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Minutes of the CDA Government Affairs Council Meeting

Zoom Teleconference

August 2, 2023, 12:00 – 1:30 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 12:01 p.m. on August 2, 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. Leticia Edwards	Dr. Erin Shah, chair
Dr. Veronica Greene, vice chair	Dr. Travis Smith
Dr. Irene Hilton	Dr. Dennis Song
Dr. Huong Le	Dr. Debra Woo
Dr. Carliza Marcos	

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.

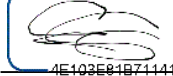
1. Approval of Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2023
2. 2024 GAC Meeting Dates
3. 2023 Legislative Consent Position Recommendations (approved)
4. Report on 2022 House of Delegates, Resolution 4 - Unfair or Undiagnosed Treatment Recommendations by a Non-Dentist (report approved)
5. Report on 2022 House of Delegates, Resolution 7 - Addressing Barriers to Oral Health Care for Special Health Care Needs Patients (report approved)
6. Report on 2022 House of Delegates, Resolution 9 - California Dentists Providing Home Sleep Apnea Testing to Patients (report approved)

Regular Business

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 2022 House Resolutions: The council continued to discuss and review the reports for 2022 House of Delegates resolutions including Resolution 5: Address Hygiene Staff Shortage in the Dental Workforce and Resolution 8: Dental Benefits. The council approved the report for Resolutions 5 and 8, to be forwarded to the CDA Board of Directors and the 2023 House of Delegates, in addition to the reports approved as part of the consent agenda.
4. Reports of Liaisons: The council received updates from the ADA Council of Government Affairs and the CDA PAC liaisons.
5. DMHC Regulatory Advocacy: The council received an update on discussions with the Department of Managed Health Care regarding dental plan access.
6. Medicare Update: The council received an update on CMS' 2024 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) proposed rule and the ongoing effort to clarify the 2023 PFS rule implementation guidance.
7. Outgoing GAC Member Appreciation: Dr. Shah and the council thanked the outgoing members for their service and contributions.

Adjournment: The council meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2023 in Sacramento.

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Chair Signature

12/13/2023

Date Signed

12/6/2023

Date Approved