



Mount Baker District Dental Society
October 5, 2021
Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** President Dr. Marion Hernon called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
2. **Approval of Sept. 7 Minutes:** Moved, seconded, and carried, to approve the Sept. 7 minutes as printed in October issue of *Toothsayer*.
3. **Introduction of Guests**
Nancy Tupper introduced Mary Miller, Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD) Specialist.
4. **Short presentation by Mary Miller, on Apple Health for Kids**
 - While ABCD has been incredibly successful in Washington State including leading the nation, Whatcom is falling behind. There are only about 10 private dentists that are ABCD providers in our community, which has left over 7,000 children without a dental visit in the past year.
 - Beyond making a difference for disadvantaged children in our community, providers receive higher reimbursement rates from Medicaid and CE credit. ABCD patients also have much lower no show rates. Training is split into three phases (virtual or in person) and takes roughly 1-3 hours per phase depending on the provider's experience with the program.
 - Any questions about the program or implementing ABCD into your practice, please contact Mary Miller (ABCD Program Coordinator) at (360) 393-8812 or mary_miller@oppco.org.
5. **Announcements**
 - a) Reminder: Attendees expecting to receive CE attendance verification: Attendance is required throughout the lecture. Be sure your name is showing on the screen; if not, sign in to Chat with both first and last name; if Chat is not an option, voice your attendance. AGD members, please provide your AGD number or at least indicate your membership. AGD verification code to be issued at the conclusion of tonight's lecture.
 - b) Switch to Virtual: Monthly meetings have been changed back to virtual only through at least December. We had a stunning turnout for tonight's meeting! Thank you to all who were able to attend!
 - c) WORTH REPEATING: Veterans Smile Day: A program started through ADA, Veteran's Smile Day is scheduled for Nov. 11. MBDDS volunteers are needed to help on that day or another time near that week. Contact Dr. Aaron Lempere if interested in participating.
 - d) WORTH REPEATING: Skagit Regional Health / Radiation Oncology: Pre-Radiation Dental Care Volunteer Program Update: Information about the volunteer program is included in the recent newsletter, with a link to volunteer form.
 - e) PNDC Early Bird Deadline Extended: The PNDC 2021 Early Bird registration deadline has been extended through Friday, Oct. 22. In addition to the extended Early Bird registration deadline,

the cancellation policy has been extended to Nov. 10. PNDC will be following King County mandates regarding the pandemic; currently, that includes showing your vaccination card or negative test to attend.

6. **Correspondence:** Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Micah Marth shared a thank you card received from Dean Fulton, Director of Bellingham Technical Foundation, for MBDDS's recent scholarship donation of \$1,100 in support of BTC's dental program students, saying they need our support more than ever and we make a real difference in their lives.
7. **Budget Report:** Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Micah Marth gave the budget report.
8. **Committee Reports**
 - a) Membership Committee: No new members to report
 - b) No other committee reports given
9. **Business: Old and New**
 - a) WSDA – HOD Update on Resolutions: Delegates/Alternates who attended: Drs. Kathy Stambaugh, Linh Vu, Karen Homitz, Emily Hobart. Dr. Vu gave the update:
 - There will be no changes to dues this year.
 - WSDA continues to: oppose any non-reversible procedures by non-dentist providers; oppose non-dentists owning practices; support reform to dental insurance benefits.
 - Please reach out to any of the delegates who attended if you would like more information on any of the resolutions that were discussed.
 - b) ADA – HOD Elections: Two of the six recently elected Washington state delegates to ADA–HOD are MBDDS members: Drs. Emily Hobart and BJ Larson. Congratulations to Drs. Hobart and Larson!
 - c) WSDA HOD Delegate Election: One 3-year position is open, to replace Dr. Darcie Morris, whose term has expired. Dr. Linh Vu was nominated and elected unanimously.
10. **Continuing Education:** President-Elect Dr. Will Nichols introduced speakers Rep. Michelle Caldier and Dr. Cindy Pauley, who spoke on the topic Dental Therapy and Other Legislation Impacting Dentistry. Highlights:
 - A well rounded presentation on topics affecting the dental profession and the role our representatives play in advocating for us.
 - If you would like to contact Rep. Caldier about any topics discussed please email her at michelle.caldier@leg.wa.gov.
 - If you would like to receive text message advocacy alerts from WSDA please text "WSDA" to 52886 and answer the prompts to sign up.
11. **AGD Code:** President Dr. Marion Herson announced the AGD course completion verification code, for AGD members.
12. **Next Meeting:**

Nov. 2, Virtual

Speaker: Dr. Sara Gordon, of UW School of Dentistry

Topic: Oral Cancer: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

13. **Adjournment:** President Dr. Marion Herson adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.