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CDA Board of Directors Meeting Summary September 28-29, 2023

Executive Director Remarks: Executive Director, Peter DuBois briefed the board on the following:

- The CDA Foundation has been awarded the High Road Training Partnerships grant totaling \$5M: \$3M to CDA and \$2M to Jewish Vocational Services, with a goal of training 200 dental assistants over the 2-year grant term. Additionally, the grant will provide funding for dental assistant training initiatives, including expanding Smile Crew CA bootcamps, RDA licensure support and regional training events in partnership with the components.
- Legislative updates related to dental benefits – AB 952 has been signed into law requiring plans to disclose whether a patient has a state or federally regulated dental plan, and AB 1048 passed the legislature with bipartisan support and is awaiting the Governor's signature. This bill will bring some important protections to dental insurance plans that the Affordable Care Act brought to health insurance plans and will eliminate loopholes that deny patients coverage and lead to increased out-of-pocket costs. AB 481 looking to address dental assistant workforce shortages was held in the Senate and CDA is evaluating opportunities to bring it back next year.
- Recent events including CDA Presents San Jose, the fall Dean's Meeting and TDSC Board of Directors Meeting.

Future Forecasting Update: The board received an update on targeted member research, future objectives and ADA's membership model. Additionally, the board approved a \$100 dues increase for 2024, which will be forwarded to the house of delegates. The board also received an overview of the house agenda, which includes a pre-house CDA Dues Q&A Session on October 30, and a CDA Future Forecasting Challenges and Solutions discussion following adjournment of the second house session.

ADA Institute for Diversity in Leadership Presentation: Dr. Tamana Bagay shared her experience as a participant of ADA's Institute for Diversity in Leadership (IDL) program and presented her IDL project, "Perspective of Mid-Level Providers in Dentistry Amongst Society of American Indian Dentist Members."

Federal Advocacy Update: Denise Henry-Morrissey of Capital Counsel, LLC, provided the board with a federal advocacy update regarding the 2023-2024 healthcare landscape, highlighting access to Medicare for dental services.

Fonteva Update: The board received an update regarding the Fonteva implementation project, including the updated project schedule, budget and business priorities.

Financial Update: The board received a financial overview, highlighting membership dues, non-dues revenue sources, and total reserves for CDA and its family of companies as of August 2023.

CDA Foundation Update: The board received an overview of CDA Foundation's mission, programs and initiatives, including an in-depth review of the new model for CDA Cares, foundation's grants and awards, oral health initiatives, fundraising and wellness activities.

Managed Care Organization (MCO) Tax Update: The board received an update related to the MCO Tax ballot initiative.

House of Delegates Update: The board received an update regarding the house of delegates reference committees, resolutions and procedures.

Director Liaison Elections/Nominations: The board elected/nominated directors to serve as director liaisons on identified committees and boards within the organization.

CDA Bylaws/GOP Cleanup: The board approved amendments to the bylaws and general operating principles in an effort to clarify editorial inconsistencies, which will be forwarded to the house.

Leadership Discovery Program: The board approved the leadership discovery program as a standing program, effective 2025, with the committee on volunteer placement making placement recommendations for board election.

Legal Update: In closed session, the board received an update regarding legal matters, including the status of the Delta Dental Litigation.

The board took additional actions of an operational nature, which are reflected on the meeting agenda and will be recorded in the official minutes.