

## **Legislative Committee Meeting**

Thursday July 2, 2015 | 1:00 p.m – 3:00 p.m.

### **Attendees:**

**Sarah Holland**

*Virginia Oral Health Coalition*

**Katherine Libby**

*Virginia Oral Health Coalition*

**Carrie Wampler**

*Virginia Oral Health Coalition*

**Tegwyn Brickhouse, DDS, PhD**

*Virginia Oral Health Coalition Legislative Committee Board / Virginia Commonwealth University, Department Chair and Associate Professor*

**Howard Chapman**

*Tri-Area Community Health Center*

**Pat Finnerty**

*Virginia Oral Health Coalition Board Member*

**Nicole Pugar**

*Williams Mullen*

**Massey Whorley**

*The Commonwealth Institute*

**Jennifer Wicker**

*Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association*

**Bridget Brown, DDS**

*Sentara Halifax Dental Clinic*

**Donovan Caves, DDS**

*Southeastern Virginia Health System*

**Stefani Lahari, RN\*\***

*Alexandria County Public Schools*

**Rita Phillips, BSDH, RDH, PhD\*\***

*Wytheville Community College*

**Terry Dickinson, DDS\*\***

*Virginia Dental Association / Virginia Oral Health Coalition Board Member*

**Sarah Raskin, MPH\*\***

*Virginia Oral Health Coalition Board Member*

**Chris Pyle\*\***

*Delta Dental of Virginia*

\*\* Via Conference Call

### **Absent:**

**Omar Abubaker, BDS, DMD, PhD**

*VCU School of Dentistry*

**Vicki Brett, BS, RDH, CDA**

*ECPI University*

**Chris Harman**

*August Regional Dental Clinic*

**Cheryl Harris**

*DentaQuest, LLC*

**Robert Klink, MD, MMM, FACOG**

*Virginia Oral Health Coalition Board Member*

**Pamuela Kitner, RDH**

*Neumann and Westover Family Dentistry*

**Natan D. McKenzie**

*Financial Representative*

**Dalia Meisha, DDS, MPD, DScD**

*The Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine*

**William Murray**

*Dominion*

**Tiffany Nightengale, DMD**

*Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc.*

**Tricia Rodgers**

*Northern Virginia Health Foundation / Virginia Oral Health Coalition Board Member*

**Lyubov Slashcheva**

*VCU School of Dentistry*

### **Meeting Agenda:**

Welcome and Introduction (Tegwyn Brickhouse)

Virginia Environmental Updates (Pat Finnerty, Sarah Holland)

Medicaid Expansion – Economic Picture (Massey Whorley)

Partner Priorities – Update (Sarah Holland, Nicole Pugar)

Virginia Oral Health Coalition Priorities – Discussion

## **Virginia Environmental Updates**

Pat Finnerty gave an update regarding the SIM (State Innovation Model) grant and DSRIP (Delivery System Reform Incentive Program). The Virginia Center for Health Innovation has received a one-year, \$2.6 million State Innovation Model (SIM) planning grant. The grant has several key focal areas – creating a state population health plan; exploring the possibility of a DSRIP waiver for Virginia’s Medicaid program; creating Accountable Care Communities in each of the health planning districts in the state and addressing payment reform.

Accountable Care Communities (ACC) will be formed by healthcare providers, payers, health systems, etc. to address specific healthcare issues in their community. The goal is to create a menu of integration models to address those specific issues. Several committees have been tasked with creating integration models that the ACCs can choose to implement. Sarah and Pat are co-chairing the oral health integration workgroup which has submitted five integration models (emergency department diversion, pediatric oral health/primary care, perinatal care/oral health, diabetes management/oral health and oral health integration for individuals with SMI).

Virginia has decided to move forward with a DSRIP application. If funding is awarded, funds will be used to assist health care providers and health systems to renovate their delivery of care to improve outcomes-it is NOT for services. Major focus of DSRIP does look to be behavioral health, however oral health will likely be included as well. The waiver application is expected to be submitted by the end of the year.

6 States already have approved DSRIPS, and there are many other states in the process of applying.

Nicole Pugar, the Coalition’s public affairs consultant, provided an update regarding the topics below:

General Politics- All members of the general assembly are up for election or re-election. This is an opportunity to meet new members. Republicans control Senate by one member, but it has potential to swing democratic. Steve Martin lost his primary bid so will no longer chair the Health Welfare and Institutions committee; a new chairman will be named.

Board of Dentistry-Board of Dentistry is considering the idea of remote supervision of dental hygienist in Virginia and what that would look like. The Board did not make any final decision, except that they will have a separate task force convene to consider the information provided at that hearing and then they will give a recommendation - at the earliest in September.

Teledentistry- The board of dentistry is convening a hearing on Teledentistry on August 14<sup>th</sup>. VaOHC provided information about the teledentistry workgroup that was convened as part of the state oral health plan.

Benefits for Pregnant Women- There is concern about the women who will lose their benefits two months post partum on how they will complete their schedule of care. DMAS is convening a work group to discuss this. While the loss of the dental benefit after two months is concerning, it is important to note that pregnant women lose all their Medicaid benefits after two months post-partum (if they make over 26% FPL), not just their dental benefits.

## **Medicaid Expansion – Economic Picture**

Massey Whorley

*Fiscal and Economic Benefits of Closing the Coverage Gap*

“View expansion of coverage a stepping stone to including oral health care into Medicaid.”

## **Partner Priorities – Update**

VDHA – Virginia Dental Hygienist Association is excited about the remote supervision language coming out of the workgroup. They are hopeful that remote supervision language may go into effect for the 2016 session.

Virginia Rural Health Association – Rural Health Association is interested in increasing oral health literacy of students in Virginia through SOL’s, education, etc.

VDA – The Virginia Dental Association will put forward legislation to exempt free clinics and FQHCs from requirements related to mobile dentistry regulations. The regulations are in place as a consumer protection, and are not deemed necessary for established bricks and mortar safety net site.

Delta Dental - Delta Dental is currently awarding less money regarding charity grant clinics. They plan to be on the exchange, but no other big legislative pushes.

Voices for Virginia’s Children – The Coalition is working with Voices for Virginia’s Children to understand the network adequacy of the exchange – particularly related to embedded dental plans. We want to ensure that consumers have access to an appropriate number of medical and dental providers when they purchase an insurance product.

## **Virginia Oral Health Coalition Priorities – Discussion**

There was huge success in the 2015 session obtaining dental benefits for pregnant women! The current concern is the continuation of care once the benefits end two months post partum.

### Other opportunities:

- Medicaid Expansion: clear that this will be an administrative priority.
  - Election outcome will weigh heavily on potential outcome and strategy
- Mandatory dental assessments before kindergarten (possibly for 2017)
  - group decided to form a smaller workgroup and explore other states
  - [-Oregon article](#)
- Dental benefits for adults in Medicaid
  - decision to form workgroup to continue to lay foundation
- Depending on outcome of SIM care models, to advocate those models on legislative day as part of education (Pat)
- Be sure to say Thank You regarding the dental benefits for pregnant women.

### **Next Steps**

- Will make recommendations to full board
- Convene a workgroup for dental screenings before kindergarten (Bridget will lead – invites will be made to partners). Let Sarah know if you want to join
- Convene a workgroup for dental benefits for adults in Medicaid (Sarah will lead –invites will be made to partners). Let Sarah know if you want to join.
- Determine how VaOHC will participate in Medicaid Expansion (election dependent)
- Nicole will keep committee informed about potential swing votes