LC Meeting Highlights

February 19, 2021

1:00 pm

Conference Call

Welcome: Ann Naber 1:05 pm

* Quorum present
* The January 22nd, 2021 Overview Notes were reviewed.

Old Business:

* Introduced Kelsey Woolard. Andrew Huffman promoted to Senior Director of Legislator Affairs and ODHA LC liaison.
* 134th GA - Session and Committee Schedules
  + State Operating budget introduced this week. Legislators will be debating for the next 5 months until the end of June. They will then take a break after they pass the budget. Sessions scheduled in September and October.
* SB 9 – State Agency Regulations
  + Re-introduction of this bill. Would require state agencies to reduce regulations by 30% by 2025. Dental board not impacted by this.
* Smile Direct Club language
  + Will need to clarify if it needs to be an Ohio based dentist for exam and clarify about radiographs within 6 months.
  + If we introduced a bill, it gives SDC a target to implement their policies and revise ours. If we wait for SDC to come out with legislation, we can then fight language and amend their bill. Consensus among ODHA, ODA, orthodontists is to wait until SDC introduces a bill.
* State Operating Budget 2022-2023
  + 75 billion spending package over the next 2 years. Ohio is fairly well-off due to the federal government and stimulus checks during the pandemic. 1 billion in savings because of the federal government assistance with Medicaid. Due to this, we were able to balance the budget. DeWine has not introduced a ton of policy in the budget.
* Medicaid Budget 2022- 2023 ITR & SDF
  + 4.6 billion in state $ for 2022 and 6.2 billion in 2023.
  + ITR rules- offering reimbursement for ITRs. Why are we offering 5 per tooth if it is temporary? Both ITR and SDF should be interim.
* HB 90 – Oversight of Governor’s and Health Orders
  + SB 22- companion bill just passed by the senate and will be the vehicle for HB 90. Prohibits the governor from issuing a state of emergency longer than 90 days. Requires legislator to come back and pass legislation or resolution for a state of emergency longer than 90 days. This bill is an attempt to take away some power from the executive branch.
  + Ohio Health Oversight Committee responsible for reviewing executive orders and rules.
* Occupational Licensing
  + Interstate licensure compact which includes numerous healthcare professions, but have not heard of a dental one in the works. When certain states pass this legislation, they join in a contract that licensure is easier to obtain between the states in the contract.
  + Increase access of care and ease of practicing in other areas. Support from the military community and underserved areas.
* Sexual Contact
  + No bill introduced at this time.
* Vaccines
  + HB 1079- Dentist could provide any CDC approved vaccine/immunizations.

Ohio State Dental Board

* Met in Feb. Jamie Krobb was reappointed. Laws and Rules Committee meeting in March to discuss anesthesia and sedation rules. Nothing new to report in regards to RDH doing botox.

Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

* OH Dental Hygiene Loan Repayment (ODHLR)
  + Added tele dentistry as a qualified activity, but still has to be in an area of resource shortage area. Comments will be due Feb 26th for review. Discussed the language about EFDAs receiving loan repayment who is not also a Dental Hygienist.

Commission on Dental Competency & Assessment (CDCA)

* Connie Clark welcomed Kimber Cobb.

Oral Health Ohio (OHO)

* Two meetings next week on Feb 23rd and 25th
* Jayne Klett did not get the grant for fluoride varnish & lead exposure. Department of Health cracking down on infant mortality/lead poisoning. 17.1 million a year goes to lead exposure prevention. Jayne has tried to create a fluoride varnish proposal for children who have had lead exposure. Will need to talk to Ohio Department of Health.

ODHA:

* Ad HOC Committee on Clinical Exams – Members & Duties
  + No one has volunteered. Shannon Sweeney will need to appoint someone.
* Tool Kit – Oral Health and Prenatal Classes (HB 11)
  + Reach out to ODH to see how much of the 5 million has been spent. Tie in lead issues with HB 11 and discuss with ODH on a call.
* Component Advocacy- will send talking points out to components.

OSDB:

* Laws & Rules Committee and Licensure Examination Format have not met
* Manikin Acceptance extended to December 31, 2021
* Reappointment: Jamie Krobb wants to continue on the board

New Business:

* 2021 OLN Virtual Education Summit April 8-9th
* Ohioans for Dental Equity- discussing Dental Therapy

Announcements:

* Community Catalyst – Why Does Oral Health Matter?
  + Handout can be downloaded from their website. Webinar March 8th and April 15th 4-5pm on Dental Therapists
* UHCAN – National Association- no longer operating.

Future Meetings: March 19, 2021 1:00 pm Virtual

April 29, 2021 7:00 pm Virtual

May 21, 2021 1:00 pm Virtual

Respectfully submitted,

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