

Montgomery Bucks Dental Society

Executive Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: 5/26/22

Present: BA. Farrell, H. Ghazzouli, L. Green, A. Greenfield, T. Howley, G. Inverso, D. Kaffey, R. Lewin, R. Lewin, C. Limberakis, N. Rosenthal, D. Shah, R. Shah, A. Steinkeler, L. Stone, D. Teitelman

Call to Order: 7:05 PM, President-Elect Teitelman

The following were sworn into office by Nancy Rosenthal: Teitelman & Lewin.

Special Report: The Zoo event report was taken out of order to accommodate Amy Farrell who was able to stop in to do the report.

The event was highly successful and well-received with about 85 people - 59 adults plus 26 children. Planning is difficult because most of the registrations are within the last few days as people see if they are free for the event date. Event included food and assorted activities. Angel Stout provided toys for the kids. The consensus was this is an event that should be continued and subsidized by MBDS as a member benefit. The Board expressed its thanks to Dr, Angel Stout, and Chesheim Dental Associates for sponsoring it.

Dr. Andy Steinkeler was thanked and presented with his MBDS President's plaque. Dr. Steinkeler thanked the board members for their support and made a \$500 contribution to MBDS to be used as the board sees fit.

Dr. Danielle Teitelman as President-Elect presided over the meeting.

Minutes from 3/3/22 were unanimously approved.

I. Reports of Officers

A. President - Dr. Matt Garbin was absent but sent the following message:

I am sorry I can't make it to the meeting tonight, I had something come up suddenly this morning.

I want to thank Andy Steinkeler for all his work the previous year, dealing with COVID affecting our normal schedule made for a difficult year. I also want to thank everyone for returning and continuing to serve on the board, your energy is appreciated.

My goal for my year as president is to focus on planning for the future with a focus on member benefits, retention and recruitment as well as forming a committee to discuss the future of our CE program. I look forward to working with everyone this year.

The list of board appointments was approved.

Note that we need: CE Chair, Interprofessional Relations Chair (Gino Inverso volunteered) and Community Dental Awareness.

B. President-Elect - No new activity to report.

C. Corresponding Secretary - No new activity to report.

D. Recording Secretary - No new activity to report.

E. Treasurer - No new activity to report. The board discussed the need for financial documents for each meeting to know where we stand financially. Dr. Limberakis with work on this with DR. Qing.

F. Directors to 2nd District/ADA Delegation - will be meeting next week.

II. Committee Reports

A. Communications

1. Bulletin - Dr. Lewin reports that she is considering including editorials. Board members should sent any suggestions to her. The Member Spotlight will be discontinued for now. Discussion was held about including CE articles for credit.

2. Informatics - No new activity to report.

3. Business Manager - No new activity to report.

B. Education

1. All Day CE – Discussion was held regarding the need for a CE Chairperson and the personal benefits doing so presents like free attendance. To date Dr. Rivera and Dr. Lewin have offered to help. Board members are asked to consider assuming the role and to send any suggestions they have for chairs.

2. Distinguished Speakers Series/Evening CE – Dr. Raj Shah reported all future dates through 2023 are booked. He will work with Dr. Jay Freedman on programs. Distinguished speakers for 2022-2023:

1. June 6th, 2022 Dr Louis Rossman, Endodontist

2. September 12th, Dean Ismail

3. October 10th, Dr. Elliot Hersh

4. November 14th, 2022 , Dr. Markus Platz

5. March 6th, 2023 Dr. Peter Hunt Perio-Pros

6. April 17th, 2023 Dr. Allen Radan Forensic Dentistry

3. Sponsorship - Fellowship - Dr. Steinkeler reports that there are 3 sponsors for dinner on 6/6. He asked board members to send him any leads for sponsors.

4. Social Programs – No news to report.

5. Fellowship & Advisory – The Board recognized the recent passing of Joanne Burrell, Jim Maynes and Dick Booth. An Ad Hoc Committee will be formed to determine the appropriate standardized memorial contributions for the future. Motion to donate \$100 to the Cape May Bird Sanctuary in memory of Joanne Burrell passed unanimously.

C. Finance

1. Audit - No news to report.

2. Budget & Finance - Dr. Rosenthal states that if you want to plan something for next year, please think about the budget and submit it before the end of the summer. She will work on the budget in mid-August. There is no additional report due to the lack of financials to review. It was suggested that each year the policy manual, though outdated, be shared with committee members.

D. Governance

1. Nominating – No news to report.
2. Constitution & By Laws - No new activity to report.

E. Membership

1. Membership - Dr. Freedman submitted report asking board to Consider a donation for a memorial fund he is asking Abington to start in Joanne Burrell's memory. It was decided this should be directed to the /Ad Hoc Committee once it is formed. It was suggested that a plaque for Abington might be appropriate.

- I'm working to coordinate a multi office GKAS with a local mega church
- No new membership updates, but looking forward to next year

2. New Dentist Subcommittee – Zoo event was addressed at beginning of the meeting.

3. Member Insurance Programs - No new activity to report.

F. Peer Review

1. Insurance Review - No new activity to report.
2. Ethics & Law Enforcement - No new activity to report.
3. Patient Relations - No new activity to report.

G. Public Interface

1. Community Dental Awareness - No new activity to report.
2. Interprofessional Relations - No new activity to report.
3. Government Relations – It was noted to pay attention to PDA alerts regarding bills under consideration regarding especially credentialing and other pressing issues.

- H. Executive Director - No new activity to report.

- I. Parliamentarian - No new activity to report.

- J. Ad Hoc Committee Reports - No new activity to report.

Old Business: No new activity to report.

New Business:

1. Board discussed the report from Dr. Ghazzouli from the ADA Council on Dental Benefits. The board expressed their appreciation of his efforts and informative report. He explained the report regarding important issues that clearly impact dental practice. Board members expressed a number of perspectives on these issues.

REPORT OF COUNCIL ON DENTAL BENEFIT PROGRAMS May 5-6, 2022

Emerging Issues:

- **Value Based Payment:** In medicine, payment to providers has been slowly shifting from

the fee-for-service model to a VBP approach. Recently, more dental payers have begun exploring the need for these models in dentistry. Both carriers who were invited to present at the most recent Dental Benefits Information Service (DBIS) meeting (Cigna and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts) independently sought to open the conversation on VBP with the subcommittee

a. The goal of value-based care is to slow the rate of increase in total cost of care and ensure that care is being delivered in the right place, at the right time, and by the right providers. There are many levels at which “value” is desired.

b. Medicaid is closer to an “insurance” model where the payer, like CMS, pays for all Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) services without an annual maximum or a significant co-insurance for children enrollees up to the age of 21. That is, Medicaid pays for health care services to support optimal health. Thus, Medicaid is designed to seek value from the care and attainment of optimal health outcomes. Commercial payers typically do not offer “insurance” but rather a limited dental benefit. A limited benefit (with annual maximums and high co-insurance) does not support achieving and then maintaining optimal oral health. Therefore, dental commercial payers may be limited in the number of approaches they use to implement VBP models.

Essential Health Benefit-what does it mean to you? Research will be conducted to assist the Council in better understanding the implications of advocating for dental benefits to be classified as “Essential Health Benefit” under federal and state health policy; and the report be presented to the Council at its November 2022 meeting.

CDT Code Modifiers: The Council had a general discussion of the Enhanced CDT Code project at the May meeting. Discussion topics included the concept of procedure code modifiers, the pros and cons of an enhanced CDT Code versus continuing with the code set’s current architecture, and the effects of any Council decision on dentists in practice and others in the dental community – both in the near and long term. The council also approved the development of a draft set of dental procedure code modifiers as recommended by the Enhanced CDT Code Task Force, and that the Task Force be reconvened after the draft is created to assess utility and implementation costs before making further recommendations regarding implementation plans and timeline.

2. Board discussed having a policy regarding donations/contributions and passed the following policy:

MBDS Policy on Contributions/Donations:

Realizing that all MBDS contributions or donations involve member dues income, the MBDS must remain fiscally responsible to our membership.

Therefore, any MBDS contribution above \$3000 must be, announced and, voted for approval at a meeting open to MBDS members.

3. Only limited discussion occurred regarding the following due to the late hour and it was passed to postpone consideration of the candidate policy until the September MBDS Executive Committee meeting.

MBDS Campaign Support and Funding Policy:

In order to obtain the support of MBDS for a campaign, the following procedure is in place:

Any individual desiring to run for an office, whether it is for the 2nd District, PDA, or the ADA, is expected to contact MBDS and announce their intent and reasoning in running for office.

It should not be assumed, nor expected, that an individual choosing to run for an office will automatically receive MBDS support or monetary contributions.

The MBDS Board will discuss the candidacy and decide if MBDS will be supporting the election effort.

Should the MBDS opt to support the candidacy; the next step in the process will be to have the MBDS Board determine what, if any, financial support will be provided by MBDS to the candidate.

In order to obtain financial support from MBDS, the candidate (or a representative acceptable to the MBDS Board) will be invited to address the MBDS Board to explain how their potential election will benefit MBDS and its members.

Any individual awarded funds by MBDS will be required to report back to MBDS on how the funds were spent to further the candidacy. Any funds not directly used for the campaign are to be returned to MBDS.

Consistent with our contribution policy, any MBDS contribution above \$3000 must be announced and voted for approval at a meeting open to MBDS members.

Adjournment: 9:00 PM