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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
December 12, 2016 Cork N Hearth Restaurant, Lee, MA

Chair's Report: Dr. Jolene Krol

Dr. Krol welcomed all those members in attendance to this evenings meeting.

The BDDS nominations ballot will need some members for positions opening in 2017/2018. Please contact Committee Chair Dr. Michael Williams at gumdr00@yahoo.com and become more involved in organized dentistry.

MDS Trustee's Report: Dr. Jay Wise

Encrypted emailing is a HIPPA requirement when transmitted patient information over the internet. The ADA has endorsed PBHS Secure Mail. This web based service cost is \$10 / month. No software installation is needed. Multi Doctor collaboration is possible. If all BDDS members use the same encryption service, it will greatly reduce the technical burden upon our specialists and amongst us. Consider reviewing this service at WWW.PBHS.COM/SECUREMAIL/CONTACT .

By now, all Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (BCBSMA) providers should have received your new agreement for 2017, and all Delta Dental of Massachusetts providers should have or will be receiving a package from Delta that includes **extensive changes** to your 2017 contract regarding the combining of the Premier and PPO plans. The MDS strongly urges all members to closely review and take immediate action for both of these carriers, paying close attention to the deadline required by each carrier. (Note: Delta providers may file for an extension by contacting Delta at the number below.) By law, the MDS cannot advise on individual contracts; we recommend that you seek advice from the appropriate counsel.

Any questions specific to your individual contract should be directed to:

Delta Dental: Contact Delta's dedicated support team at 617.886.1991.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts: Contact your Dental Networking Manager at 800.882.1178, Option 4.

PEW Charitable Trusts is definitely coming back full force to the Massachusetts Legislature to endorse a mid level dental care provider. Sen. Harriet Chandler and Rep. Smitty are committed to see this through. Sen. Chandler is in a very powerful position as the Senate Majority Leader. MDS can no longer take a defense posture or try to stall the process. Sooner or later a midlevel Dental care provider will be passed through the legislature.

An Act Relative to Improving, Promoting, and Protecting the Oral Health of the Commonwealth will promoted by MDS for Legislative consideration.

1. This Act will require the Midlevel Care Provider to have a Masters Level Equivalent similar to a Nurse Practitioner (2 years education post Bachelors degree).
2. All duties based on the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Allowed to do 10 additional CODA approved duties under direct supervision above current RDH duties. (No extractions)
3. Maximum of 2 Midlevel Dental Care Providers under direct supervision of Dentist.
4. Must practice in either a federally designated dental health provider shortage area or in a federally qualified health center.
5. If practicing outside of a federally qualified health center but in a shortage area, the provider must see Mass Health patients.

Riders will be added to the above proposed ACT.

- Mandatory dental screening for all children in public schools prior to kindergarten
- Community Health Worker (CHW) designation will also be established. CHW will be provided oral health training to expand their current services. Goal is the CHW will aid underserved patients in finding a dental home, in securing appointments, transportation, translation services, etc. Simplifies CDHW concept: dental health worker is no longer a stand-alone position dedicated solely to dentistry.
- Community Water Fluoridation will be addressed. Mandating the DPH to annually conduct community water fluoridation seminars for local health boards. Municipalities will have access/funding for 4 – 6 training sessions to educate and explore community water fluoridation.

MDS intentions on how the Proposed MDS ACT might work

- You don't have to hire the Midlevel Dental Care Provider (DHP). They can be independent contractors in your office.
- Dentist is not required to allow DHP to do any procedures he/she does not feel comfortable with the midlevel care provider doing.
- DHP likely to be pushing more work toward the practitioner, not taking away.

Items from the Floor:

Dr. Tom Sakshaug received a solicitation from VIM asking for a donation towards the upkeep of their Dental Clinic. Last year BDDS made a \$2,000.00 donation. A motion was made to make another \$2,000.00 this year. The motion was seconded and voted on with an unanimous approval by those members in attendance.

Dr. Ed Helitzer reported that he was the presenter for an MDS webinar on Peer Review. This webinar is available to view from MDS.

Treasurer's Report: Dr. Thomas Sakshaug

Current Balances as of 12/12/2016:

Checking:	\$ 8,986.17	
Money Market:	\$ 6,433.30	0.05% APY
Available for use:	\$ 15,419.47	
CD 36 month	\$10,035.18	1.144% APY, matures 8-10-19
CD 36 Month	\$17,325.96	0.80% APY, matures 7-14-17
CD 48 Month	\$12,287.91	1.00% APY, matures 7-14-18
CD 37 Month	\$ 5,082.19	1.85% APY, matures 2-10-19
Total CDs:	\$44,731.24	
Total funds:	\$60,150.71	

Fall 2016 All Day Meeting:

Tuition:	16,837.00
Vendors:	0.00 (No payment yet)
Total income:	16,837.00

Williams Inn: 6,488.54 (Error last time)
Speaker: 8,186.47
Printing: 0.00 (No bill)
Mailing: 385.42
Staff: 100.00
Total Expenses: 15,160.43
Net Income: 1,676.57 Thank-you Louis, Barb, and all who helped!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: The BDDS is hurt financially at certain restaurants due to dentists' failure to RSVP or to show up. If you plan to come, please inform the person running the dinner. If you do so, please come to the meeting! We sometimes must pay based on RSVPs. Please plan ahead and stick to your plan.

Dental Continuing Education Meeting:

Dr. Ed Helitzer hosted tonight's meeting.
Dr. Terri Cooper gave a talk on Human Papilloma Virus.

Next General Membership Meeting:

Dr. Erich Schmidt will host our next Monday Night Meeting on January 9, 2016.
Dr. Sara Martinelli will speak on Endodontics.

*Minutes of Monthly Meeting submitted by District Secretary – Dr. Paul Gamache
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