Minutes of the CDA Government Affairs Council Meeting
CDA Building, 1201 K Street, 15 Floor, Sacramento
March 6, 2024, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Welcome and Call to Order

1. Call to Order: Chair Dr. Erin Shah called the meeting of the Government Affairs Council to order at 9:36 a.m. on March 6, 2024.

2. Establishment of Quorum: Chair Dr. Erin Shah determined that a quorum was present. The following members were in attendance:
   - Dr. Paul Ayson
   - Dr. Letitia Edwards
   - Dr. Veronica Greene
   - Dr. Robert Hanlon
   - Dr. Irene Hilton
   - Dr. Kevin Keating
   - Dr. Huong Le
   - Dr. Carliza Marcos
   - Dr. Erin Shah
   - Dr. Rutu Shah
   - Dr. Travis Smith
   - Dr. Dennis Song

   Guests/Liaisons:
   - Dr. Marie Alejandrino-Buell, LDP participant
   - Dr. Robert Hanlon, ADA CGA liaison
   - Dr. Max Martinez, 2025 CDA president
   - Dr. Gerald Middleton, CDA PAC chair

   Staff:
   - Meghan Fetherston, legislative analyst
   - Carrie Gordon, chief strategy officer
   - Mary McCune, director, policy & CDA Foundation executive director
   - Monica Montano, regulatory & legislative advocate
   - Jessica Moran, legislative advocate
   - Brianna Pittman-Spencer, sr. government affairs director
   - Todd Roberson, public affairs director & CDA PAC executive director

3. Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Consent Agenda: The council adopted the following items on consent.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 24, 2024 (approved)

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2024 (approved)

3. 2024 Legislative Positions (approved)

Regular Business

1. Political Update: The council received an update on the political landscape, including budget and legislative updates.

2. Reports of Liaisons: The council received reports from the following liaisons.
   a. ADA Council on Government Affairs, Dr. Robert Hanlon
   b. CDA PAC, Dr. Gerald Middleton
3. **Medical Loss Ratio Update**: The council received an update on medical loss ratio issues on federal and state levels, including the status of AB 2028, an MLR bill.

4. **RDHAP Mobile Dental Clinic Regulations**: The council received an update the dental hygiene board’s proposed mobile dental hygiene clinic regulations.

5. **Guest Speaker, Tracy Montez, Ph.D., Executive Officer, Dental Board of California**: Guest Speaker, Tracy Montez provided an overview of the dental board, including recent improvements to the board and provided insight into the sunset process.

6. **California Reparations Task Force Report Discussion**: The council discussed the recently published California reparations report, which includes oral health recommendations, and took a position on three bills associated with that report:
   a. AB 1929 (McKinnor) – Support
   b. AB 3131 (McCarty) – Support
   c. AB 2862 (Gipson) – Watch

7. **Sponsored Legislation**: The council received verbal updates on CDA’s sponsored legislation for 2024, which includes SB 1369, a bill to eliminate the use of predatory virtual credit cards as a provider payment method, as well as dental assisting workforce and SB 501 clean-up issues that will be included in the dental board sunset bill this year.

8. **2024 Legislative Position Recommendations**: The council discussed and adopted the following positions:
   a. AB 2445 (Wallis) – Oppose
   b. AB 1891 (Weber) – Support
   c. AB 2860 (Garcia) – Watch
   d. AB 2864 (Garcia) – Watch
   e. AB 2920 (Reyes) – Oppose
   f. AB 2200 (Kalra) – Oppose
   g. AB 2914 (Bonta) – Support if Amended
   h. SB 1290 (Roth) – Support if Amended
   i. AB 2526 (Gipson) – Oppose
   j. SB 1067 (Smallwood- Cuevas) – Oppose Unless Amended
   k. AB 2340 (Bonta) – Support if Amended
   l. AB 2510 (Arambula) – Support if Amended
m. AB 2701 (Villapudua) – Sponsor/Support
n. SB 980 (Wahab) – Support if Amended
o. AB 2630 (Bonta) – Support
p. SB 1451 (Ashby) – Oppose Unless Amended
q. SB 1453 (Ashby) – Support

Closed Session
1. The council received an update on the Delta Dental lawsuit in closed session.

Adjournment: The council meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2024 via teleconference.