with paid coordinators. This could possibly be a subject to discuss at our face to face meeting in June.
Old Business	June 17, 2011 Meeting Plan	Peg suggested topics that would appeal to all others related to oral health. This would prevent polarizing the event strictly to dental hygienists and perhaps be an improved. The chair-elect may have some input. Perhaps an update on David Hemion's replacement could be heard. Cyndi recommended discussing some of the state events answering those with oral health needs and no access to care.
	Website Update	The WSOHC website continues to appear at WA State Dept. of Health. It is mastered by Godaddy.

New Business	Since our attendance was so small, new business	Peg will consult her computer savvy daughter about next steps. Possibly we could get a server that is not hosted by WA State Dept. of Health.
New dusiness	and the rest of the agenda was suspended until the face-to-face meeting June 17, 2011, hosted by Pat Brown in Lynnwood, WA.	
Meeting Adjourned	11:17 a.m.	Next meeting June 17, 2011