



Washington State Oral Health Coalition
 Special Agenda - Conference Call
 Monday - December 16, 2013 - 12:00 - 1:30 pm

Draft minutes from a special meeting of WSOHC officers and interested WSOHC members called to create a ballot for election of new WSOHC officers and to outline an action-based strategy for oral health advocacy

ATTENDING: Norma J. Wells, RDH, University of Washington, Chair; Sean Pickard, Washington Dental Service Foundation, Treasurer; Mark Koday, DDS, Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic, Past Chair; Shelley Guinn, RDH, Washington State Department of Health; Nancy Alleman, RDH, Washington State Dental Hygienists' Association; Pat Brown, University of Washington Oral Health Collaborative, Acting Secretary

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.
 Margaret Mead, American Cultural Anthropologist, 1901 - 1978*

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Minutes of 06-28-13 – Report Status – Norma Wells	Norma requested correction to read UW's next accreditation 2018-19.	Sean moved to approve with correction. Mark seconded. Minutes from 06/28/13 with correction approved unanimously. Pat will disseminate to listserv.
WA State Board of Health Oral Health Strategies – Discuss Action Options – Nancy Alleman	Nancy requested WSOHC endorsement of WSBoH Recommended Strategies for Oral Health. She pointed out that the first recommendation supports dedicated oral health coalition staff. Mark asked what happens next. Nancy said she was present at the BoH Nov. 13 meeting, and she understood that the board expects oral health stakeholders to use the recommendations as a starting point for future action. Norma asked for a reading of the strategies. Shelley said that Allene Mares, Assistant Secretary for Preventive and	Pat moved for WSOHC endorsement of the BoH Strategies, and Sean seconded. The motion to endorse was approved unanimously. Pat will write a statement to Michelle Davis, Executive Director, Washington State Board of Health, informing the BoH of WSOHC's action, thanking them for their advocacy, and offering support for implementation of the strategies.

	<p>Community Health within the Dept of Health , had asked for comments on the recommended strategies and that she had recommended that the DoH Oral Health Program engage with the current WSOHC rather than create a new coalition. Shelley referenced the WSOHC Oral Health Improvement Plan in her comments.</p>	
<p>2014 Goals of WSOHC Advocacy – Specify and Outline Strategy – All</p>	<p>Norma discussed the background of WSOHC advocacy and the role of state employees representing state agencies. The WSOHC bylaws make advocacy doable as long as it's not our major intent. The group agreed we need to brainstorm strategy in order to identify areas of focus and goals we hope to achieve. Sean pointed out the difference between general advocacy for oral health (which we can do) and taking a stand on specific pieces of legislation (which state employee cannot do). WSOHC members who represent agencies and organizations also need to check with these agencies and organizations concerning advocacy. Sean questioned how much six people could hope to accomplish. Nancy said it is important for the listserv to recognize we have the BoH document now. She suggested that our statement to BoH go out to the listserv along with a request for member ideas for advocacy. The group agreed that the listserv is currently our best means of communicating with WSOHC members. Norma suggested the possibility of developing work groups and white papers as the Coalition did previously. Mark asked what people do with white papers. Norma said they were disseminated widely, and people could then call Coalition members as experts. Shelley said she liked the idea for putting out request for items of interest because she feels the membership needs to support actions. She suggested brainstorming with members to identify gaps in oral health literacy and service delivery. Sean suggested</p>	<p>Moved by Pat, seconded by Nancy that by the third week of January and no later than end of January Pat will do an interest scan of listserv; and WSOHC members will work to build listserv membership. The motion was approved unanimously.</p> <p>In a related item, Norma will call LeeAnn Hoaglin Cooper to clarify who is the designated webmaster for the WSOHC website. The website needs to be updated in order to be of value as a resource for current members and as a viable portal for new members.</p>

	<p>gauging the temp of the membership for energy. Nancy said the more we can do to engage the listserv, the better, exactly what BoH was hoping. Norma said the next step is getting word out. Mark said the listserv is one avenue.</p>	
<p>Alternative Models for Coalition Leadership and Nominations Slate for WSOHC Officers – All</p>	<p>Norma said we need to learn the missions of member organizations in order to identify possible leaders and move forward. Mark said he's not sure where the practical part comes in and that organizations like WSOHC are always going to advocate for something not everyone agrees with. Norma said we're looking for overlaps in values to foster collaboration among members in order to go for some big grants. She said we need to find funding by pulling in and collaborating across disciplines. She said the bylaws need to be tweaked. Sean suggested we ask the listserv for recommendations of members who might be willing to serve as Coalition officers. Since adopting an alternative leadership model would require a major revision of the bylaws, the group chose to continue with officers as currently defined in the bylaws.</p>	<p>Since adopting an alternative leadership model would require a major revision of the bylaws, the group chose to continue with officers as currently defined in the bylaws. Sean is willing to continue as treasurer. The group agreed to suspend the bylaws' requirement for elections by the end of 2013 with new terms of office to begin in January 2014, to allow current officers to continue into 2014, to ask listserv members for recommendations by the end of January, and to circle back in early February for next steps. Pat will put this information out on the listserv.</p>
<p>Announcements and Other Business – All</p>	<p>Sean said Washington Dental Services is now Delta Dental of Washington. Washington Dental Service Foundation reined its name. Norma reported on the Oregon Health Coalition webinar. She said it included materials very similar to abcd in Washington and that the materials are available on the web. Norma expressed her appreciation to all on the call for their participation and wished them Happy Holidays.</p>	
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>1:30pm</p>	