

Commission to Study Pathways to Oral Health Care in New Hampshire (SB 193)

10/16/15

Present: Senator Bradley (Chair), Representative Jim MacKay (House), Representative Susan Emerson (House), Dr. Puneet Kochhar (NH Dental Society), Erika Argersinger (NH Kids Count), Gail Brown (NH Oral Health Coalition), Pamela Delahanty (NH Dental Hygienists Association), Mary Ann Aldrich (Public) , Dr. Roger Achong (NH Academy of Pediatric Dentistry), Dr. Sarah Finne (DHHS Dental Director); Charles Saia (Governor's Commission on Disability),

Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Jeb Bradley:

- Introduction of Students: Gail Brown introduced two students interning with her office – a student from the NHTI Dental Hygiene program interested in public policy, and a student from New England College pursuing a Master's in Public Health and currently applying to dental school.
- Adoption of September 11, 2015 meeting minutes. Moved by Erika Argersinger and seconded by Representative Susan Emerson. All in favor.
- Adoption of Final report: Senator Bradley went through the changes in the final report. It was agreed that it should be noted in the report and in the minutes that Dr. Sarah Finne replaced Dr. Margaret Snow on the Commission as a result of Dr. Snow's retirement in August. It was also noted that there are now 21 Certified Public Health Dental Hygienists. This statistic will be corrected in the report and dated as of today's date. All other changes to the report were agreed to by the members of the Commission. Representative Emerson inquired whether legislation on an Adult Dental Medicaid benefit would be introduced in the 2016 session. Senator Bradley suggested that the timing would not be right because of the upcoming debate and funding of Medicaid expansion reauthorization and it would be better to introduce the Adult Dental Medicaid benefit in the next budget cycle.
- Gail Brown made a Motion to Accept the Report as Drafted (with agreed upon changes) and send the appropriate copies to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Senate Clerk, the House Clerk, the Governor, and the State Library on or before November 15, 2015. Representative Susan Emerson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Motion to Adjourn the Commission made by Representative Emerson. Seconded by Dr. Puneet Kochhar. Senator Bradley noted that it was a pleasure to work with all Commission members.

All in favor. Adjourned.