

# **Florida Academy of Pediatric Dentistry**

Meeting date: **June 13, 2008**

Meeting Location: **Florida National Dental Congress, Gaylord Palms Resort**

- **Minutes from last meeting reviewed and approved**
- **Executive Directors report presented by Dr. Robert Primosch**
  - **University of Florida and NOVA University Awards**
  - **FAPD budget was presented with copies distributed**
- **Dr. Pete Claussen read the legislative, State Oral Health Improvement Plan (SOHIP) and Medicaid Lawsuit reports**
- **Governor's Access to Care Bill was reviewed with the final approved bill including:**
  - **Dentists with out of state license who have graduated from accredited universities can practice in Public Health clinics only after meeting stringent guidelines**
  - **Labs must list materials used and where the item was fabricated**
  - **Dentists from other countries can sit for Hygiene exam without attending a US hygiene program (must pass Hygiene Board to practice Hygiene)**
- **Specialty Group Forum:**
  - **Bleaching Boutiques would require Department of Health to investigate but is difficult to prosecute.**
  - **Botox injections and dermal fillers- current thought is that Oral Surgery has sufficient training but general practice dentist may have trouble in court if negative outcome is obtained.**
- **Medicaid Lawsuit: Dr. Pete Claussen discussed limited information from deposition and instructed that if any members are deposed then they should contact any of the following people: Dr. Pete Claussen, Dr. Paul Werner, Dr. Tom Floyd, or John Grant**
- **Membership report: membership is declining and members are asked to recruit new members**
- **CE: Dr. Robert Primosch stated that there is a Sedation course planned for April 2009 at the University of Florida.**
- **Dr. Natalie Carr discussed**
  - **SOHIP: Pediatricians applying fluoride varnish to low income children. Guidelines recommend/ require the following:**
    - **Must be Children under the age of 2.**
    - **Varnish must be applied by nurse practitioner, physicians assistant, or the physician**
    - **Child should be referred to a dental home**
    - **Oral hygiene and diet instructions should be given**
    - **Medical codes will be used and the reimbursement is the same as initial oral exam and fluoride application given by a dentist; approximately \$26.**
  - **Council on Dental Care and Health**

- **Project Dentists Care is looking for volunteers to treat uninsured low-income children. Dentist can volunteer from their own office to treat children referred by the PDC coordinator. Each dentist can decide how many patients will be seen and what type of treatment will be performed. Contact Dr. Natalie Carr or your local project dentist Care Coordinator.**
    - **State trained individuals must complete sovereign immunity paperwork each time the patient is seen for treatment.**
  - **Project Cure, a not for profit organization, is seeking donated used equipment for distribution in needy countries. Please contact Dr. Carr for more information.**
- **Old Business:**
  - **Dental Home Advantage: Loan made by the FAPD was to be repaid in two years. Currently the project is on hold due to new administration in AHCA. Dr. Tom Floyd was unable to attend meeting but sent information (see attached).**
  - **\$3,000 per year for three years for a total of \$9,000 was committed to the FAP for the Medicaid lawsuit by the FAPD.**
  - **Dr. Paul Warner proposed to increase Medicaid fees to 50% of UCR.**
- **New Business:**
  - **Dr. Howard Schneider spoke with Representative Patronis and wants to form a committee with the FAP and the FAPD to determine strategies to improve access to care.**
  - **John Grant was in South America speaking at a Legislative Conference and was unable to attend our meeting. He sent a statement expressing his regret for his absence. Mr. Grant has two years remaining in his current commitment to the FAPD.**

**A motion was made and passed for adjournment. Next Meeting 6/19/2009**