

## **BOARD REPORT I – September 16, 2017**

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### **Consent**

MOTION: On a motion by Dr. Beauchamp, the following Consent items were approved:

- Membership
  - Membership Tabulation
  - Membership Detail by Component
  - ADA/TDA Quarterly Report of Membership and Market Share
- TDA Foundation Report
- Tenn-D-Pac Treasurer's Report
- Wellness Committee, Quarterly Report: April 1 – June 30, 2017
- Board of Trustees New Member Orientation Minutes – May 20, 2017
- Thank You Letter to Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Tenn-D-Pac Fundraising Letter sent to all Members August 11, 2017
- Dr. James Clark III Resignation from Peer Review Committee
- Letter of Support to Dr. Stan Covington Regarding Appointment as Acting Dean of UTHSC College of Dentistry
- 2017 Council and Committee Attendance to Date Regarding Outstanding District Award
- CADS Representative to Council on Scientific Programs and Continuing Education – Dr. Marie Farrar to Replace Dr. Mark McOmie
- CADS Representative to Council on Dental Benefit Programs – Dr. Richard Johnson to Replace Dr. J Newman
- Second District Representative to New Dentist Committee – Dr. Taylor Jarrell to Replace Dr. Jason Bowman
- Dr. Zachary Carden, Letter of Resignation as Scientific Editor of the *Journal of the Tennessee Dental Association*
- Peer Review Committee Changes:
  - Nashville Dental Society – Dr. Doug Holliday to Replace Dr. James Clark III
  - State Chair – Dr. Greg Kemp, Memphis, to Replace Dr. James Clark III

Two items were removed from Consent for discussion later in the meeting:

- Waiver of Dues by Dr. Allen Burleson, First District Trustee, and Dr. Chip Clayton, Speaker of the House of Delegates (*details removed*)
- TDA Maternity Leave Policy, Approved by the Executive Committee on June 7, 2017, by Dr. Rachel Hymes, Vice President East Tennessee

Dr. Paul Cullum, President-elect, asked Board members to specifically note that the Membership item includes great information with more detail per district than has previously been included.

### **Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA) Task Force**

Dr. Mark Holifield, Seventh District Dental Society and Co-chair of the EFDA Task Force, presented the report from the task force's meeting which included several short term and long term recommendations to provide more training and more openings to train EFDA's in Tennessee.

MOTION: On a motion by Dr. Dan Meadows, Vice President West Tennessee, the Board approved that a meeting be scheduled with the TDA, the Tennessee Board of Dentistry and the UT College of Dentistry to address the EFDA issues and change rules, if needed.

Dr. Meadows agreed to coordinate and chair this meeting between the three groups.

### **TDA Insurance Agency and Health Care Plan**

Dr. Leon Stanislav, Mr. Jeff Smith and Mr. Chris Scoggins of the TDA Insurance Agency spoke to the Board regarding the TDA Insurance Agency's new health care plan. Mr. Smith reported that the Agency has received interest from 250 dentists, medical evaluations have been completed on 85 practices, and 35-40 are ready to go. Questions were raised and discussed on various aspects such as coverage requirements, re-insurance, and the point at which revenues would come to TDA. Dr. Stanislav said that the Agency will comply with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act which suggests that auditors be rotated to prevent accounting fraud, and he challenged the TDA to do the same.

### **Legislative Update**

Mr. Jack Fosbinder, TDA contract lobbyist, provided a comprehensive list of bills affecting dentistry and their status. Mr. Fosbinder said that opioids will be a big issue in the upcoming legislative session and there will continue to be proposed limitations to the length of prescriptions.

Dr. Beauchamp reported that she spoke with the President of the Tennessee Dental Hygienists Association and that they will propose a laser certification statement on their license. MOTION: On a motion by Dr. Terryl Propper, Nashville Trustee, the Board voted to decline support of the hygienists request to have laser certification on their license.

### **UT College of Dentistry Update**

The Board welcomed Dr. J. Stan Covington III, Acting Dean of University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Dentistry, who gave an update on the dental school. Dr. Covington stated that he was asked to step into the position of Dean of the UT College of Dentistry with little notice, however he does not anticipate being in the position long-term. Until a search committee is formed and a replacement hired, Dr. Covington said he is committed to moving forward for the best interests of the dental school. Regarding the EFDA training shortage, Dean Covington said that UT will work with TDA to resolve this issue.

### **Wellness Committee**

Dr. David Sain, Director of the Wellness Committee, introduced himself to the Board as the new director, assuming the position vacated by Dr. Wayne McElhiney upon his retirement June 30, 2017. Dr. Sain reported on changes being made to update systems and requested the Board's assistance in securing representatives from each district who are interested in the Wellness program and committed to its implementation across the state. Also, Dr. Sain will start a campaign to raise funds to meet the shortfall in operational costs of the Wellness Committee.

### **TDA Audit and Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Bob Bellenfant, CPA, presented the TDA Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report at June 30, 2017.

Dr. James Avery, Treasurer, referred to a two-page Financial Snapshot to provide a clear recap of noteworthy financial changes. In addition, Dr. Avery referred to an outline of the building mortgage from the original amount borrowed to the current loan balance and payoff year in 2024.

### **Governance Task Force**

Dr. Dennis Gardner, Sixth District Trustee and Chair of the Governance Task Force, presented several motions from the recent task force meeting:

MOTION: Reduce the House of Delegates size by approximately 50% plus two student delegates, one from each dental school. Approved.

MOTION: Separate the House of Delegates from the scientific session of the annual session. Approved.

MOTION: The Vice President term be extended to a two-year term. Approved.

MOTION: Structure the transition period for Vice President terms to stagger their election. Approved.

MOTION: The task force issue a survey to all Tennessee licensed dentists regarding their location and meeting location preference. Approved.

MOTION: On a motion by Dr. Propper, the Board approved that at the conclusion of the May 2018 annual meeting, the House of Delegates and the scientific sessions will be separated.

### **Board of Dentistry Update**

Dr. Mike Johnson, Board of Dentistry Liaison, referred to his report from the Board of Dentistry's meeting July 13-14, 2017. Dr. Johnson said that the Board spent considerable time on the EFDA issue, will roll out the jurisprudence exam in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2017, and that they will be writing rules on the newly passed legislation that CE may be received for volunteer service. Dr. Guthrie said that the Board asked that the TDA gather more names to submit as nominees for the Board of Dentistry member positions.

MOTION: On a motion by the Council on State Agencies, Awards, Ethics and Judicial Affairs, the Board approved the following names to be submitted to the state for Board of Dentistry member positions:

East Tennessee: Drs. Angela Burns, Michael Bowman, Robert Clark, Maricela Rodriguez  
West Tennessee: Drs. Randy Prince (current member), Scott Edwards, Dan Meadows

### **New Dentist Report**

Dr. Beth Randall, Chair of New Dentist Committee, reported that the component representatives on the NDC distributed goody bags to welcome each new dentist in their district. A conference call meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2017.

### **Annual Session Committee**

Dr. Cullum suggested the possible formation of an annual session committee made up of one or more representatives from each district which would coordinate the many aspects of the TDA annual session instead of the current Committee on Annual Session, which is comprised of members of the host district of the annual session. There was discussion as to how this would interface with the Council on Scientific Programs and Continuing Education. President Dycus asked Dr. Cullum to explore this idea and report back to the Board.

### **President-elect's Report**

Dr. Cullum reported that he attended two meetings this summer in his new position as TDA President-elect: the President-elect's Conference at the ADA in Chicago and the Mid-

States Leadership Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Dvorak noted that TDA will host the Mid-States Leadership Conference next year.

### **HealthFirst Endorsement/ADABEI**

The ADA Business Enterprises Inc. proposed to TDA an endorsement for dental emergency medical kits from HealthFirst. Several Board members have experienced poor customer service and misleading information from this company.

MOTION: On a motion by Dr. Cullum, the Board voted to deny endorsement of HealthFirst.

### **Transfer of Membership from One Component to Another Component**

MOTION: On a motion by Dr. Propper, the Board approved a Bylaws change in Chapter II, Component Societies, Section 30 Membership, to conform to the current process practiced in transferring membership from one component to another when members relocate.

### **Relief Fund Contributions**

MOTION: On a motion by Dr. Guthrie, the Board approved that the TDA Relief Fund contribute \$25,000 to the Texas Dental Association and \$25,000 to the Florida Dental Association for assistance to dentists affected by the recent devastating hurricanes.

### **Executive Director Report**

Mr. Dvorak reported to the Board an overview of the many actions and events which have occurred since the May Board meeting, which included: both tenants of the TDA building have signed a 5-year lease, staff changes and reorganization of responsibilities, website change to the ADA branded template, exhibitors brunch to encourage sponsorships for 2018 annual meeting, and current preparation of the 2018 dues statements.

Dr. Clifton Simmons, Editor of the *Journal of the Tennessee Dental Association*, added that the *Journal* went to press earlier in the week and encouraged everyone to read the editorial. Dr. Simmons also mentioned that the *Journal* recently won its 12<sup>th</sup> award.

### **Maternity Leave – Removed from Consent**

Dr. Hymes requested that the TDA executive office consider increasing the duration of its maternity leave policy. Mr. Dvorak thanked Dr. Hymes for her input and expressed his own concern for the welfare of staff members.

### **Waivers of Dues – Removed from Consent**

Comments regarding the individual dues waivers on the agenda were superseded by Dr. Clayton's discussion of the current wording of waivers in the Bylaws, which he interprets as the component decision. Dr. Clayton mentioned there is an additional section regarding permanent waivers which seems to be contradictory. Dr. Dycus asked Dr. Clayton to consult with the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to rewrite the waiver of dues sections and report back to the Board.

The Board took no action on the waivers and will forward them to the ADA.

## **BOARD REPORT II – January 27, 2018**

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### **Consent**

MOTION: On a motion by Dr. Allen Burluson, First District Trustee, the following Consent items were approved:

- Membership
  - Membership Tabulation
  - New/Rejoined Members
  - Recruitment and Retention Report 2017
- Tenn-D-Pac Treasurer's Report
- 2016 – 2017 Dental Relief Report
- Letter with Check to the Texas Dental Association
- Letter with Check to the Florida Dental Association
- TDA Foundation Report
- TDA Recommendation to the Governor for Board of Dentistry Terms Expiring on March 31, 2018
- Waiver of Dues for 2018: *(details omitted)*
- Council and Committee Member Changes for 2017-2018:
  - New Dentist Committee Proposed Member Change for Nashville Dental Society: Dr. Richard "Sully" Sullivan IV to Replace Dr. Ann Jones
- Proposed Council & Committee Appointments for 2018-2019 / For Approval at March 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
- Editor's Annual Report 2017

The following item was removed from Consent for discussion later in the meeting:

- Wellness Committee by Dr. Terryl Propper, Nashville Trustee

### **TDA Policy on Professional Conduct and Prohibition Against Harassment**

President Dycus read the introductory statement of the new TDA Policy on Professional Conduct and Prohibition Against Harassment. The policy is directly from the ADA and revised as appropriate to apply to TDA. All members were provided the full policy and agreed to abide by the policy by signing the document circulated to all present.

### **TDA Antitrust Statement**

President Dycus read the TDA's Antitrust statement and circulated the statement to all members for their signatures.

### **ADA Update**

Dr. Roy Thompson, ADA Sixth District Trustee and TDA Member from the Fourth District Dental Society, updated the board on happenings at the ADA. Dr. Thompson reported on several ways the ADA has worked for their members, including their success in getting dentistry excluded from the Part D Medicare. Dr. Thompson said that the ADA recognizes its business model must be revised to fight increased costs and face the challenge of recruiting new members. Dr. Thompson reported several exciting things happening, especially with the "Find-a-Dentist" program and the ADA agreement with CVS pharmacies. The biggest thing coming, per Dr. Thompson, is whether the ADA will work with the government to include a dental benefit in Medicare.

## **Legislative Update**

Mr. Jack Fosbinder, TDA contract lobbyist, referred to a document listing all bills for this legislative session and their status. Mr. Fosbinder said that he will meet with Representative Matthew Hill regarding a caption bill on increasing EFDAs (Expanded Function Dental Assistants), and he plans to meet with the lobbyist for dental hygienists regarding possible EFDA legislation. The Governor's Bill 1831 regarding opioids was discussed with the hope to exempt dentists or change the language because dentistry prescribing is different from the medical model. Mr. Fosbinder reported that Representative Brenda Gilmore introduced Bill 1845 proposing that a hygienist be able to establish an independent practice. At the Government Affairs Committee meeting on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Walter Owens said that Meharry and the Capital City Dental Society will meet with Representative Gilmore to explain the risks in hopes of stopping the bill.

## **Tennessee Academy of Pediatric Dentistry**

The board reviewed a letter from the Tennessee Academy of Pediatric Dentistry requesting the TDA support increased TennCare reimbursement to anesthesiologists and facilities which, they hope, will enable pediatric dentists to schedule more operatory time in surgery centers and hospitals. Mr. Fosbinder, along with Representative Dr. Bob Ramsey, will schedule a meeting with Craig Becker, Executive Director of the Tennessee Hospital Association, for his thoughts and possible solutions.

## **Board of Dentistry Report**

Dr. Mike Johnson, Board of Dentistry Liaison, reported on the recent Board of Dentistry meeting held January 11-12, 2018. Dr. Johnson said that Dr. Kathy Hall will serve as the new President of the Board of Dentistry. Per Dr. Johnson, the Board of Dentistry signed a contract which begins February 1, 2018, which will require continuing education tracking for all state boards to pass through their contracted CE broker. It is unclear when the CE broker will begin tracking individual CEs. It is also uncertain how the TDA's ACE program will interface with this state program.

## **EFDA Update**

Dr. Dan Meadows, Vice President West Tennessee, reported on his assignment to bring together the TDA, the Tennessee Board of Dentistry and the UT College of Dentistry to address EFDA issues and change rules, if needed. Dr. Meadows said that the Board of Dentistry wants to work within the current framework of EFDA training rules to educate as many as possible in the program. UT increased their class size to thirty-five and increased the number of classes to three annually. A Meharry professor expressed interest in teaching a class at Meharry, and UT has offered to supply the teaching plan as well as some equipment needed. Dr. Rick Guthrie, Immediate Past President, said that the goal is to have three classes at UT, three classes at Meharry, and some at UT Knoxville. After those changes are implemented, the EFDA training rules should be reassessed to see if rule changes are needed.

## **Wellness Committee**

At the request of Dr. Propper, President Dycus briefly explained the financial relationship between the TDA and the Wellness Program. The Wellness staff are employees of the TDA, and

the state grant money for the Wellness Program flows through the TDA in the form of reimbursements. Wellness staff are TDA employees and receive TDA benefits. It was noted that some members of the Wellness Committee are not TDA members. There was discussion about overall liability, including meetings and interventions which could create exposure for the TDA.

**ACTION:** President Dycus established a task force to explore possible separation of the Wellness Program from the TDA. Members of the task force are: Dr. Paul Cullum, Chair, Dr. Chad Edwards, and Dr. Mike Johnson.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Dr. Susan Orwick-Barnes, Second District Trustee, the Board approved the addition of Dr. Larry Brewer to the Wellness Committee.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Dr. Trey Carney, Seventh District Trustee, the Board approved Dr. Jimmy Moss to replace Dr. Irvin Rainey Jr. on the Wellness Committee.

### **Executive Session**

The Board went into Executive Session at 11:20 a.m. and exited Executive Session at 11:50 a.m.

### **Council on State Agencies, Awards, Ethics and Judicial Affairs**

Dr. Tom Patterson, Memphis Trustee, presented the report from the Council on State Agencies, Awards, Ethics and Judicial Affairs. Regarding volunteer service recognition, the Council recommends for the 2018 meeting that we forego individual recognition and issue surveys to members requesting the number of volunteer service hours they performed in 2017 in order to collect an aggregate number of volunteer service hours performed by TDA members. The Board accepted this recommendation.

The following Fellowship Award nominees were approved for presentation at the 2018 Awards Luncheon: Dr. David Storie, First District; Dr. Vicki Guffey, Second District; Dr. Cherae Farmer-Dixon and Dr. Douglas E. Hunter, Nashville; Dr. Lanora Bryant, Seventh District; and Dr. Larry Higginbotham, Memphis.

The Council submitted to the Board the names of three very deserving candidates for the Jack Wells Award. After a secret ballot vote by the Trustees, Dr. Fred Heros of Memphis was selected to be the 2018 Jack Wells Memorial Dedication to Dentistry Award recipient.

### **TDA Insurance Agency Update on Group Health Insurance**

After approval of the MEWA by the state of Tennessee, the TDA Insurance Agency began writing policies in November 2017. Mr. Mike Dvorak, Executive Director, reported that the program has 450 covered lives as of the meeting date, and the TDA received their first royalty check in January in the amount of \$1,800.

### **New Dentist Committee Report**

Dr. Beth Randall, New Dentist Committee Chair, reported on their last conference call meeting. The goody bag program for new, recently-graduated dentists was successful. There are good reports of new dentist events across the state. Dr. Randall believes they have made great strides in getting a handle on student members. Their next focus will be on dentists that are four-to-five years out of school and just entering the full dues category.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Dr. James Avery, Treasurer, referred to a Financial Highlights document listing thirteen significant items from the first six months of the fiscal year, which includes expenses down, tenant leases signed, and seven years remaining on the building loan. Then Dr. Avery presented a financial statement from December 31, 2017 with December 31, 2016 included for comparison. The Board received Dr. Avery's report.

### **TOSHA Inspections**

Mr. Dvorak reported that no rules have changed regarding TOSHA inspections according to Olivia Wann, Esq., the TDA endorsed provider of OSHA/HIPAA compliance. Mrs. Wann says that dentists are not targeted, however they are all subject to inspection. Also, offices are randomly selected and not allowed advance notice. President Dycus believes the TDA should pursue statewide education of TOSHA compliance. In addition, Dr. Orwick-Barnes asked that the TOSHA links be added to the TDA website.

### **Annual Session Update**

President Dycus reported that registration for the TDA Annual Session is online and he is hoping for 300-400 dentists to be registered by March 15<sup>th</sup> – the deadline for free registration. Dr. Dycus also recognized Dr. Propper, Sponsorship Chair, for her leadership in raising more than \$100,000 in sponsorships.

### **President-elect Report**

Dr. Paul Cullum presented a report of his first six months as TDA President-elect. In addition to meetings at ADA headquarters in Chicago, he attended the Mid-States Dental Leadership Conference in Cleveland (Ohio) where there was good discussion about issues that are common to state dental associations. Dr. Cullum reported that TDA will host the 2018 Mid-States meeting on August 9-11. Also, planning is underway for the 2019 TDA Annual Session which will be held again at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs on June 7-9, 2019. Dr. Cullum said that he experienced problems in separating the 2019 scientific programs from the House of Delegates, therefore the 2019 TDA Annual Session will again be a 3-day meeting consisting of both continuing education and the House of Delegates.

### **Governance Task Force Report**

Dr. Gardner, Chair of the Governance Task Force, reported on the geographic boundaries survey sent to all Tennessee licensed dentists. After reviewing responses, the task force believes that redrawing district lines is not the answer to more involvement and attendance at district functions. Dr. Gardner said that the task force recommends leaving geographic lines as is and will focus on the results of the resolutions already in place to submit to the 2018 House of Delegates in May. The task force will share the geographic survey results with the Council on Membership, Communications and Relief which may find the information beneficial.

### **Resolution Regarding Dues Waivers**

Dr. Chip Clayton, Speaker of the House, reported on his research regarding dues waivers. Dr. Clayton said that the ADA bylaws and the TDA membership form clearly state that the component society recommends waivers to the TDA, and the TDA Board of Trustees considers, approves (or not), and forwards to the ADA. The ADA also has a 25% waiver category that has not been included as an option by the TDA.

MOTION: On a motion by Dr. Clayton, the board approved that the language of the TDA Bylaws be amended to clearly state that the TDA has final approval on dues waivers recommended by component societies and that the TDA include a 25% waiver with the other waiver categories.

### **Executive Director Report**

Mr. Dvorak reported to the Board an overview of the many administrative actions and events which have occurred since the September 2017 Board meeting. Some of the items included in Mr. Dvorak's report are:

- The TDA is off to a great start financially in the first six months of the fiscal year.
- Approximately half of our membership dues have been received.
- The breakfast for exhibitors and sponsors in September was well received and inspired excellent response for our May meeting.
- The TDA staff is a hard-working team and staff members are encouraged to pursue professional development.
- Dr. Zachary Carden has been reinstated as the *Journal* Scientific Editor.

### **Endorsed Services**

Mr. Dvorak informed the Board that Dr. Hope Watson, Chair of the Council on Dental Benefit Programs, will meet at the TDA office with staff to review all companies currently endorsed and the revenue/benefit provided the TDA/TDA members.

Mr. Dvorak said that UBS Financial Services submitted a proposal to the TDA to become an endorsed partner, however, he was informed that financial planning is an area the Board traditionally does not endorse. President Dycus asked the Board to consider whether to rescind the previous decision to not endorse financial planning companies.

MOTION: Dr. Guthrie moved that the Board rescind the prohibition on endorsing financial planning companies. The motion failed.

### **Music City Dental Conference Internet Domain Names and Renewal**

MOTION: The Board approved renewal of several internet domain names associated with the Music City Dental Conference.

### **New Business**

Council and Committee Attendance: Dr. Clayton informed the Board that an NDS member has requested to attend all meetings of the TDA councils and committees. Dr. Clayton asked that chairs of councils and committees be informed of this possible contact and be reminded that it is their decision as to whether any non-member of their council/committee attend their meeting.

### 2019 Annual Session Committee:

MOTION: On a motion by Dr. Cullum, the Board approved that the TDA Executive Committee have latitude to assist Dr. Cullum in organizing the Annual Session Committee with volunteers who may or may not be members of the Sixth District Dental Society.

## **BOARD REPORT III – March 17, 2018**

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### **Consent**

The following items were received by the Board from the Consent Calendar:

- Component Society Annual Reports
- Tenn-D-Pac Treasurer's Report
- Dental Relief Fund Contributions
- TDA Foundation Report
- Wellness Committee Report
- Council & Committee Reports
  - Governmental Affairs January 26, 2018
  - Council on Scientific Programs and Continuing Education March 9, 2018
- Resolutions for 2018 House of Delegates
  - Process of transferring membership from one component to another
  - Extend term of Vice Presidents to a two-year term
  - Reduce the House of Delegates by approximately 50%
- Tennessee Department of Health 2017 Update on Oral Health Services

Two items were removed from Consent for discussion:

- Oral Health Initiatives Committee March 14, 2018 by Dr. Trey Carney, Seventh District Trustee
- Dues Waivers by Dr. Allen Burleson, First District Trustee

### **International College of Dentistry Journalism Award**

Dr. Clifton Simmons, Editor of the *Journal of the Tennessee Dental Association*, presented Mr. Mike Dvorak, Executive Director, with an award from the International College of Dentists for the article "Regression of Calcium Channel Blocker – Induced Gingival Enlargement in the Absence of Periodontal Therapy" which appeared in the Fall/Winter 2015 issue of the *Journal of the Tennessee Dental Association*. Dr. Simmons noted that this is the twelfth award for the *Journal*.

### **TDA Insurance Agency**

Mr. Chris Scoggins, Mr. Jeff Smith and Mr. Buck Orrison, TDA Insurance Agency, reported that the MEWA plan currently includes 114 practices with over 400 lives covered. Mr. Scoggins said that they hope to bring in other health related associations into the MEWA. The wording of the MEWA regulation states that it may encompass other like-kind organizations, therefore they believe that may reach to other health-related groups, such as chiropractors, medical association, nurse practitioners, optometrists, and so on. The TDA has the Associate Member category which is exempt from payment of dues. There was discussion about an Affiliate Member category with low dues but no action was taken.

Mr. Orrison and Mr. Smith said they are working on another supplemental employee benefit plan offering a telehealth option to employees and their dependents as an add-on to their insurance. This program is not insurance and not limited to those on the MEWA plan.

### **Consent Item - Oral Health Initiatives Committee**

Dr. Carney, Board Liaison to the Oral Health Initiatives Committee, said that the committee noted that there was no CE course option on the topic of public health at the

upcoming TDA annual meeting. The committee would like for future annual meetings include a public health topic. The committee also would like to work with the Board to strategize an advocacy plan for adult emergency with TennCare.

### **Consent Item – Dues Waivers**

Dr. Allen Burleson, First District Trustee, said that there is confusion on how dues waivers are processed and requested that the protocol be considered and defined. Dr. Burleson was not opposed to the dues waiver resolution presented in Consent. Dr. Dycus suggested that the dues waiver process be referred to the Council on Membership, Communications and Relief to define the waiver procedure.

MOTION: On a motion by Dr. Orwick-Barnes, the Waiver of Dues resolution was approved.

### **Expanded Function Dental Assistants (EFDA)**

Dr. Dan Meadows, Vice President West Tennessee, reported that the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Dentistry has expanded EFDA classes to three classes of thirty-five, which is an increase from fifty students to over one hundred. There continues to be discussion regarding one or two classes at Meharry.

### **Legislative Update**

Mr. Jack Fosbinder, TDA lobbyist, updated the Board on recent legislative issues. The Governor's opioid bill has been in the forefront of legislative activity. Mr. Fosbinder and Mr. Mark Greene, the AGD lobbyist, worked tirelessly with legislators to revise problems with the bill's language which has resulted in a bill that is workable for dentists and other healthcare fields.

Mr. Fosbinder said that the EFDA bill has been postponed for further study because the bill stated a hygienist could be the program director without supervision by a dentist.

Representative Susan Lynn's fluoride bill did not receive a motion and failed.

MOTION: On a motion by Dr. Orwick-Barnes, the Board approved that gift cards be sent to Mr. Fosbinder and Mr. Greene in appreciation of their efforts on behalf of the TDA.

### **Board of Dentistry**

Dr. Mike Johnson, Liaison to the Tennessee Board of Dentistry, said that the Board of Dentistry has not met since the last Board of Trustees meeting and therefore he has no report.

### **Annual Session Update**

President Dycus began by thanking Dr. Terry Propper, Nashville Trustee and Annual Session Sponsor Chair, for raising \$151,700 in sponsorships for the upcoming meeting. Current registrations are ahead of projections and there is excitement about the fun social events planned. Dr. Dycus asked Board members to consider volunteering at the meeting.

### **President-elect's Report**

Dr. Paul Cullum, President-elect, asked the Board to review the membership reports with specific attention to the Member Pending-Cutoff category which lists those who have not paid their 2018 dues to date.

Dr. Cullum said that the 2019 TDA Annual Session will be at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs again with Dr. Dennis Gardner as General Chair and Dr. Propper as Sponsorships Chair.

Dr. Cullum is considering having non-fee lectures for CE credit, and electronic registration initiated this year will be used again in 2019. He stated that there is a proposal on this Board's agenda to merge the Council on Scientific Programs and the Annual Session Committee into one committee.

### **Council on Scientific Programs and Continuing Education**

Dr. Orwick-Barnes, Chair of the Board Subcommittee on Education and Annual Session, presented a proposal to merge the Council on Scientific Programs and Continuing Education and the Annual Session Committee to provide continuity in planning the annual meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Orwick-Barnes moved that the proposal to merge the Council on Scientific Programs and Continuing Education and the Annual Session Committee as outlined on the document provided.

MOTION: On a motion by Dr. J Newman, Chattanooga Area Trustee, the Board approved that Dr. Orwick-Barnes' motion be tabled until after lunch to provide time to review the proposal and determine how this would affect the TDA Bylaws.

After lunch, the discussion was reopened regarding the merging of the Council on Scientific Programs and Continuing Education and the Annual Session Committee.

MOTION: Dr. Orwick-Barnes presented a revised proposal document which failed.

MOTION: Dr. Orwick-Barnes made a motion to amend the revised proposal to include in duties/item A "in conjunction with the President-elect and the President's component". The amendment passed.

MOTION: On a motion by Dr. Orwick-Barnes, the motion as amended to merge the Council on Scientific Programs and Continuing Education and the Annual Session Committee was approved.

MOTION: On a motion by Dr. Orwick-Barnes, the Board approved that Bylaws changes be made that are necessary to allow the President and President-elect to vote on the revised Council on Scientific Programs and Continuing Education.

### **New Dentist Report**

Dr. Beth Randall, New Dentist Committee Chair, reported that there will be two podcasts by NDC members at the May annual meeting.

MOTION: On a motion by the New Dentist Committee, the Board approved that Tennessee ASDA members automatically become members of the TDA without application to the Board of Trustees.

### **Executive Director Report**

Mr. Mike Dvorak, Executive Director, updated the Board on the busy administrative activities at the TDA executive offices. Mr. Dvorak noted that Ms. Jonsie Holloway, Membership Director, resigned to work closer to her home as she cares for her preschooler and infant. Mr. Dvorak will look for a replacement with association membership experience. Other items mentioned were the recent staff team building day, a component executive director meeting in February, the upcoming ADA lobbyist day in Washington, DC, preparations for the Mid-States Dental Leadership meeting in August, and a TDA building tenant update.

### **Councils and Committees**

Several members of the Board requested that the Trustees be notified of upcoming meetings of councils and committees to encourage their representative to attend.

**ACTION:** The Board approved the list of council and committee appointments for the 2018-2019 fiscal year as submitted. It was noted that Dr. Hope Watson, who is not eligible to continue on the Council on Dental Benefit Programs, will serve on the council as an advisor as she currently serves on the ADA Council on Dental Benefit Programs and will be an excellent resource.

### **Endorsements**

Mr. Dvorak reported that he and Dr. Watson, Chair of the Council on Dental Benefit Programs, are working on an audit of all TDA endorsements to see which programs are producing member benefit and/or non-dues revenue. Dr. Chip Clayton, Speaker of the House, asked that there be a survey of TDA members to gather information on which endorsements are beneficial. The Board recommends that the Council on Dental Benefit Programs issue a survey to members regarding current endorsement programs.

Mr. Dvorak also mentioned that he is in discussion with an AED/defibrillator company for possible endorsement in anticipation of the upcoming requirement for all dental offices to have an AED.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Dr. James Avery, Treasurer, presented financial highlights from the current fiscal year and brought several motions from the previous day's Budget and Finance Committee meeting.

**MOTION:** On a motion by the B&F Committee, the Board approved an increase of \$6,000 in the amount budgeted for ADA delegates and alternate delegates reimbursement.

**MOTION:** On a motion by the B&F Committee, the Board approved a dues increase for 2019 dues of \$25.

**MOTION:** On a motion by the B&F Committee, the Board approved that the per diem amounts be for food only and that hotel and airfare be directly reimbursed.

**MOTION:** On a motion by the B&F Committee, the Board approved the 2018-2019 budget as amended for a total budget of \$1,987,701.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Dr. Avery, the Board approved the option of endorsing a financial planning company.

**MOTION:** Dr. Avery made a motion to endorse UBS Financial Services as a financial planning resource.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Dr. Burlison, the Board approved that the endorsement of UBS Financial Services be for a one-year contract.

**MOTION:** The Board approved Dr. Avery's motion as amended to endorse UBS Financial Services for a one-year contract.

### **Executive Session**

The Board went into executive session from 1:45 p.m. – 1:55 p.m.

### **TOSHA Course Offerings**

There had been discussion and exploration of having four TDA sponsored TOSHA courses across the state, sponsored by TDA with Olivia Wann, Esq. as course presenter, however

these courses are prevalent statewide and present a possible conflict with our component society CE courses.

MOTION: On a motion by Dr. Beauchamp, the Board agreed that the TDA will not sponsor a TOSHA course this summer and to offer this course in future years at the annual session.

**ASDA Students Present**

Dr. Randall expressed appreciation for the ASDA students present at the Board meeting, Ms. Taylor Enochs from University of Tennessee and Mr. Perry Little from Meharry.

## COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORTS

### **Council on Dental Benefit Programs Dr. Hope Watson, Chair**

I (Dr. Hope Watson) met with Mike, Amy, Shirley, and Brittany on February 19, 2018 to review all of the programs that we endorse and also the ones that we co-endorse with the ADA.

The TDA staff is making huge efforts to highlight our endorsed services in the newsletter. We discussed the possibility of highlighting of certain services in the newsletter and collecting some articles from the companies to publish in the newsletter.

We need to find additional avenues to distribute important information to our members – possibly quarterly postcards addressed to STAFF to inform those who do not see the newsletter emailed and posted on the website. This would inform, train and drive staff to the website for information that they may be missing since we have gone digital.

#### Information on Services:

- Would like to have the website have “easy buttons” similar to the ADA website where you can click right on the service and know exactly what it offers to the member and the organization.
- Many of our contracts have been outdated for some time so we need to get these all updated.
- Care Credit- We have an individual state contract with them and do not co-endorse with the ADA. After a lot of research, this is most financially beneficial for our state. We need to stress to members to use the TDA program, as this is how it drives money to the TDA.
- AHI Travel (global travel)- Co Endorsed with ADA new Program
- TDA Glove Program- Strong program!
- Digital Dental Record- Co Endorsed
- AWA Collections (Collection service) – Possible elimination. Non-revenue generating and few utilize it. Researching other collection companies.
- eScapes Dental TV – Possible elimination. Non-revenue generating and we don’t see that many utilize it.
- Bank of America Practice Solutions - agreement is coming to an end. Explore the options of replacing that service with Wells Fargo and Elavon with Chase, since those are ADA endorsed.
- D-MMEX (refining of dental metals) The cost of sending actual kits to members was outrageous, but they can help us do a mailing to our members to remind them of their service, and that the TDA gets a portion of the refining reimbursement which does not cut into the members reimbursement.
- Claim-X (electronic claim processing)- Checking with them to see how many members use them. No response yet.
- Kevin Christian- Radiology inspection. Kevin said his original agreement was that he would give back 10 % of his sales to TDA from the services he performed for members for the first two years. We have not seen revenue from him in years, and he states that this endorsement does not generate any calls or usage from TDA members. Does he really need our endorsement?
- Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell, & Berkowitz PC- Few members call for free consults.
- Modern Practice Solutions, Olivia Wann- Clarify our agreement with her.

-Question for the ADA- Regarding several of the programs that they endorse but we do not, see what their contract terms might be and their royalties.

Additionally, we discussed the possibility of endorsements with:

- UBS (United Bank of Switzerland) regarding investment planning
- Defibrillator Company

We want to make sure that we are endorsing the best benefits for our members, and if we can pair that with helping to generate a revenue for our organization as well, then it's a win win!

### **Council on Scientific Programs and Continuing Education Craig Shepherd, Chairman**

The Council on Scientific Programs and Continuing Education met on Friday, March 9, 2018 via Zoom Video Conferencing at 3:00 p.m. CST.

Members present: Drs. Craig Shepherd, Chair, Rick Kinard, Chad Edwards, Jennifer Cornell, Stanley Waddell, and Anthony Carroccia, Board Liaison

Absent members: Drs. Stanley Sisk, Marie Farrar, Timothy B. Brown, J. Phillip Fisher

Also present: Dr. Dennis Gardner, 2019 Annual Session General Chair; Drs. Susan Orwick-Barnes, Terryl Propper and Julia Prince, Board Subcommittee on Annual Session; Dr. Richard Dycus, TDA President; Mr. Mike Dvorak, TDA Executive Director; and Mrs. Amy Williams, TDA Staff.

#### Dentsply Sirona and 2019 Speakers

Mr. Mike Dvorak, Executive Director, informed the council that Dentsply Sirona may not supply the 2019 speaker roster, as previously thought. Dentsply Sirona is undergoing a corporate restructuring and will not confirm their involvement in supplying speakers in 2019 for several more weeks. Therefore, Mr. Dvorak, Chairman Shepherd and Dr. Dennis Gardner, 2019 General Chair, believe it wise to consider other speaker options. According to the Dentsply Sirona representative, Melissa Berrett, she believes there will be speakers supplied by her company, but the number may be less than a full roster.

#### Speaker Discussion

Dr. Shepherd asked the council to propose speaker options in two categories: from the Dentsply Sirona Speaker Reference Book and other speakers they would recommend.

#### Dentsply Sirona Speaker Recommendations:

- Steve Poss (sleep dentistry)
- Alan Atlas
- Alan Boghosian
- Susan McMahon
- Tim Bizga
- Mark Nation (implant restorations)
- Edwin McDonald (exceptional assistant)

Jason Goodchild (pain management)

Other Speaker Recommendations:

Dennis Wells

Duane Schafer (UT)

Cory Glenn (Blue Sky Bio/digital workflow)

Gigi Meinecke (Botox aesthetic/therapeutic treatment)

Perrin DesPortes (market trends, DSOs)

Rick Cardoza (laser)

Robert Siciliano (personal security, digital ID)

Charles Blair (coding)

Lee Ann Brady

Gary DeWood

Walter Bond (motivational/former NBA player)

Tommy Nabors (perio/hygiene)

Lois Banta (improve collections)

Edward Zuckerberg (dentist / father of Mark) (social media marketing)

Olivia Wann (OSHA/HIPAA)

Anne Guignon (hygiene)

Council members are to inform the TDA office as to which speakers they will contact regarding availability, speaker fee and sponsor, if applicable.

**NOTE:** The 2019 Annual Session will be June 7 – 9, 2019 at the Franklin Cool Springs Marriott.

Possible Restructure of the Council

Dr. Susan Orwick-Barnes, Chair of the Board of Trustees Subcommittee on Annual Session and Education, reported that the Subcommittee will present to the Board a recommendation to merge the Annual Session Committee with the Council on Scientific Programs and CE to form a statewide council to oversee all aspects of the TDA annual conference. This would allow for continuity from year-to-year in planning the meeting as well as remove pressure from small districts to recruit leadership for the large event. The existing council would supply the starting members of this Council on Annual Meeting and Continuing Education. Dr. Shepherd suggested that current members of the council inform their trustee if not interested in continuing as a member of this expanded council.

MOTION: On a motion by Dr. Chad Edwards, Nashville Dental Society, the council supported a change in structure to statewide representation in planning and overseeing the annual meeting.

New Chair Next Year

Dr. Shepherd informed the council that he will resign from the council as of the May 2018 meeting and, therefore, the council will be assigned a new chair for the 2018-2019 year. Any council member interested in being chair should inform their trustee.

Next Steps

- The TDA will provide Dentsply Sirona the list of speakers of interest for 2019 and ask them to check availability.

- Council members will inform Amy Williams at the TDA office regarding which speakers they will contact in the next month regarding availability and fee.
- Dr. Shepherd will be back in touch to schedule the next Zoom Video Conference for council members to report findings.
- Dr. Gardner will work with the Sixth District members regarding meeting areas other than CE courses.

**Council on State Agencies, Awards, Ethics and Judicial Affairs  
Dr. Randall Montgomery, Chair**

**November 28, 2017 / Zoom Video Conference Call**

**Members Present:** Drs. Randy Montgomery, Chair, Newsom Baker, Hal Jones, Stanley Young, David Bailey, Scott Edwards

**Also Present:** Mr. Mike Dvorak, Executive Director, and Mrs. Amy Williams, TDA Staff

**Members Absent:** Drs. Timothy G. Brown, Tony Vaughn, William Hunter III, Tom Patterson

**Volunteer Service Award:**

Because such a small number of members complete the paperwork for the recognition, there was much discussion about why this award was established and whether the current system should be continued. There was agreement that the recognition was the opposite of the motive of service; however it would be beneficial to have a comprehensive number of volunteer hours for reference by TDA leadership when topics of underserved are presented by the media or legislature.

**ACTION:** By consensus, the council agreed to gather cumulative hours from all TDA members of the volunteer service performed in 2017 versus individual recognition for this year only. The TDA executive office staff will determine how this is accomplished.

**Jack Wells Award:**

The council discussed that the design and cost of the framed, calligraphied Jack Wells Award should be updated and more moderately priced.

**ACTION:** By consensus, the council agreed to keep the award as a wall-hanging, however to pursue up-graded framed piece or plaque. The executive office will explore options.

**January 15, 2018 / Meeting Via Email**

**Members Responding:** Drs. Randy Montgomery, Chair, Newsom Baker, Hal Jones, Tim Brown, Tony Vaughn, Bill Hunter III, and Stan Young

**No Response:** Drs. David Bailey and Scott Edwards

Dr. Randall Montgomery, Chair, along with the approval of Council members, conducted this January meeting of the Council on State Agencies, Awards, Ethics and Judicial Affairs via email communication. There was no need for real-time voting since there were only three nominees for the Jack Wells Award, which is the number to refer to the Board of Trustees.

**Jack Wells Award:**

**ACTION:** The Council approved the three nominees submitted for the Jack Wells Memorial Dedication to Dentistry Award to be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for their consideration.

**Fellowship Award:**

**ACTION:** The Council approved the following recommendations to receive a Fellowship Award:

- Dr. David Storie, First District
- Dr. Vicki Guffey, Second District
- Dr. Cherae Farmer-Dixon, Nashville
- Dr. Douglas Hunter, Nashville
- Dr. Lanora Bryant, Seventh District
- Dr. Larry Higginbotham, Memphis

## **COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS**

### **Governmental Affairs Committee Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp, Chair**

The Governmental Affairs Committee met on Friday, January 26, 2018, 1:30pm, at the TDA Executive Office in Franklin, Tennessee.

Members present: Drs. Jeannie Beauchamp, Chair, Rick Kinard, Walter Owens, Leon Stanislav and James Avery. Drs. Chad Eslinger and James Hight, Jr. called in and participated via telephone.

Also present: Drs. Richard Dycus, Roy Thompson, Keith Gilmore, Mr. Jack Fosbinder, Mr. Mark Greene, Mr. Mike Dvorak, Mrs. Amy Williams and Ms. Shirley Fleener.

Members absent: Drs. Randy Montgomery and Bill Powell.

Dr. Beauchamp opened the floor to Mr. Jack Fosbinder to discuss bills of interest.

Mr. Jack Fosbinder began by explaining that the bill list he sent over included bills carried over from last year. He then began discussion on a hygienist caption bill sponsored by Matthew Hill. Dental hygienists would like us to consider allowing them to train EFDAs. Right now, the board states that EFDAs have to be trained in a dental school by a dentist.

Dr. Beauchamp shared that Lynn Russell, RDH (Chairman of the Dental Hygiene Department at UT and President of the Tennessee Dental Hygiene Association) and her 2<sup>nd</sup> in command from UT had signed up for the EFDA program in hopes that they could teach but they were denied permission to participate in the program right now by their interim dean.

Drs. Stanislav, Dycus and Thompson discussed if there was interest in this from across the state. Dr. Beauchamp stated she would like us to be like Kentucky where they have EFDA training in school. Dr. Dycus thinks this would be a positive thing for all parties.

This topic finished with Drs. Dycus, Beauchamp, Stanislav and Owens discussing EFDAs versus mid-level providers. It was reiterated that the training still needs to be in the schools and Mr. Jack Fosbinder stated he will get more specifics on what they exactly want.

Mr. Jack Fosbinder moved on to Bill 1845, Rep. Gilmore's bill. Mr. Jack Fosbinder and Mr. Mark Green met with Rep. Gilmore regarding the bill. She explained to them that she filed the bill on behalf of two constituents that came to her stating they would like to open their own offices so that they are not reliant on a dentist to find work. Mr. Greene offered to help her constituents find jobs but Rep. Gilmore was not interested in that—she wants her constituents to be able to have their own businesses. Mr. Fosbinder suggested she discuss this bill with Dr. Owens and expressed that this has not worked in the past.

Dr. Owens conveyed that he is setting up a meeting with Rep. Gilmore and that Meharry is dead set against this and believes he can help Rep. Gilmore understand why. He closed the discussion by pointing out the importance of people being medically trained to provide services and the

disparities between more affluent areas and vulnerable areas and the type of care they would potentially receive as a result of this bill.

Mr. Mark Greene shifted the conversation to opioids. There is a tremendous opioid crisis so the General Assembly is under enormous pressure to do something about this. There is a control substance data base. Right now, there are some exceptions to checking the database when prescribing a controlled substance. If the prescription is for less than 7 days and has no refill, you don't have to check. If there is a refill you do have to check. The new bill will require the dentist to check the data base for every patient for every prescription. Patients are defined one of two ways. If a patient hasn't received opioids for 30 days, they are considered Opioid Naïve. If they have received opioids in the last 30 days, they are considered Acute Patients. The majority of patients would be Opioid Naïve and would require a check in the data base. Acute Patients would also require additional counseling. Dr. Dycus pointed out that the incorrect terminology is being used to define patients. An Acute Patient is simply someone presenting with pain. A Chronic Patient would be someone who is using opioids more than the less than 7 days. Mark Greene explained these definitions are being used in regard to this bill only but he agrees the definitions being used incorrectly is a problem. Another problem with the bill is that only 5 days can be prescribed at a time at 40 mes a day, although if there are unusual or extreme circumstances, another 5-day prescription can be prescribed simultaneously. In any event this bill makes things very complicated and will require a lot of documentation.

Dr. Dycus articulated that he believes our members will strongly oppose this. Members are not going to want to do the paperwork and dentists don't prescribe anywhere near the number of pills as physicians. He believes the problem is falling on them when they aren't the ones causing the problem. He thinks the counseling is onerous, thinks the database is deficient and incorrect and thinks limiting the number of pills given could be a solution.

Dr. Beauchamp stated that she talked to TennCare and they see problems with this bill too. Dr. Gilmore has a problem when legislators want to legislate how he treats his patients. It's already being monitored and he doesn't think the number of pills should be limited either. Dr. Stanislav said he is already notified if a patient gets a certain number of opioids. He doesn't want to have to check the database every time and doesn't feel like his assistants should have access to it. Dr. Thompson suggested dentists having their own bill to address the crisis.

Mike Dvorak shared that he talked with Dr. Sain about this and Dr. Sain doesn't believe we can afford to oppose the bill.

Mr. Mark Greene thinks the increase into inquiries into the database will cause problems. He believes this will adversely affect legitimate patients that need opioids. And he thinks this is going to take a full court press and we need people calling the legislators. When he asked everyone what the most immediate problem with the bill is, many stated that the language is too confusing.

Mr. Jack Fosbinder ended the discussion by recommending we get a caption bill together pronto if we want to do something on our own to address this issue.

Dr. Beauchamp moved onto notification. Mr. Jack Fosbinder said he would send out a list of updated bills every Friday. Dr. Beauchamp said she wanted the Government Affairs Committee to determine what needed to be sent out to the contact dentists. Dr. Dycus agreed that sending something to them that isn't going to move isn't necessary and we should limit the number of bills the committee decides to address. But once the contact dentists are notified they need to be mobilized to respond quickly. Mr. Jack Fosbinder thinks we need to give contact dentists a heads up at the beginning of session on which bills we may need them to respond to instead of waiting until it's crunch time and they need to call their legislator. Once the contact dentists are notified, Dr. Beauchamp thinks we need to send notification to the specialty groups.

Dr. Beauchamp brought up the issue of seeing if we can pressure the insurance companies into reimbursing hospitals and anesthesiologists more so they would be more willing to accept certain patients. It's nothing that can be done legislatively. Mr. Jack Fosbinder spoke with Bob Ramsey about what he should do with all of the emails and it was decided that a meeting needs to take place with the parties involved to discuss the best way of dealing with the issue.

### **New Dentist Committee Dr. Beth Randall, Chair**

**Present:** Dr. Taylor Jarrell, Dr. Beth Randall, Dr. Richard Sullivan, Dr. Chip Trammell, Dr. Emily Boyd, Dr. Julia Prince, Dr. Rachel Hymes, Mr. Mike Dvorak, Ms. Brittany Hall, Ms. Jonsie Holloway

**Absent:** Dr. Brandon Smith, Dr. Matt Hart, Dr. Jake Bateman

Dr. Randall introduced Dr. Richard "Sully" Sullivan as the new representative for District 5. Dr. Sullivan has also taken over as the new Meharry Rep.

#### District Reports

District 1- Dr. Jake Bateman— No report

District 2- Dr. Taylor Jarrell— Early Henry Memorial Clinic was held in October, and we had great turnout. Probably ~20 dentists under the age of 35 attended. At our district meetings in November and January, we had 1-2 new dentists move to the area and attend our meetings. Encouraged attendance and welcomed them to our district. Was invited to sit in and participate on the district board meeting in December, expressed desire to hold tailgate at the Orange and White game in April to invite new dentists. Plan on rounding up some sponsors to help!

District 3- Dr. Beth Randall—New dentist meeting last October at a local bar, 7 new dentists (3 had never been to an event before) Challenge: finding an event to appeal to everyone. Working on restructuring the board in this district, new dentist rep is welcome on the board (3 year span). Planning an event for new dentists in March.

District 4- Dr. Brandon Smith—No report

District 5- Dr. Sully Sullivan— Taking over for Dr. Annie Jones. Attended and spoke at the ASDA regional meeting in Asheville, NC, about life after dental school. Attendance was great and the students were excited. See more on the ASDA meeting below.

District 6- Dr. Matt Hart- No Report

District 7- Dr. Chip Trammell— Two CE meetings this week – one through Jackson Dental Study Club, one through 7<sup>th</sup> district. Dr. Cory Glenn is going to be the speaker about

guided implants. Reached out to all the new dentists, offering free registration to new dentists in the area (\$100 value). Social event in October – Golf outing for the district, encouraging new dentists to attend. It will be September 28 this year!

District 8- Dr. Emily Boyd- New dentist event in the fall at Old Glory Distillery. Local bank sponsored a catered dinner. CE meetings have brought a good turnout of new dentists. A new dentist in the area has opened her own practice, so Dr. Boyd plans to reach out personally.

District 9- Dr. Julia Prince— Great turnout at meetings so far – Midsouth Mission of Mercy was a great success, and lots of 4<sup>th</sup> year UT students and members of the Shelby county dental society got to come out and work with other doctors in the community.

Councils and Committees-

-Dr. Prince is willing to take up a 2<sup>nd</sup> term if no one else in her district is interested. Dr. Hart is rotating off, but plans to have his replacement there in May. District 4 needs a representative.

Review Annual Reports

Meharry Rep- Dr. Sullivan

ASDA Regional Meeting in Asheville, NC

Largest district meeting ever with over 300 students. Meharry took 40 students, and several attended from TN as well. Pushing to get a Lobby Day. Very interested in coming to meetings and finding ways to get involved. Anticipate a good turnout at the TDA meeting in May! Sully spoke at the regional meeting about life after dental school. Dr. Hymes mentioned that a student is welcome to attend each TDA board meeting (in the past, the student has been appointed). Question – can the student be rotated? Continuity is important. Student is also welcome to attend our meeting in May.

- TN Student Lobby Day

- o Mr. Dvorak said that because it is an election year, we need to be finished by April. Wants to plan to have students from both schools come to Nashville/Capitol in March. There appears to be a lot of interest from students to become involved.

- ASDA Vendor Fair- Brittany Hall and Dr. Randall

- o Many Meharry students were planning on staying in TN to practice which is unusual compared to years past. ADA grant for next year's Vendor Fair was approved!

UT Rep- Dr. Prince

- ASDA Vendor Fair – In the fall, it went very well. Lots of names and email addresses were obtained, Dr. Prince encouraged students to be members of their state organizations regardless of where they practice.

Social Rep- Dr. Smith

Communications Rep- Dr. Hart- Currently with the Facebook page, Brittany will take over administration duties to help with continuity.

Secretary- Dr. Jarrell

Governance Rep- Dr. Prince- Two Surveys online and by mail – good response, asking if dentists would go to more meetings if they were localized. Decided not to change any district lines, and governance is put on hold until any other issues may arise.

Scientific Council Rep- Dr. Bateman- No updates at this time.

Membership Rep- Dr. Boyd- No updates at this time.

TDA Board Meeting- Dr. Randall, Dr. Hymes and Mr. Dvorak-

Reports: Board of Trustees, Councils/Committees, Editor, and Attorney

Budget year is coming up in July, for the March board meeting, the budget will be discussed. Brittany mentioned that the Vendor Fair has been approved in the ADA budget. IF anyone is interested in attending the ADA meeting in October, we can try to get registration covered in our budget. Same thing for the lobby day in Washington (April 7-9). Email Dr. Randall ASAP if interested.

\*Make sure you update your profile picture on the Find a Dentist portion of the ADA website. And let everyone in your district know.

\*25 question Jurisprudence exam as part of renewing license. Privilege tax is still in effect. We need to start logging our volunteer hours so the media, etc know what we do for the community.

\*TOSHA is making the rounds, so be prepared.

\*TDA Health Insurance – look into it! The general consensus is that for younger dentists, it is advantageous. Already have 450 people signed up, which has blown expectations out of the water!

Governance Affairs- Dr. Randall

- See attached document on Bylaws changes
- The way the by-laws are written, the student members are not automatically a member of the TDA, just the ADA. So we want to change that for continuity so that we can make it easier for transition once the student graduates.
- Motion made to approve to bring this change to the TDA board in March

New Business

TN ASDA President Taylor Enoch asked us to support a Pre-Dental day on March 24. Last year, they had it at the Levitt-Shell and had a great turn-out. They are asking for sponsors, so we will see if we can sponsor them in some way.

TDA Annual Session

- Hosting After-Hours Dance Party on May 5<sup>th</sup>

After the Cinco de Mayo party – if you can stay, stay! Spread the word about the event and encourage attendance. Invite your friends! With early registration, event is FREE! Band and DJ.

## **Oral Health Initiatives (OHI) Committee** **Dr. Rhonda Switzer-Nadasdi, Chair**

Conference call meeting / Wednesday 3/15/2018

Present: Dr. Switzer-Nadasdi – chair, Dr. Osborn, Dr. Chacko

Regrets: Dr. Dasher, Dr. Adams

Absent: Dr. Hasnani, Dr. Jackson, Dr. Davis, Dr. Faiz, Dr. Bryant, Dr. Bateman, Dr. Edwards, Dr. Carney – TDA board representative

Note there wasn't a quorum so these minutes are unofficial and more of an FYI.

- 1) Dr. Switzer opened the meeting and welcomed attendees at 6:10. She shared that Dr. Blockley will no longer be serving on the committee due to other commitments. A replacement will be sought from his district. (ask Dr. Carney/TDA board for a recommendation)
- 2) There are concerns from districts that there is insufficient numbers of Medicaid providers, looking at ADA study by the Health Policy Institute it shows TN as having 29.7% participation by dentists in Medicaid or CHIP which ranks us 14<sup>th</sup> worst in the

country. Of course as we don't see adults are numbers are naturally going to be lower, we also as a state have done well about not counting providers that aren't actually seeing patients so other states may be inflated a bit. We have about a 50% utilization rate by children which is about in the middle of the rankings.

- 3) The OHI workgroup recommends that we ask the ADA to come and give a presentation like they have done in other states: **2018 *Being a Medicaid Provider in an Era of Accountability, and/or we circulate the*** free one hour abbreviated version of the original 2.5 hour continuing education session that can be found [here](#) (if link doesn't work it is on ADA website. Also we should share the **Medicaid Provider Reference Guide** updated with two additional resources under the *Making the State Dental Medicaid Program work for you* tab. The work group is disappointed that there is not one session at the upcoming TDA convention that is a dental public health topic or an access to care topic. The workgroup is willing to advise in the future about this important programming that has been a mainstay of our convention for the last 10 years.
- 4) Dr. Switzer shared that Interfaith Dental will be partnering with faith-based clinics, Meharry and FQHC's to design and implement a dental care program for mobile seniors 60+.
- 5) An article on CDHC's (community dental health coordinators that the ADA has backed) has been submitted to the TDA journal. All are encouraged to explore how this model may work in their district and see if any educational institutions are interested in teaching it. Interfaith Dental has two on their team. Currently you can take the course online and Kentucky is also starting one.
- 6) Dr. Switzer is serving on a committee that is exploring loan repayment incentives for practicing in an FQHC or a faith-based clinic. If you have info in this area please contact her.
- 7) Dr. Osborn discussed the work that the Elgin foundation is doing and will introduce Dr. Switzer to their administration.
- 8) Dr. Switzer will send committee members more information about SDF use (silver diamine fluoride) and encouraged its use.
- 9) All on the call and all from previous meetings recommend to the TDA board that they strategize an advocacy plan to promote the coverage of adult emergency through TennCare.
- 10) As we don't have any resolutions to put forth just recommendations to the board it was suggested the committee plan to meet at 4pm Saturday May 5 at the convention to encourage the most committee members to attend, room TBA. Dr. Switzer will confirm this with all but please save the date and time.

**Wellness Committee**  
**Dr. David R. Sain, Chair**

The Wellness Committee met on Friday, March 2, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Capital Grille in Memphis, Tennessee.

Present: Drs. David Sain, Director, Dale Kennedy, Chair, Joe Upton, Larry Brewer, Nancy Williams, Jim Proctor and Ms. Jordan Donald, Executive Assistant.

New members were introduced: Larry Brewer (Knoxville area), Joe Upton (Cookeville area).

Old Business: None

New Business:

- A. Financials
  - a. On budget for grant
  - b. \$50K in reserve fund (TDF tax deduction contributions are going great)
- B. Grant Budget Projection
  - a. Reviewed for next year (total amount remains the same)
  - b. Desire for a fulltime Administrator, salary will be requested in 2019-2020 Grant
- C. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report 2017
  - a. Reviewed
  - b. New data presentation is approved by TN BOD
- D. Post-contract completion UDSs discussed by Dale Kennedy
  - a. Should new protocol be instituted? Maintain 1 sample cup & 1 chain of custody for personal protection if ever questioned. Especially as Committee Member.
  - b. Motion: Motion that Committee Members maintain 1 sample cup & 1 chain of custody
    - i. Motion seconded
    - ii. Motion passed
  - c. Agreements:
    - i. Committee Members give sample when called
    - ii. Graduates of program be strongly encouraged to maintain 1 sample cup & 1 chain of custody
- E. Client Management Software
  - a. Reviewed
- F. BCBS demands discussed by David Sain
  - a. BCBS demands we notify them immediately of relapse
  - b. To David, if you relapse and we discuss and you do all we ask you, you are under advocacy and we shouldn't have to report
  - c. Committee thoughts?
    - i. Dale Kennedy – how does TMF handle it?
      - 1. They notify right away.
    - ii. Nancy Williams – Isn't it HIPAA violation?
    - iii. Dale Kennedy
      - 1. BCBS should not define advocacy
      - 2. We withhold until questioned
      - 3. Have attorney defend
    - iv. Larry Brewer
      - 1. Concern that clients wouldn't call for help knowing they'll be reported right away
- G. Website
  - a. Reviewed
  - b. Highlights: Refer a Colleague form, donation form
  - c. Needed! Committee member bios – Leadership page is severely lacking

- H. Retreat Agenda 2018
  - a. Reviewed
  - b. Possible issue: All speakers are JourneyPure
    - i. Dale's suggestion – give contributors a few minutes to speak
      - 1. Members agree
    - ii. Tuition changes
      - 1. Members agree
      - 2. Scholarship protocol reviewed
- I. 501c3 Formation
  - a. Why:
    - i. TN BOD desires to see separation
    - ii. Grant states Wellness Committee is to be independent from any trade organization
    - iii. Wellness Committee Board members are not all TDA affiliated
  - b. How
    - i. Reviewed with Board
    - ii. Call for Decision by Committee Board to move forward or stop
      - 1. Dale asks: quorum needed?
        - a. Requirement?
          - i. TDA bylaws should be reviewed
        - b. Attendance/digital/etc.?
      - 2. Motion: Director approved to pursue 501c3 & at May meeting Committee may vote to make application for that status.
        - a. Motion seconded
        - b. Motion passed
      - 3. Dale requests Committee be informed as needed on new information
- J. Current Member Review
  - a. Who is on board
  - b. Who is active
  - c. Who else could we invite
- K. Tax Deduction Procedure
  - a. TDF must issue receipt
- L. New Member Feedback
  - a. Excited to contribute, grateful to be a part and be active

**TENN-D-PAC**  
**Dr. L. Dale Blevins, Chair**

The TENN-D-PAC meeting was called to order by Dr. Dale Blevins, Chairman, at 12:15 p.m. on September 8, 2017 at the TDA Executive Office in Franklin, Tennessee.

Members present: Drs. Dale Blevins, Chair, Leon Stanislav, Bill Powell, Tom Gardenhire, Roy Thompson, Mike Law, Richard Dycus, Jeannie Beauchamp, and James Avery

Also present: Mr. Jack Fosbinder, Mr. Mark Greene, Mr. Mike Dvorak, and Mrs. Amy Williams

Members absent: Drs. Randy Montgomery, Dennis Sigman, Robert Parrish, Mitch Baldree, David Magee, Rick Guthrie, Paul Cullum, Chip Clayton, Clifton Simmons, Mrs. Amy Hopper, Mrs. Trish Nash, and Mrs. Ruth Alsobrook

Dr. Leon Stanislav, Secretary/Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report for August 31, 2017 which reflected a current checking account balance of \$271,614.49.

- Dr. Stanislav noted that contributions via dues payments are down this year. A few possible reasons were discussed, including the increased suggested contribution amount to \$125.
- Because banks are insured for \$250,000 by FDIC, Dr. Stanislav suggested that the Board consider establishing another account and split the funds to remain insured for the entire PAC balance.

The Board received the Treasurer's Report.

MOTION: On a motion by Dr. Dycus, the Board approved that a letter be drafted to pediatric dentists to increase their donation to the PAC to fight the legislative bill impacting their specialty.

MOTION: The Board approved contributions to legislators in the amount of \$83,950.

Mr. Jack Fosbinder, TDA contract lobbyist, reported that the Tenn-D-Pac Board needs to meet face-to-face annually. Therefore, Mr. Fosbinder suggested that the Board meet in May during the TDA Annual Session where they can review candidates for the next election; then meet again via conference call in August and November for any additional contributions to be made.

ACTION: From a suggestion by Dr. Dycus, the Board agreed to meet face-to-face Thursday night, May 3, 2018, the evening before the TDA Annual Session begins.

MOTION: On a motion by Dr. Roy Thompson, Fourth District, the Board elected the following officers:

Chair, Dr. Dale Blevins

Vice Chair, Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp

Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. Leon Stanislav

January 14, 2018

To: TDA Board of Trustees  
From: H. Clifton Simmons III, D.D.S., Editor  
Regarding: Annual Editor's Report

This is a report of the Tennessee Dental Association (TDA) Editor's activities during the calendar year 2017. I would like to thank the TDA Board of Trustees for their trust and support in allowing me to be the Editor of the *Journal of the Tennessee Dental Association*.

*TDA Journals* published in the calendar year 2017:

1. Fall/Winter 2016 issue Volume 96, Number 2 (published in 2017) – This issue had a picture on the cover of the Board of Trustees of the Tennessee Dental Association at the Strategic Planning meeting on August 19-21, 2016 at Evins Mill Resort. On page 1 of this issue was an advertisement for the TDA Insurance Agency. On page 4 was an advertisement for the TDA Wellness Committee. The Editorial by the Editor was titled, “*The Texas Lawsuit – March 5, 2014 on Dental Specialty Advertising.*” Next was recognition of Dr. William Roy Thompson installed as American Dental Association Trustee at the ADA meeting on October 20-24, 2016 in Denver, Colorado. Next were photographs of the new Fellows of the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists. Drs. George Huang and Franklin Gardia-Godoy wrote, “*What is Missing for Stem Cell-Based Therapies in Dentistry.*” A continuing education examination followed this article. Drs. Larry Weeda and Michael Backer wrote, “*Antibiotic Therapy in the Treatment of Odontogenic Infections – An Evolving Landscape.*” A continuing education examination followed this article. Drs. Paul Gregory, James Lea, Christopher Walinski, Denise Terese-Koch and Timothy Hottel and Mr. Dan Fields and Christopher Rodriguez wrote, “*Comparison of Laser Versus Rotary Instrumentation – A Case Study.*” A continuing education examination followed this article. Drs. Daranee Versluis-Tantbirojn, James Simon and Janet Harrison wrote, “*We May Have Done Something Right: Composite Restorations at the College of Dentistry, University of Tennessee Health Science Center.*” A continuing education examination followed this article. Drs. William Mallard, William Deuring, Barry Owens, Jeffrey Phebus and David Umsted wrote, “*Provisional Replacement of Anterior Teeth: A Review of Clinical Techniques and Case Report in a Dental School Training Experience.*” A continuing education examination followed this article. Drs. Barry Waldman, Misha Garey and Rick Rader wrote, “*Tennessee Dental Establishments: 2007-2012 Economic Survey.*” A continuing education examination followed this article. Drs. Holland Maness, Terry Trojan, Timothy Hottel and Mr. Stefan Hottel wrote, “*A Novel Protocol to Evaluate Hard and Soft Tissue Relationships in Three Dimensions without the Use of Additional Radiographic Studies.*” A continuing education examination followed this article. Dr. J. Stansill Covington III wrote, “*Admissions at the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry Part I: Trend in Applications 1977-2015.*” Next was a 2 page advertisement for the TDA Insurance Agency that finished this issue of the *Journal*.
2. Spring/Summer 2017 issue Volume 97, Number 1 – This issue had a picture of Dr. Richard Dycus, President of the Tennessee Dental Association, on the cover. On page 1 of this issue was an advertisement for the TDA Insurance Agency. On page 4 was an

advertisement for the TDA Wellness Committee. My editorial was next on page 5 and was titled, “*Governmental Agency Required Training, Policies and Documentation in the Dental Office.*” Next were the “*Actions of the 2017 TDA House of Delegates.*” Next was the 2017 Outstanding District Award. Next was the “*President’s Address*” by Dr. Rick Guthrie, Jr. Next were photographs of the 148th TDA Annual Session in Nashville including a photograph of Dr. H. Clifton Simmons III, 2017 Dr. Jack Wells Memorial Dedication to Dentistry Award recipient, 2017 Fifty Year Award recipients, 2017 Fellowship Award recipients, 2017 Volunteer Service in a Foreign Country Award recipients and 2017 Volunteer Service in the United States Award recipients. Drs. Nathan Cary, James Christian and Payton Seelinger wrote, “*Diabetes Mellitus: A Short Review for Practitioners.*” A continuing education examination followed this article. Drs. Ryan Roberts, Bernard Blen, Barry Owens, William Noyes and Stephen Raines wrote, “*Conservative Repair of a Fractured Porcelain-Metal Prosthesis: A Case Report.*” A continuing education examination followed this article. Drs. Mahesh Gandhewar, Sandip Rajput, Swati Ahuja and Gregory Paprocki wrote, “*Prosthetic Management of a Patient with Palatal and Nasal Osteocartilaginous Framework Defect: A Clinical Report.*” A continuing education examination followed this article. Drs. Karolina Kaczor-Urbanowicz, Xiaoqian Wang, David Wong and Franklin Garcia-Godoy wrote, “*Priorities of Salivary Diagnostics in Clinical Practice.*” A continuing education examination followed this article. Drs. Eli Ivich, Abraao Prado, Antonio Ardosó and Cimara Ferreira wrote, “*Lithium Disilicate Versatility for Veneers, Crown, and Implant Restoration: A Clinical Report.*” A continuing education examination followed this article. Drs. Cimara Ferreira and Russel Wicks wrote, “*Retrieval of a Dental Implant Healing Abutment with a Stripped Driver Recess: A Clinical Technique.*” A continuing education examination followed this article. Next were two advertisements for the TDA Insurance Agency that finished this issue of the *Journal*.

I would like to thank Dr. Zachery Carden, Jr., for his work as the Scientific Editor of the *Journal*. Dr. Carden reviews all articles and helps prepare them for publication. His excellent contribution with photographic content is appreciated. He is a pleasure to work with.

I would like to thank Mr. Mike Dvorak, Executive Director of the TDA, for his help with the *TDA Journal* and Mrs. Sharon Melvin and Ms. Brittany Hall of the editorial staff of the Tennessee Dental Association for the quality of publication that we together produce. I would like to thank Ms. Debra Crawford for her journal layout and creative covers for the *Journal*.

## 2017 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

Jack Robinson, Jr.

Jack Robinson, Jr. of the law firm of Gullett, Sanford, Robinson & Martin, PLLC of Nashville, Tennessee, attorneys for the Tennessee Dental Association, submits the following summary of services performed by the firm on behalf of the Association since the last Annual Report:

- Reviewed office building lease and sublease and provided advice regarding them
- Drafted release regarding consultant
- Drafted new leases for first and second floor tenants in office building
- Met with finance committee and provided advice on certain legal matters
- Reviewed and provided suggested revisions to employee handbook
- Reviewed and provided suggested revisions to maternity policy
- Reviewed agreement with MetLife and provided advice regarding it
- Reviewed and provided suggested revisions to licensing and royalty agreement
- Reviewed and provided suggested revisions to proposed endorsement agreement for certain financial products
- Drafted background release form and provided advice regarding background checks
- Attended ADA conference on legal issues facing the dental profession, conferring with other state dental association attorneys
- Provided advice with respect to certain employment matters
- Drafted employee release form and provided advice regarding employee matters
- Provided advice regarding unemployment compensation matters
- Drafted attorney response letter to TDA auditors in conjunction with annual audit of TDA
- Made presentation at workshop for new trustees
- Provided advice regarding out-of-state litigation in which TDA is not a party but has been asked to provide certain documents and information; reviewed protective orders and other orders regarding sharing discovery responses in such litigation
- Provided advice regarding entity and matters for which TDA may be deemed responsible
- Revised and supplemented release form for mediations
- Researched certain legal issues involving dentistry and provided advice regarding them
- Reviewed statutes and regulations regarding the practice of dentistry and responded to inquiries regarding them
- Responded to inquiries regarding rules and actions of the Tennessee Board of Dentistry
- Reviewed proposed contracts and submitted suggestions
- Reviewed TDA Constitution and Bylaws and responded to inquiries regarding them
- Reviewed court opinions and called attention to any which related to dentistry
- Responded to other inquiries on various topics in conjunction with the operation of TDA executive office, prepared correspondence and reports, and conferred as needed with TDA executive director and other TDA personnel



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

JOHN J. DREYZEHNER, MD, MPH  
COMMISSIONER

BILL HASLAM  
GOVERNOR

March 04, 2018

The Honorable Bill Haslam, Governor  
Tennessee State Capitol  
Nashville, TN 37243-0001

Dear Governor Haslam:

The Department of Health is pleased to provide you a copy of the *Tennessee Department of Health's 2017 Annual Report on Oral Health Services*. In accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated 68-1-303(b), the Department shall submit an annual report to the Governor and the Tennessee State Dental Association regarding the oral health services provided to Tennesseans.

The Department's commitment to protecting, promoting, and improving the oral health of people in Tennessee was actualized by the provision of more than **316,700 preventive sealants to more than 49,200 at risk children in school settings; over 51,700 fluoride varnish applications to at risk children in health department settings; more than 198,400 clinical dental services to over 25,600 individuals**. More than 28,400 adult extractions and over 6,200 dental cleanings were provided by grant recipients of funding for emergency dental services at a cost for Fiscal Year 2017 of \$15,986,474 of which \$6,810,521 were state dollars. **During Fiscal Year 2017, a total of 153,195 unique individuals received 601,618 dental services through Tennessee Department of Health programs and grants.**

If I can be of any additional assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John J. Dreyzehner".

John J. Dreyzehner, MD, MPH, FAOEM  
Commissioner

**TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**UPDATE ON ORAL HEALTH SERVICES**

**Presented to  
Governor Bill Haslam  
and  
Tennessee Dental Association**

**January 4, 2018**

**John J. Dreyzehner, MD, MPH, FACOEM  
Commissioner**

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# I

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The mission of the Tennessee Department of Health is to protect, promote, and improve the health and prosperity of people in Tennessee. Operating within this mission the Tennessee Department of Health's Oral Health Services (OHS) strives to prevent and control oral diseases through organized community efforts. The following information is an outline of those efforts during Fiscal Year 2017. The Tennessee Department of Health dental program expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017 were \$15,986,474 and are broken down by each program below.

### Key Service Deliveries Fiscal Year 17

#### **Oral Disease Prevention—Nurse's Fluoride Varnish Program**

- An expenditure of \$254,210 (calculations based on an average of \$4.91 per application) provided 51,774 at risk children with oral health screenings, referrals, and fluoride varnish applications by Public Health Nurses in Tennessee Department of Health medical clinics.

#### **School-Based Dental Prevention Project (SBDPP)**

- An expenditure of \$6,878,900 provided more than 63,462 at risk children with dental screenings or dental exams, 187,616 with oral health education, and 49,274 children received 316,720 sealants in 503 schools at an average cost of \$21.72 per sealant.

#### **Public Health Dental Clinical Facilities**

- An expenditure of \$8,058,414 provided 18,771 children with 31,014 dental visits and 6,878 adults with 12,756 visits to the 43 staffed Department of Health dental clinics. A total of 25,649 individuals made 43,770 patient visits receiving 198,457 dental services (149,411 to children) at an average cost of \$40.61 per service.

#### **Adult Dental Funding Program**

- An expenditure of \$794,950 provided 28,432 dental extractions and 6,235 dental cleaning, at a cost of \$30 per grant award. The grants were awarded by the Department for emergency dental services for adults.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Statement of compliance with 2012 Tenn. Pub. Acts, ch. 1061 (the "Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act" as required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-57-106(b)). The Tennessee Department of Health, including local health departments, boards and commissions, has implemented protocols and policies to verify that every adult applicant for "public benefits" is an United States citizen or a "qualified alien," within the meaning of Chapter 1061.

## **Distribution of Information**

- The Department of Health published the first addition of the Tennessee State Oral Health Plan during Fiscal Year 2017. The State Oral Health Plan, in coordination with the State Health Plan, offers a blueprint for improving the health of people in Tennessee. The plan has been broadly distributed throughout the state.
  
- The Department of Health distributed traditional paper literature covering a broad range of oral health information to other agencies and the general public. The Department has an Oral Health Services website to provide information to public health professionals, parents, community leaders, and the general public.

## II

### INTRODUCTION

This report is provided in response to Tennessee Code Annotated 68-1-303(b), which requires the Commissioner of Health to provide an annual report to the Governor and the Tennessee State Dental Association (TDA) on the work done by and under the Commissioner in regards to distribution of literature throughout the state to inform the population of the “proper way to care for teeth”.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states tooth decay (cavities) is one of the most common chronic conditions of childhood in the United States and nearly one-third of all adults in the United States have untreated tooth decay. Tooth decay is a threat to oral health across the lifespan. The mission of the Department of Health is to protect, promote, and improve the health and prosperity of people in Tennessee. In advancement of this goal, the Department’s Oral Health Services Section (OHS) operates on the fundamental principles of preventing and controlling oral diseases through organized community efforts. Statewide school-based dental programs continue to offer high-risk populations preventive services to include sealants, oral health education, and screenings to identify children with unmet dental needs, referrals for these children, and follow-up on those children with urgent needs. Comprehensive dental services for children and emergency dental care to adults, unable to access care in the private system, are provided in fixed facilities located in rural health departments statewide. In an effort to improve access to dental services for high risk children in underserved areas, the Tennessee Department of Health partners with local school systems to offer a School Transport Program. The local school system transports target population children to local health department dental clinics, which provide comprehensive dental services. Four clinical sites have partnered with area dental colleges, Meharry Medical College and the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, where fourth year dental students rotate through the clinic and help provide comprehensive dental services to a targeted adult population.

#### Summary of Dental Services

Program	Number Served	Number of Services
Nurse’s Fluoride Varnish Program	51,774	51,774
School Based Dental Prevention Program (Sealants)	49,274 (children)	316,720 (teeth sealed)
Public Health Rural Dental Clinical Program	25,649 (18,771 to children)	198,457 (149,411 to children)
Adult Dental Funding Program	26,498 (grant awards)	34,667
Total	153,195	601,618

## III

## ORAL HEALTH

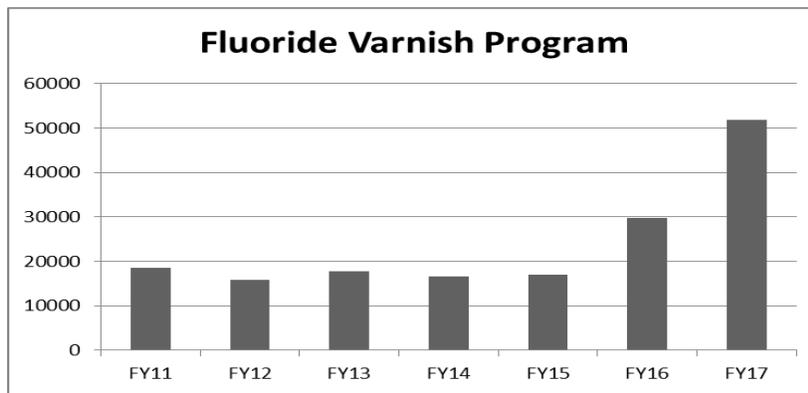
### A. Oral Disease Prevention

#### 1. Nurse's Fluoride Varnish Program

Tennessee Code Annotated 63-5-109(14) allows Public Health Nurses to apply fluoride varnish to at risk underserved persons in public health clinics.

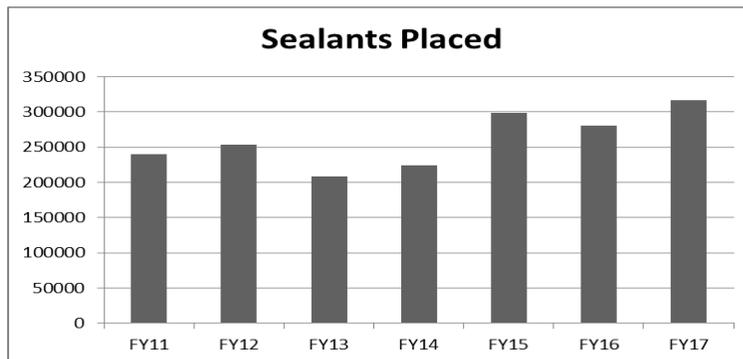
The Nurse's Fluoride Varnish Program targets children 0-5 years of age being seen in health department medical clinics. Nursing staff screen these children and refer them to dental providers in addition to applying fluoride varnish.

During Fiscal Year 2017, 51,774 (40,111 were children 0-5 years of age) at risk children were screened, referred, and had fluoride varnish applied by nursing staff in Tennessee Department of Health medical clinics.



#### 2. School-Based Dental Prevention Program (SBDPP)

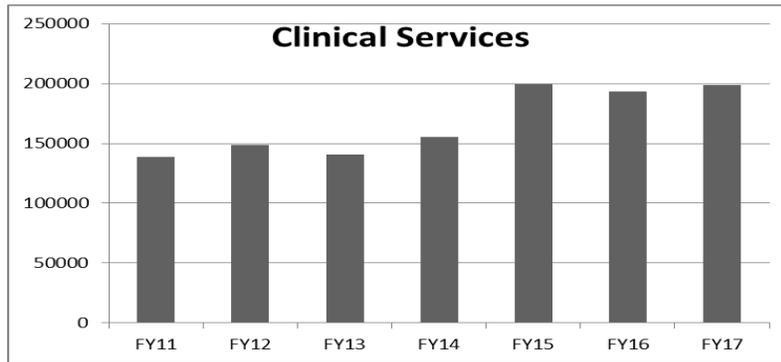
This program is a statewide comprehensive preventive program involving dental screenings, referrals and follow-up for dental care, oral hygiene education, and sealants. SBDPP targets children in grades K-8 in schools with 50% or more free and reduced lunch programs. During Fiscal Year 2017, 63,462 children received dental screenings or a dental examination, 187,616 received oral health education, and 316,720 sealants were placed on 49,274 children in 503 schools. During Fiscal Year 2017 the School Based Dental staff referred 1,665 high priority children with unmet dental needs for follow-up.



## B. Dental Services

### 1. *Public Health Dental Clinical Facilities*

The Department of Health offers comprehensive dental services to children and emergency care to adults on a sliding fee scale according to income. Dental services are available at the 43 staffed local health department clinics located in rural counties and one regional office across the state. Dental services are typically offered from 1 to 5 days per week. During the Fiscal Year 2017, 18,771 children made 31,014 visits to Department of Health dental clinics and 6,878 adults made 12,756 visits. In total during Fiscal Year 2017, 25,649 individuals made 43,770 patient visits receiving 198,457 dental services in the Department of Health dental clinics.



### 2. *Dental Transport Programs*

In an effort to improve access to dental services for high risk children in underserved areas, the Tennessee Department of Health partners with local school systems to offer a School Transport Program. The local school system transports target population children to local health department dental clinics, which provide comprehensive dental services. During Fiscal Year 2017 the School Transport Program provided dental services to 1,963 patients.

### 3. *Adult Dental Funding Program*

In Fiscal Year 2017, the Department provided funding for 28,432 dental extractions and 6,235 dental cleaning. The grants were awarded by the Department for emergency dental services for adults<sup>2</sup>

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#### 4. *Distribution of Information*

The Department of Health's website includes an Oral Health Services site that provides a broad range of information to public health professionals, parents, community leaders, and the general public. The web site address for Oral Health Services is <https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/oralhealth.html>.

The State Oral Health Plan has been broadly distributed across the state to community partners and stakeholders. The plan is accessible from the department's website at <https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/oralhealth/state-oral-health-plan.html>.

Staff in all of the Department's dental programs distributes literature and educational information to individuals served. This information addresses a wide variety of preventive dental topics such as the importance of oral health and proper oral hygiene techniques. Requests for oral health information from agencies and the public are addressed by staff at the local, regional and the central office level.