

Dental Hygiene
Advisory Committee Meeting
April 14, 2025



Dental Hygiene -MINUTES
April 14, 2025, at 6:00 PM
Zoom

Members Present: Peter Lubisich, Dentist, Vancouver Pediatric Dentistry; Jana Sarkkinen, Dental Hygienist, East Fork Dental; Sean Moore, Senior Project Manager, Workforce SW WA; Kramer Ragan, Dental Hygienist, Lewis Family and Implant Dentistry; Kendra Gibb, Dental Hygienist, Kaiser Permanente Dental

Guests:

Members Absent: Dr. Derek Michaud, Dentist, NW Affinity Dental; Ann Gilbert, Dental 3/Dental Program Coordinator, University of Washington; Steven D. Hockett, DDS, MCR, PS, Assistant Program Manager, Salmon Creek Periodontics; Kaili Rutkowski, Dental Hygienist, Dr. Laws; Karin LaValla, Business Services, WorkSource SW WA

Labor Representative:

Clark College: Scot Headley, Kristi Taylor, Marcy Gilchrist Academic Advisor, Clark College, Becky Herman, Faculty Clark College, Allana Guild, Clark College dental hygiene student, Zoë Demming-Clark College dental hygiene student, Amy Ewing Johnson ~ Clark Faculty, Michelle Vincent - Clark Faculty, Glenna Bondy- Clark Faculty, Michael Ludwig, Instructor, Clark College, Kathy Chennault, Foundation, Summer Gillas,

The meeting began at 6:03 pm

NEXT MEETING DATE

The committee will meet next on October 13, 2025.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting on October 14, 2024, were approved.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Scot discussed the college's budget and the influence the state budget will have on funds for community colleges.

Scot announced a large Career and Technical Education showcase tomorrow, April 15, 2025, on the Clark College main campus that will host local high schools.

Scot announced the upcoming Healthcare Pathways 2025 camp on June 23 and 25 for all local high school and middle school students to discover various academic pathways.

Scot shared recent successful accreditation site visits from the Pharmacy and Medical Assisting program. Scot reported that faculty and programs are in good health.

CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH DAY

Kristi shared that the program had a successful children's dental health day where the students were able to serve 85 children throughout the day, which is a rise from last year. The program was able to pilot a program with children with special needs, however, only 3 appointments were booked.

Pete provided ideas for further outreach for next year. Pete had spoken with employees from OHSU, and many patients had insurance and would continue care at OHSU.

Kristi shared potential grant funding with the Foundation that benefited the program's marketing and outreach efforts.

Kathy shared that the Foundation was able to support the program by writing a small grant so the children and attendees could leave with takeaway gifts and support a prize box for the event. The outcome of the awarding of this grant is still unknown.

SADHA

Zoe shared that students have prepared and taken the anesthesia and restorative board exams. Zoe announced that all the students successfully passed the anesthesia board on the first attempt.

Zoe shared that classmates are working on resumes and applying to jobs. Students prepare for the national board exam in May and a final board exam in June.

Allana shared a recent learning day where thirteen students worked with Community Health Partners at the Kaiser location in Longview, WA. A total of thirteen students saw 25-30 patients, and Allana highlighted the educational benefits and success of the day.

Allana discussed the outcomes of the children's dental health day.

Zoe shared some positive experiences felt by the attendees.

CODA MEETING

Kristi discussed the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) report. The program's questions and exhibit sections include approximately 80 questions and total up to 2,000 pages.

Kristi discussed the upcoming site visit on July 15-16, 2025. The 45-minute meeting with the advisory committee will be held on July 15, 2025, at Noon, and lunch will be provided.

Kristi welcomed all advisory committee members to the meeting.

EQUIPMENT DISCUSSION

Kristi announced that the program will purchase new handpieces for the clinic and is specifically looking for both slow and high-speed pieces. The program is currently using Midwest and welcomes committee suggestions or feedback.

Pete recommended switching to a two-piece for cost saving and they can be easily cleaned. Pete's office uses Midwest air-driven for operative uses.

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Kramer shared that her office uses the Prophy Magic handpiece for clinical use.

Amy asked for committee feedback regarding the senior capstone assignment to inform students on understanding production, overhead for the office, benefits, and realistic expectations for students.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM

Prepared by Elizabeth Flores