Oral Health Program Long Beach – Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2020 (12 – 1:00 pm)
WebEx Meeting

Member	Y/N	Member	Y/N	Member	Y/N
Aceves, Susana – DHHS MCAH	Y	Garza, Edith – Delta Dental	N	Smith, Andrea – Tobacco Education	Y
Acosta, Jenny – Head Start	Y	Hartlaub, Alissa – LBDHHS CLPPP	Y	Smith, Leslie - McCormick LA	Y
Boatwright, Christina – LBDHHS All Children Thrive	N	Ly, Anthony – LBDHHS MCO	Y	Smolen, Michael – Harbor Dental Society	Y
Campos, Dez – LBDHHS MCO	N	Nunez, Richard – Tobacco Education	N	Tellez, Selena – LBDHHS Healthy Active Long Beach	N
Carbajal, Lucy – LBUSD	N	Petrillo, Jean – Children's Dental Health Clinic	Y	Tello, Eipryl – Tobacco Education	Y
Cardenas, Veronica - LBDHHS Nursing	Y	Pham, Pauline – LBDHHS CPSP	Y	Temple, Susan – LBUSD Health Educator	Y
Cortez, Santos – Harbor Dental Society	Y	Rangel, Carmen – Medi-Cal Dental	Y	Thompson, Jason – LBDHHS Data Analyst	N
Dement, Adriana – Delta Dental	N	Riano, Nancy - LBDHHS Nursing	Y	Van Meeveren, Rose – LBUSD Nurse	N
		Sanchez, Maria - LBDHHS OHP	Y		

	Discussion	Action items
Call to Order	Maria Sanchez called the meeting to order at 12:05.	
Program Updates	All members offered an update on their respective programs under COVID-19 conditions. - Maria Sanchez - had been reassigned to work on COVID-19 and is now back to working on OHLB on Mondays and Fridays. She is working on creating education videos with the LBUSD's help to provide to primary grade teachers to share with students and parents promoting good oral health habits. - Dr. Smolen – his dental office had been closed from mid-March to mid-May, then served emergency patients only; PPE equipment was hard to obtain; slowly increasing patient visits in the office.	

	- Susan Temple – Schools are all online; principals and secretaries are on-campus; scheduled to return to on-campus learning in January but they will not return unless Long Beach is out of the purple tier. - Veronica Cardenas – reassigned to COVID-19. - Adriana Dement and Carmen Rangel – Medi-Cal Dental has been using virtual presentations to communicate. - Andrea Smith – tobacco education - Eipryl Tello – tobacco education has a new diversion program for high school students, conducted virtually; the Long Beach ban on flavored tobacco expires on Dec. 16, 2020 and a consortium is working to extend that ban. - Jenny Acosta – Head Start is enrolling students for live sessions; there are 180 virtual and 700 in the classroom. - Nancy Riano – has been working full-time on COVID-19; currently working on vaccine protocols including administering the vaccine and dosages; will continue for at least the next 11 weeks. - Susana Aceves – reassigned to COVID-19. - Anthony Ly – working on Covered California insurance enrollment; no one should be terminated during this time; spending a lot of time teaching people how to enroll online and navigating with people who don't have reliable internet access; direct anyone who doesn't have insurance access to Anthony. - Jean Petrillo – the Dental Clinic is open, following all social distancing and proper PPE practices; still doing sedation; almost regular capacity; mouths are not healthy! - Alyssa Hartlaub – Childhood lead prevention is seeing patients using tele-health; fewer lead poisonings are being identified because people are not seeing taking their children out to their pediatrician. - Pauline Pham – reassigned to COVID-19.	
CDA Cares Update	Dr. Smolen gave the group an update on CD Cares that was canceled in July. - All the sponsors stayed except one and a new sponsor was brought in; - The City of Long Beach and the County of L.A. have been helpful; - The CDA Foundation is committed to holding the next CDA Cares in Long Beach, whenever that will be; - The LB Convention Center will be available to the CDA Foundation when CDA Cares can be rescheduled; - CDA Foundation donated all the PPE gear that they had collected to Memorial Hospital;	

	- The format may change from a large, indoor gathering to something different; - There was a mini event to make dentures for patients whose teeth were pulled in Fall of 2019 in anticipation of CDA Cares in July 2020.	

Medi-Cal Dental	Adriana Dement reported on the status of Medi-Cal Dental insurance:
	- Newly enrolled providers can engage virtually for safety net clinic training and other opportunities;
	- Virtually, there is opportunity for more providers to be in the trainings;
	- The CDT-19 codes (procedure codes of billing) are up-to-date;
	- Materials are available to promote …
	  ○ Foster care youth dental care (flier and video in English-only now, Spanish to come);
	  ○ Pregnancy dental care (flier and videos available) promoting pregnant women to see a dentist and first tooth-first birthday dental visits.	

Brainstorm Next Steps	While in COVID-19 stay-at-home conditions, how can we promote good oral health? Leslie Smith shared that the Education Workgroup had met in the week prior and discussed the possibility of a drive-thru dental assessment clinic. Due to the stay-at-home orders, the committee felt it would send a contrary and confusing message. Dr. Smolen pointed out that dentistry in general is high risk, now add the comorbidity issues connected to COVID-19, and safety is even more important. Leslie Smith facilitated discussion that warranted the following ideas: - Distribute dental kits and oral health materials at food distribution events (an event is scheduled Dec. 19); - Education Celebration will be held virtually, including an oral health message would be ideal; - Coordinate dental kit and literature sharing at lunch distribution school sites; - WIC is mostly connecting with people over the phone and BIH sessions are online; perhaps there is an opportunity to share videos or fliers with them; - Might be an opportunity with Healthy Active Long Beach programs; - Maria supplied the Healthy Aging Center with 700 dental kits for older adults; - Dr. Santos pointed out that tele-health dental visits are payable (applicable CDT code).	Maria to coordinate with LBUSD community events and LBDHHS program coordinators. Susan Temple will ask again if information can be given out during school lunch distribution.

Closing	Adjourned at 1:05 pm Next meeting will be February 1, 2021.	