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Minutes of the CDA Government Affairs Council Meeting

Zoom Teleconference

June 14, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 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 9:01 a.m. on June 14, 2023.
2. Establishment of Quorum: Chair Dr. Erin Shah determined that a quorum was present. The following members were in attendance:

Dr. John Blake	Dr. Shakalpi Pendurkar
Dr. Veronica Greene, vice chair	Dr. Erin Shah, chair
Dr. Irene Hilton	Dr. Travis Smith
Dr. Huong Le	Dr. Dennis Song
Dr. Carliza Marcos	Dr. Debra Woo

Guests/Liaisons:

Dr. John Blake, ADA CGA liaison	Dr. Bruce Whitcher, Dental Board liaison
Dr. Gerald Middleton, CDA PAC chair	

Staff:

Meghan Fetherston, legislative analyst	Monica Montano, regulatory & legislative advocate
Carrie Gordon, chief strategy officer	Brianna Pittman-Spencer, sr. government affairs director
Mary McCune, director, policy & CDA Foundation executive director	Alison Sandman, chief legal officer
Ann Milar, director, practice support & policy	
Jessica Moran, legislative advocate	

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 – April 12, 2023
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2023
3. 2023 Legislative Consent Position Recommendations (approved)

Regular Business

1. Welcome and Introductions: The council welcomed new member Dr. Smith to the Government Affairs Council.
2. 2023 Governor's Budget Update: The council received a verbal update on the 2023-24 Governor's proposed budget, including the projected deficit and the impact on CDA's 2022-23 budget wins.
3. Sponsored Legislation Update: The council received verbal updates on CDA's sponsored legislation for this year, which includes a dental assisting pathways bill and two dental benefits bills.

4. Legislation Update - SB 525: The council received an update on SB 525 (Durazo), a bill regarding the proposed increase to \$25 minimum wage for health care workers in certain healthcare facilities.
5. 2022 House Resolutions: The council discussed and reviewed the reports for 2022 House of Delegates resolutions including Resolution 4: Unfair or Undiagnosed Treatment Recommendations by a Non-Dentist, Resolution 5: Address Hygiene Staff Shortage in the Dental Workforce, Resolution 6RC: Medi-Cal Dental Providers, Resolution 7: Addressing Barriers to Oral Health Care for Patients with Special Health Care Needs and Resolution 9: California Dentists Providing Home Sleep Apnea Testing to Patients. The council approved the report for Resolution 6RC: Medi-Cal Dental Providers, to be forwarded to the CDA Board of Directors and the 2023 House of Delegates.
6. Medi-Cal Presentation: The council received a presentation on the current Medi-Cal program and the CDA Foundation's updated strategic plan.
7. Reports of Liaisons: The council received updates from the ADA Council of Government Affairs and the Dental Board of California liaisons.

Closed Session

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

Adjournment: The council meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled August 2, 2023 via teleconference.

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Chair Signature

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Date Signed

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Date Approved