

# CONTACT

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## DANE COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY *NEWS BULLETIN*

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### MINUTES OF DANE COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, September 13, 2005, 6:00 p.m. - Delaney's Restaurant, Madison

MINUTES: Submitted by P. Tepe

Meeting called to order 6:15 p.m. by D. Walther.

Members Present: D. Walther, B. Clark, C. Bird, J. Phillips, B. Hopp, P. Tepe, R. Warren, G. Lofgren, C. Gjertson, F. Jaeger, J. Streiff, T. Koob, S. Brysh, S. Segall.

- I. Secretary's Report-Minutes from March 8, 2005. New members highlighted. Approved-S. Brysh, 2nd T. Koob.
- II. Treasurer's Report-Budget vs. Actual reviewed, report approved-P. Tepe, and R. Warren 2nd. Copy included.  
Guest Speakers-Mr. Ralph Erickson, Madison Metro Sewage Dist., Mr. Steve Brockman, UW Extension  
Presentation on Best Practices-Amalgam Separators in Dental Offices. Madison Metro Sewer Dist. recommends that all Dane County Dental offices and clinics voluntarily place amalgam separators. The Milwaukee Area Sewer District has already issued a mandate to place separators by 2008. Mr. Erickson reviewed the current waste water treatment concerns. Current service area includes the Madison Lakes Basin including approximately 110-120 dental clinics. Non-compliance to the voluntary placement of separators could lead to eventual required site specific waste water discharge testing. Materials describing the Milwaukee Sewer District mandate included. Mr. Erickson requests that amalgam separators be included in the plans for future clinics and remodels. Mr. Erickson would like to have the opportunity to address the membership in the future to answer questions and lay out the importance of these measures.
- III. WDA President Report-Dr. F. Jaeger, Legislative Update.  
DCDS Dues Abatement Fund Discussion. Members-J. Streiff, S. Segall, C. Gjertson  
Background history and intent was relayed to the board on the use of the Smith Barney account. This fund was established in 1986-87 and was intended to annually grow to some day support and supplement against dues increases or membership crises. The committee's goal was to reach 100K. Traditionally this fund was managed conservatively. The board felt that it was important that future Dane County Dental Society Boards understand this fund so that it may be preserved for its intended purpose and not simply as a free spending fund. Discussion continued as who would make up the finance committee to monitor and direct the investments in this fund. It was felt that the board may want to consider making a management change away from Smith Barney. Board voted that J. Streiff, C. Gjertson, S. Segall will continue as the primary advisors to the board on the management of this fund as well as the current treasurer and president. These five individuals will make up the Dues Abatement Fund Committee. Issues raised at end of discussion: 1. Should we change Account Managers? 2. Should we develop formal language to guide the future use of the account, including: History and Intent, committee makeup for future, protocol for use of funds in future. P. Tepe tasked to develop language to be reviewed at a future board meeting.  
Motion made by R. Warren, 2nd J. Phillips, Board voted unanimous to establish the "Dues Abatement Fund Committee" as listed above.
- IV. New Business-
  1. Toothbrush Program-Requests continue. Members that have a patient request are directed to contact P. Tepe. Donations during summer include: 2 cases - Hurricane Katrina Relief, 1.5 cases to B. Veerman, S. American mission. 2 cases Peru Mission, 1.5 cases-Verona Food Bank. More brushes are available.
  2. Setting Component Dues 2006-Motion made to maintain same dues amount \$180 for 2006 as this year. 1st R. Warren, 2nd T. Koob, vote-passed, unanimous.
  3. WDA Delegates for November 11-12 in Waukesha.  
DCDS delegates will be: Brysh, Clark, Lofgren, Walther, Hopp. Alt. Jaeger, Rummelhart.
  4. Membership Review of New, Non, and Active members. List distributed.
  5. Dental Care for the Needy-S. Brysh. Discuss possible Hmong refugees that may be coming to Dane County and ways we may be able to help with dental needs.
  6. Non-Members at Golf Outings-Board developed DCDS policy statement that beginning immediately: "The DCDS non-member dentist will pay twice the member fee for golf and may not be a guest of a DCDS member without paying such fee." The board reserves the right to invite non-member dentists to a meeting or outing as a membership recruiting tool. Motion-J. Phillips, 2nd R. Warren. Vote - passed.  
There will be a non-member registration line on golf or meeting registrations.
  7. "Tooth Cents" WDA Campaign. Presentation by F. Jaeger. Board voted 7 for, 3 against. Motion to support campaign.
  8. J. Amstadt-CE committee chair will be invited to future meeting, likely November to review progress on 2006 CE schedule and review CE budget.
- V. Adjournment-D. Walther, 2nd T. Koob 8:45 p.m.  
Next meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 2005, 6:00 p.m. Fitch's Chophouse, 5657 McKee Road, Fitchburg, WI.

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## MINUTES OF DANE COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, October 11, 2005, 6:00 p.m. - Fitch's Chophouse, Fitchburg

MINUTES: Submitted by P. Tepe

Meeting called to order 6:10 p.m. by D. Walther.

Members Present: D. Walther, B. Clark, C. Bird, J. Phillips, B. Hopp, P. Tepe, R. Warren, G. Lofgren, C. Gjertson, S. Brysh.

- I. Secretary's Report-Minutes from September 13, 2005 reviewed and approved as corrected. Motion-C. Bird, 2nd -S. Brysh.

P. Tepe updated board on new members since spring including: Dr. Jeff Sharkus-Fitchburg, Dr. Jason Brewer-Madison, Dr. Scott Hoyer-Madison, Dr. Douglas Ferris-Madison, Dr. Golden Vu-Madison, Dr. Tanner McKenna-Madison. Welcome to the DCDS! Dr. Walther will include welcome in next CONTACT issue. Also Dr. Clayton McKinney enters Retired Life Membership effective 11/05. Thank you for your years of membership and service to Dane County and the WDA.

P. Tepe updated board on the registration progress of upcoming DCDS Seminar October 28th at Marriott-West, Dr. Ray Bertolotti "Contemporary Bondodontics." Board extended invite to Dr. Jim Amstadt to update board on the 2006 CE schedule development and review CE budget at November 8th meeting.

- II. Treasurer's Report-Budget vs. Actual presented by S. Brysh, report approved-Motion-P. Tepe, J. Phillips 2nd.

Guest Speaker:

A. Dr. Paul Correll - Status of the DCDS Sharps Disposal Program. Brief history and intended protocols of the program given. The breakdown is occurring in that individuals were supposed to purchase "disposal bags" from either P. Correll or D. Sherraden then drop off sharps themselves at Madison Energy Recovery. This service assures that sharps are disposed of properly and provides the dentist with the proper documentation of such. Madison Energy Recovery can only do business with not-for-profit entities; therefore, the DCDS must act as the "middle man." Unfortunately, members have bypassed this "bag" system in recent years and have contacted MER directly and arranged office pickup. Fees are being billed directly to the DCDS and the burden falls on the treasurer to collect from members. Some members are very tardy and a few have been delinquent in paying their fees. This costs all members. Dr. Correll agreed to write a letter to all DCDS members to present this available service and its savings over alternative disposal means and to review how future collections will take place. It was agreed by the board that as of January 1, 2006 all sharps disposal must be dropped off at MER directly by member and MER will be instructed not to accept drop offs without the "approved" and "stamped" bags available thru Correll or Sherraden. Goal: Reduce billing and make the system operate smoothly.

B. Dr. Eric teDuits-Reviewed upcoming plans for "Give Kids a Smile" February, 2006. He encouraged all DCDS members to participate by providing definitive care to needy children anytime during the month of February. Can contact DC Public Health or school nurses for names.

- III. New Business-

AGD certification-S. Brysh presented the extensive and burdensome packet that is required by the AGD to apply for CE provider certification. The board discussed whether certification was even needed? P. Tepe was volunteered to explore the process, but the board felt that certification was not essential but would be preferred especially since most seminars in recent years have been booked thru the ADA who audits, monitors and follows its speaker's bureau. Motion-S. Brysh, 2nd R. Warren to pursue AGD CE certification for the Dane County Dental Society.

Madison Children's Museum Exhibit-"Body Shop - Teeth and Bones" motion by B. Clark, 2nd B. Hopp. Board voted to donate \$1,000 to museum in support of exhibit.

- IV. Old Business-

DCDS Social - B. Clark. Discussed having a quarterly hosted social/happy hour, possibly the 2nd Thursday night of the month starting in January 2006. B. Clark will look into the Great Dane Pub-Fitchburg. DCDS may host the initial Happy Hours by offering 2 beverage tickets to members who attend. More to be discussed at November 8th meeting.

- V. Adjournment-D. Walther, approved-S. Brysh, 2nd C. Bird 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 8, 2005, 6:00 p.m. Claddagh Irish Pub, Middleton.

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### Dane County Dental Society -----SHARPS PROGRAM

As I hope most of the members are aware we have a program to dispose of our sharps.

This program is run through the Dane County Society and must be through our society to comply with the regulations of the program at Madison Energy Recovery, Inc.

At Madison Energy Recovery Inc. community hospitals and members of our society have their sharps destroyed legally and appropriate records of proper destruction are provided to each member dentist as the contaminated sharps are delivered to the incineration plant.

Program steps are:

1. Red sharps bag plus an invoice are purchased for \$25.00 from either Dr. Correll at 2725 Marshall Court (231-2502), or Dr. Sherraden at 100 River Place (221-8787).
2. Each member uses the red bags to enclose the sharps containers from their office.
3. Once the bag or bags are full they are transported by the dentist to Madison Energy Recovery, Inc. at 1310 Badger Road (257-4652). There is a limit of 40 pounds per trip.
4. It is important that the dentist generating the sharps or a member dentist from the office transport the items personally.
5. When the filled bag or bags are presented to the agents at Madison Energy Recovery, Inc. the accompanying invoice will be filled out and this invoice is the dentist's record of legal and proper disposal.
6. The process begins again at the office of Dr. Correll or Dr. Sherraden.

It is important to remember that a dentist must transport the material personally!!!

Please address any questions regarding this program to Dr. Paul Correll - 231-2502.

An alternative program is offered by the local dental product salesmen in our area but it comes at a considerably higher cost.

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**Balance Sheet**

10/30/2005

**Assets**

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Dane County Checking	\$32,711.85
M&I Money Mkt	<u>\$3,808.10</u>
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	\$36,519.95

## Other Assets

Investments-Smith Barney	\$90,540.86 as of 9/30/05
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**Total Assets**

\$127,050.81

**Liabilities and Equity**

Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	\$127,050.81

<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	\$127,050.81
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**DANE COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY****Budget vs. Actual**

1/1/05 to 10/11/05

<u>Category</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Associate Dues	\$2,200.00	\$1,500.00	\$700.00
Contributions from WDAIP	\$630.00	\$0.00	\$630.00
Dues for Dane Co.	\$32,320.00	\$34,500.00	(\$2,180.00)
Golf Outings	\$21,385.00	\$0.00	\$21,385.00
Medical Waste Receipts	\$1,831.09	\$2,000.00	(\$168.01)
Meeting Fees	\$4,227.00	\$4,000.00	\$227.00
Donations	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$63,593.09</u>	<u>\$43,000.00</u>	<u>\$20,593.09</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>Flexible Expenses</b>			
Audio-Video	\$21.10	\$1,000.00	(\$978.90)
Catering Expense	\$500.00	\$5,500.00	(\$5,000.00)
Fluoride Tabs	\$3,379.03	\$4,000.00	(\$620.97)
Golf Outings	\$21,408.83	\$0.00	\$21,408.83
MCHC	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Madison Children's Museum	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
2/8/05 Dinner Meeting	\$1,074.37	\$0.00	\$1,074.37
3/8/05 Dinner Meeting	\$1,608.55	\$0.00	\$1,608.55
Medical Waste Expenses	\$1,634.00	\$2,200.00	(\$566.00)
Memorials and Awards	\$330.22	\$200.00	\$130.22
Miscellaneous	\$88.00	\$700.00	(\$612.00)
New DDS Dinner	\$1,238.85	\$500.00	\$738.85
Office Supplies	\$148.51	\$300.00	(\$151.49)
Officers and Delegates Expenses	\$40.00	\$500.00	(\$460.00)
Printing Expense	\$4,418.14	\$5,800.00	(\$1,381.86)
Room Rent, Meetings	\$2,473.55	\$1,500.00	\$973.55
Speaker Expense	\$616.81	\$2,300.00	(\$1,683.19)
Speaker Honorarium	\$7,500.00	\$15,500.00	(\$8,000.00)
Toothbrush Fund	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)
Total Expenses	<u>\$49,479.96</u>	<u>\$43,000.00</u>	<u>\$4,570.74</u>
Overall Totals	<u>\$14,113.13</u>	<u>\$43,000.00</u>	<u>\$14,113.13</u>

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November 8, 2005

Dr. David Walther  
Dane County Dental Society  
49 North Walbridge Avenue  
Madison, WI 53714

Dear Dr. Walther:

On behalf of Madison Children's Museum's Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers, I would like to express our gratitude to Dane County Dental Society for its generous pledge payment of \$1,000 for *The Body Shop: Tune Up Your Teeth & Bones*. We appreciate Dane County Dental Society's support of our work to provide a place for children and families to learn through play.

Madison Children's Museum would like to acknowledge your generosity by including your name in the museum's print materials that recognize our supporters. We will list your name as "Dane County Dental Society." Please call the museum's Development Office at (608) 268-1231 if you would like your name to appear differently, or if you would prefer to be listed as an anonymous contributor.

I look forward to our continuing association with Dane County Dental Society as we work to provide a rich and rewarding learning experience for families throughout our community.

Thank you again for your generous support of *The Body Shop: Tune Up Your Teeth & Bones* and Madison Children's Museum!

Sincerely, Ruth G. Shelly, Executive Director

Gifts to Madison Children's Museum are fully tax-deductible.  
No goods or services are provided as a consideration of your gift.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

Congratulations to Dr. Adrianna Jaramillo, DCDS member, 7320 Old Sauk Road, Madison on being nominated to the Dental Examining Board. We wish you the best of luck.

Congratulations also go to longtime member of the DCDS, past Trustee and Officer, Dr. Gordy Lofgren of McFarland for receiving the WDA "Lifetime Achievement Award." Dr. Lofgren has just returned from Bethesda, Maryland where he visited his son who was very seriously wounded in Iraq. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Lofgren family.

Dr. Tim Kinzel was appointed by Dr. Kathleen Roth, ADA President, 2006, to the ADA 2006 workforce. He will be reviewing and analyzing the allied workforce throughout the country. Reporting update and new recommendations to the 2006 house of delegates in Las Vegas.

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**STATEWIDE NEWS: "INTERESTING STATISTICS ON MEMBERSHIP"**  
**Wisconsin Dental Association Statewide Member Counts by Dues Type**

	10/12/2005	12/31/2004	12/4/2003	12/31/2002	12/31/2001
<b>PAYING MEMBERS</b>					
Active	1971	1970	1955	1926	1911
First Time Member & 1/2 Year Join	18	7	18	17	11
Grad Student	19	38	51	26	19
Retired	65	58	75	82	93
1st Year Out*	45	62	34	38	30
2nd Year Out	37	32	30	32	44
3rd Year Out	28	32	30	38	28
Faculty	19	20	19	22	25
Active Life	100	107	98	106	111
Missionary	2	2	2	2	2
75% Waiver	1				1
50% Waiver	2	2			1
1/4 Year Join		3	5		1
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>2307</b>	<b>2333</b>	<b>2317</b>	<b>2289</b>	<b>2277</b>
<b>NON PAYING MEMBERS</b>					
Perm Waiver	37	39	38	30	29
Retired Life	501	507	497	485	486
100% Waiver	20			2	
Life Waived	1	1		3	5
Transfers	4	4	1	7	7
New Grads	114	122	94	75	34
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2984</b>	<b>3006</b>	<b>2947</b>	<b>2891</b>	<b>2838</b>
<b>NOTE: Licensed Dentists</b>	<b>3340</b>	<b>3368</b>	<b>3474</b>	<b>3433</b>	<b>3356</b>
Market share					
**	89.34%	89.25%	84.21%	84.56%	82.94%
Deceased	26	13	16	18	12
Affiliate	39	31	3	2	12
Associate	555	548	614	854	646

\*The 1st Year Out members do not pay any dues.\*\* Market share is listed for comparison purposes only, it should not be considered an absolute as we do not know how many retired dentists are included in the licensed dentist figure provided by the State of Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing.

#### WDA 2005 YEAR TO DATE MEMBER COUNT BY COMPONENT

	+/ --	10/12/2005	12/31/2004
BROWN DOOR KEWAUNEE	5	171	166
WAUKESHA COUNTY	1	245	244
BURLINGTON	4	62	58
WAUPACA	0	22	22
CENTRAL WISCONSIN	13	244	231
WINNEBAGO	9	113	104
COLUMBIA-DODGE-MARQUETTE	6	48	42
*DANE COUNTY	17	282	265
FOND DU LAC	4	55	51
GREEN COUNTY	1	17	16
JEFFERSON	0	35	35
KENOSHA	0	60	60
LA CROSSE DISTRICT	4	111	107
MANITOWOC-CALUMET	2	50	48
MARINETTE-OCONTO	0	21	21
GREATER MILWAUKEE	-8	592	600
NORTHERN WISCONSIN	3	42	39
NORTHWEST DISTRICT	9	192	183
OUTAGAMIE	12	142	130
RACINE	-4	82	86
ROCK COUNTY	2	77	75
SAUK-JUNEAU-ADAMS	7	51	44
SHAWANO	-2	17	19
SHEBOYGAN COUNTY	1	72	71
SOUTHWESTERN	0	42	42
TRI COUNTY	2	25	23
WASHINGTON-OZAUKEE	7	114	107
<b>YEAR TO DATE TOTALS*</b>	95	2984	2889

\*Only the new grads that indicated that they were staying in state are included in the 2004 component counts.

The 2005 membership figures reflect a slight decrease in dues paying members. The number of full paying members remains steady however there were a lot of variances in the numbers of pro-rated dues paying members and retired members with some decreasing in number and some increasing.

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**DEB Forwards Proposed Anesthesia Rule Draft to Legislature** - On Sept. 28, 2005, the Dentistry Examining Board (DEB) voted to forward its proposed rule draft on anesthesia to the state Legislature for comments. To receive future WDA e-mail and fax alerts on anesthesia issues, request a summary of the recent DEB meeting or obtain a copy of the draft rule, contact Mara Brooks in the WDA Madison office at 888-538-8932 or [mbrooks@wda.org](mailto:mbrooks@wda.org).

**WDA Legislative Committee Focuses on Four Issues at Capitol** - Following its Sept. 30, 2005 meeting, members of the WDA Legislative Committee went to the Capitol to communicate with legislative staffers on four key issues including: (1) concerns about governor's Dentistry Examining Board (DEB) appointments and the potential for a completely new slate of dentist members by the end of this session; (2) opposition to the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) proposal that would allow dental hygienists to perform and bill for diagnosis of dental diseases and performance of dental examinations and other dental procedures without a dentist's examination; (3) concerns about the Legislature's willingness to pay-fair market rates for dental Medicaid (MA) treatment to a select number of dental clinics in the state, namely Federally Qualified health Centers (FQHCs); (4) support for the Two Cents for Tooth Sense™ proposal which, if approved and implemented as suggested, will secure funding for real, lasting solutions to the dental access problem and thus eliminate the need for policy-makers to try and address dental access through implementation of the first three issues listed here. There were also rumors about potential introduction of a legislative proposal that incorporates bits and pieces of the Governor's Task Force to Improve Access to Oral Health proposals and puts them on the table for discussion in the coming months. WDA leadership and staff continue to monitor legislative activity on dental issues and will share this information with members.

**Help Make Dentistry's Voice Heard in Madison** - Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the WDA's 2006 Legislative Day on Jan. 19 at the Monona Terrace. The day will include legislative speakers, advocacy issue papers on dentistry, a networking lunch with dental colleagues and students and visits to state Legislators' Capitol offices. Contact Dorothy Larson in the WDA Madison office at 877-256-8854 or [dlarson@wda.org](mailto:dlarson@wda.org) for information and to register.

## NATIONAL NEWS

November 1, 2005

### ADA POSITIONS & STATEMENTS

#### ADA STATEMENT ON WATER FLUORIDATION AND BONE CANCER

An unpublished thesis by a Harvard doctoral student researcher, reportedly suggesting a link between fluoridated water and the development of a rare type of bone cancer in adolescent males, has been the subject of recent media coverage. The Harvard School of Dental Medicine has announced that it will conduct an inquiry into charges that those findings were misrepresented by a professor.

The ADA is a longtime advocate of fluoridation as a safe and effective means of preventing tooth decay. It has been cited by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as one of 10 great public health achievements of the 20th century. Studies show that fluoridation can prevent between 15-40 percent of decay. The ADA cautions the dental profession, public health officials and the public against drawing conclusions based on a lone researcher's unpublished study. Indeed, the student notes in her thesis that there are several limitations to her study and recommends that the findings be confirmed using data from other studies. For example, she notes that the study may not accurately reflect the actual amount of fluoride consumed by study subjects.

ADA policies on community water fluoridation are based on the overwhelming weight of credible scientific evidence. That evidence stems from extensive scientific research and has been published in referred (peer-reviewed) professional journals that are widely circulated. The research concludes that there is no association between cancer rates in humans and optimal levels of fluoride in drinking water.

The ADA encourages, supports and welcomes scientific investigations into matters pertaining to oral health. It will continue to monitor this development closely and if necessary will advise the public and the dental profession of any steps that we believe are needed to ensure the public's safety.

As the leader of a science-based profession, the ADA is open to new scientific information and welcomes the opportunity to address it according to the standards that prevail in the scientific community.

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### WANT ADS

**For Sale: Dental Chair, Excellent condition. Contact Dr. Don Tipple, 261-0331.**

Looking to relocate or start your practice? Dr. Reuss's condominium suite in the Yahara Professional Building is for sale. Four operatories, partially equipped and ready for easy start-up. Many amenities included for new owner in prestigious building located at 4801 Cottage Grove Road. Phone Dr. Reuss at 608-223-8997 or 715-686-7119.

**The VA Hospital in Madison** is looking to see if there is any interest in the local Dental Community to have **General Dentists** obtain a **Fee Based Appointment** of one to two half days a week. Due to the increasing numbers of veterans, especially National Guard and Reserve members from Wisconsin being activated, and needing dental care upon their return, this could be a rewarding opportunity to provide quality care for those who served.

The VA Hospital provides comprehensive dental care to eligible veterans on an outpatient basis. Malpractice would be covered under Federal Tort Law protection and the Dental Clinic is a very team oriented facility with modern equipment. Range of the Fee Based Appointment is competitive.

For further information contact:

Dr. John Hofer, Chief of Dental Service  
2500 Overlook Terrace  
Madison, WI 53705

(608) 280-7035-B  
John.Hofer2@med.va.gov  
(608) 798-2530-H

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Toothbrushes and other oral care products for donation are being accepted at the following locations:

#### **Pantries & Drop Off Sites**

**Middleton Outreach Ministries (Middleton & west Madison) Sarah & Rick, 836-7338, sarah@mompop.org**

*Pantry Coordinator: Rachel Close - 215-7946, close@nutrisci.wisc.edu*

- Scott's Pastry Shoppe (University Avenue) - Jackie, scottspastry@mailbag.com, 836-7333 (has bin+1 to give)
- Unity Church of Peace - Bev or Eunice, 833-4322
- Alicia Ashman Public Library - Margie, navarre@scls.lib.wi.us, 824-1780
- Middleton Public Library - Paul, pen@scls.lib.wi.us, 831-5564
- Copps Food Center (Middleton) - Tim, tjsmith1@roundys.com, 831-3009, also Tim (Asst. Mgr.)
- Middleton Community Bank - Carmen or Marilyn, 831-3207, ckruschek@middletonbank.com
- ? Gordie Boucher West - Jerry, jschuttejs@yahoo.com, 274-7777
- ? Restaino Bunbury & Associates - Kelly Voigt-Rowley - 712-1292, Kelly\_voigtrowley@charter.net

**St. Steven's Lutheran Church (Monona) Hazel or Judy, 222-1241 x14, ststpantry@netscape.net, 222-6563(H)**

*Pantry Coordinator: Judy @ Pantry*

- Pinney Public Library
- Unity of Madison - Diane, 221-1376, adgivens@unityofmadison.org
- ? Monona Public Library - John Seery, jseery@scls.lib.wi.us, 222-6127

**First United Methodist (central Madison) Kathy Sandefur, Ksandefur@fumc.org, 256-4646 x16**

*Pantry Coordinator: APO - Allie Babler, albabler@wisc.edu, 608-338-6633*

- Concourse Hotel - John Grigas, 294-3003, jgrigas@concoursehotel.com
- Williamson Bicycle Works West - Del, 255-5292, del@willybikes.com
- Car Care Clinic West - Jeff, 233-4600, jeffajensen@charterinternet.com
- First Unitarian Society Teen Group - Steve or Leslie, 233-9774, Sjscrunch4@aol.com, 513-4187 (Cell-Steve)
- Madison Central Public Library
- Turner Collins' CD Release Party (11/4) - 446-3949
- ? Hillel Student organization - Melissa Sands, msands@uhillel.org, 256-8361

**Atwood Community Center (near east Madison) Marlene Storms, marlene@atwoodcc.org, 241-1574**

*Pantry Coordinator: Marlene @ Pantry*

- Willy Street Co-op - Lyn Olson, l.olson@willystreet.coop, 251-6776
- James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Congregation - Ellie Rogers, ellier53@yahoo.com
- Car Care Clinic East - Jeff, 233-4600, jeffajensen@charterinternet.com

**Bashford Food Pantry (far east Madison) Jill Sweeney, 834-4125, Sweeney.jill@mail.da.state.wi.us, 284-6885 (w)**

*Pantry Coordinator:*

- Williamson Bicycle Works East - Del, 255-5292, del@willybikes.com
- Hawthorne Public Library
- ? Gordie Boucher East - Jerry, jschuttejs@yahoo.com, 274-7777

**Lakeview Lutheran Food Pantry (north Madison) Randi Matthews, 244-7494, rmatt@hotmail.com**

*Pantry Coordinator: Randi @ Pantry*

- Lakeview Public Library

**St. Vincent de Paul Society (center south Madison) Chris, chris@svdpmadison.org, 257-0919 x301**

*Pantry Coordinator:*

- Monroe Street Public Library
- South Madison Public Library
- The Journey Community - Steve, 608-469-4741, steve@thejourneycommunity.com

**Allied Drive Food Pantry (Allied Drive region, Madison) Mike Bodden, bodden5737@netscape.com, 204-9722, 271-1548 (H)**

*Pantry Coordinators: Mike and Anne Bodden @ Pantry (get bins from me or 2nd Harv)*

- Meadowridge Public Library
- Sequoya Public Library

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According to the Minnesota Dental Assn., a whopping 85% of eligible dentists in the state (dentists not exempt under a voluntary program) have committed to installing **amalgam separators**. Seventy-two percent of committed dentists have already installed a separator or are exempt. The Minnesota voluntary separator program was started by the 2002 MDA House of Delegates and is credited with forestalling a mandatory program, permits, monitoring and associated fees. MDA's efforts, however, didn't keep politics at bay, with a mandatory separator bill now introduced in the legislature. MDA opposes the bill and hopes it will be able to convince legislators that it can deliver on its voluntary efforts.

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## FEATURE ARTICLE

### Tennessee winning

*Dental Medicaid provider network up 80 percent*

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Nashville, Tenn. -- It's a bold claim, that one state has found a solution to the dental Medicaid quagmire so successful that it may become a model for other states to follow.

But in Tennessee, the dental "carve out" from the TennCare program might be turning out to be just that model. Nineteen months into the program, the dental provider network has grown by 80 percent and more than 600,000 low-income children are receiving comprehensive oral health care.

"It's been a resounding success, the dental carve out in the revamped TennCare program for low-income children in Tennessee," says Dr. Jackson Brown, associate executive director, ADA Health Policy Resources Center.

"The foundation of its success," he adds, "rests on basic economic and business principles: pay a fair fee for services provided and run the program efficiently so using and providing dental services are no longer a hassle. This approach has markedly improved access to dental care among the state's low-income children and dramatically increased participation by Tennessee dentists."

The "carve out" separates dental treatment from other Medicaid services by dedicating funds specifically for oral health care and by using a single benefits manager, insurer Doral Dental of Tennessee. The non-traditional program began Oct. 1, 2002, when a three-year contract took effect between the state's TennCare bureau and Doral, which assumed administration of the entire dental Medicaid portion, including provider networks, claims processing and benefits management.

Dentists who treat TennCare-eligible children are now on a greatly enhanced reimbursement schedule -- fees are at the 75th percentile, with significant reductions in administrative concerns. The ADA's Contract Analysis Service has reviewed the provider service agreement offered by Doral; this review is available to dentists by contacting the Tennessee Dental Association.

That dentists can work with a single benefits manager, and no longer have to deal with an assortment of medical managed-care organizations, is a critical reason why the carve out has succeeded, says Dr. Tom Underwood, chair of the TDA TennCare committee.

"Before the carve out, TennCare contracted with 10 managed-care organizations, each one having its own network," he says. "If a dentist wanted to accept TennCare patients, he or she needed separate credentialing for each MCO in their neighborhood."

The carve out also features several incentives for clinicians to enroll, including the freedom to treat any number of TennCare-eligible patients, state-guaranteed reimbursement, prompt payment for submitted claims and a dental advisory committee with regular meetings.

"TennCare's dental advisory board includes dentists in the private sector," says Dr. Underwood. "Dentists have input into the system, and don't feel like they're being ignored, which they sometimes did before."

The carve out also gives dentists the option to discontinue enrollment if the program "is not as announced." But that simply hasn't been the trend during the past 19 months. In fact, precisely the opposite has occurred.

"The dental provider network has grown by more than 80 percent, and there are now approximately 700 participating dentists compared to about 380 before Oct. 1, 2002," says Marilyn Elam of the state's TennCare bureau.

Other progress made, according to Ms. Elam, since the dental carve-out was implemented on Oct. 1, 2002 (up to April 30, 2004), are as follows:

- an estimated 25 percent of all dentists practicing in Tennessee are actively participating in TennCare;
- more than 600,000 children under age 21 are receiving dental care through TennCare;
- 86 percent of participating dentists are actively accepting new TennCare patients into their practices, which indicates additional capacity in the existing dental network to treat TennCare children;
- average distance from an enrollee to a participating dentist is about 4 miles.

Also, according to Ms. Elam, no deficiencies exist or have existed in the dental provider network statewide since implementation of the dental carve-out. This assessment is based on parameters established by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which oversees Tennessee's non-traditional managed care public health insurance program.

"The TennCare model is an example of how to do things right," says Dr. Eugene Sekiguchi, ADA president. "While other models can also be successful, all successful models must employ the same basic principles found in the TennCare dental carve out. With more programs similar to it, our nation can realize enormous improvements in oral health and access to dental care among our low-income children."

Notes Dr. Underwood, "The most important thing we wanted was for every TennCare child in the state to have access to quality, comprehensive dental care-and this has absolutely happened during the past year-and-a-half."

He adds, "The TDA and local dental societies don't get any more phone calls from desperate parents who can't find a TennCare-accepting dentist for their children. And by having preventive care, we're reducing the total cost of dental care, we're seeing children for regular checkups, cleanings. Hospital emergency room visits for dental problems have just about disappeared. I believe there's no other state in our nation with a better program than we have here in Tennessee."

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