

**Oklahoma Oral Health Coalition**  
**May 11, 2022, MEETING MINUTES**  
**Via Zoom Conference**

**Present**

Chair: Leon Bragg, DDS

Vice Chari: Laurie Cunningham, Oklahoma Dental Hygienists' Assn.

Secretary: Kashlie Olson – Okla. Primary Care Assn.

Angie Pulliam

Brandi Rodriguez – HNC Living Foundation

Denai'Jah Richard - OU College of Dentistry

Jeannie Bath – Good Shepherd OKC

Jennifer Cook – Catholic Charities of Eastern Oklahoma

Jodi Wilson - HNC Living Foundation

Jordan Blalock – ODF MobileSmiles

Julie Seward - Southern Plains Tribal Health Board

Julie Whitworth - OKDHS-DDS

Karen Luce – Okla. Health Care Authority

Marsha Beatty – OU College of Dentistry

Margaret Hammond – RDH TCC

Nicki Largent – Delta Dental of Ok. Foundation

Paul Mullasseril – Dean, OU College of Dentistry

Robert Neal – Liberty Dental Plan

Terrisa Singleton - Delta Dental of Oklahoma Foundation

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by OOHC Chair Dr. Leon Bragg.

Introduction of new members to the meeting

**Approval of Minutes**

Laurie Cunningham moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2022, meeting. Motion was seconded and passed.

**Old Business**

Oral Health Literacy & Awareness Act (HR 4555) has been passed by the house, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Bi-partisan bill that requires the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to conduct a public education campaign to increase oral health literacy and awareness. HRSA must design the campaign to focus on children, pregnant women, parents, older adults, people with disabilities, and racial and ethnic minorities.

**New Business**

**OU College of Dentistry**

Introduction of the new dean. Dr. Paul Mullasseril is newest dean of the College of Dentistry. He is the

5<sup>th</sup> dean of the college's history. Previously he was the assistant dean for clinical and pre-clinical education, and director of the college's faculty practice clinic.

### **501c3**

Laurie provided details that are needed to become a 501c3. We will need to file with the IRS, \$700 fee associated with this. Each year there is a form that has to continued to be filed. Specific requirements for the name of the organization. We have the basics requirements already created. First step is to become incorporated. We will need a physical address for the coalition to become a 501c3. It was agreed that we will need to use a non-profit lawyer to assist us with becoming a 501c3. Oklahoma Center of Nonprofits is a good resource.

Will be developing a dues structure for the coalition, details around this will be coming soon. This will help generate income and additional helps with grants.

### **OHCA**

Access to care is still an issue.

Rules change on the out of state rule. The current rule is any member can go 50 miles outside the boarder to receive care from any contracted dentist, and this applies to medical as well. An issue that dental faces that medical does not, is members cannot find a contracted dentist 50 miles outside the boarder. Making a rule now that patients can go 100 miles now. The main issue is finding a pediatric dentist – dentist may not see children under a certain age, may need anesthesia, or it is a complicated case.

The COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) will more than likely be extended another 90 days. CMS will announce the decision the closer to July we get.

\*Update the PHE has been extended for 90 days, effective July 15, 2022.

### **American Network of Oral Health Coalition (ANOHC)**

OOHC is participating in the ANOHC Emerging Coalitions Learning Collaborative, and our next meeting with them is set for Wednesday, May 18th. They will partner us with one or more coalitions that have already been through the 501(C)3 process. One of the goals is also to move towards hiring at least some part time staff rather than leaning totally on volunteers from our member organizations.

### **Announcements**

Delta Dental Summit is on November 3<sup>rd</sup> in Tulsa at the new OU facility.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:28 am.

***The next OOHC meeting will be held Wednesday, October 12, 2022.***

***\*if you would like the recording of the meeting, please email [info@oohc.org](mailto:info@oohc.org)***