

**Sierra County Oral Health Program  
Meeting Minutes  
August 30, 2019**



**Opening:** Oral Health Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Kylie Ures at 9:05am in the Sierra County Probation Office.

**Present:** Kylie Ures, Jessica Harris, Dr. Lee Walker, Cara Bowling, Vickie Clark, Sarah Bracher, and Brenda Black.

**New Business:**

**Introductions**

Dr. Lee Walker- Loyalton Dentist

- Loyalton had fluoridated water for 15 years; 10 years ago fluoridation water stopped.

Cara Bowling – Student Parent Navigator; Sierra County Behavioral Health

- Seeing oral health decline in schools.

Vickie Clark – Health and Social Services Director

- Large need in children and senior population.
- One aspect she likes is there is no specific audience with this grant.

Sara Bracher – Loyalton Dental Hygienist

- Fluoride in water is hopefully something we can go after in the future.
- Agrees with Vickie about children and seniors.

Brenda Black – Downieville Dental Assistant

**Oral Health Program Presentation**

- Oral and Pharyngeal cancer data does not accurately depict Sierra County. We are so small that oftentimes we are lumped in and statements such as this are said when they are not necessarily true.

**Action:** Data collection is now even more important so we can have accurate data about our community.

Dr. Walker- Healthy Families Program worked. Dentists were able to bill the programs insurance and you were reimbursed enough to stay happy. Denta-Cal is a real issue for dentists. Has and continues to use SDF ever since it became a big deal in

California. He uses it for elderly people who may not be able to sit through a procedure and for children whose only other option is going under general anesthesia.

Brenda- WSDC uses SDF too. They accept Medi-cal patients. Open on Thursday for 6 hours because dentist is coming from Kings Beach. No hygienist so DDS has to do teeth cleanings. Grass Valley is not accepting new patients, Penn valley is booked out over a year, Downieville is booked out a month. Transportation is a big issue; patients start coming to Downieville but then stop because of the cost of gas.

- Committee members had a high interest level in attending the Plumas County Coalition meeting on September 26, 2019.

**Action:** Name of coalition and mission statement will be devised in a future meeting.

**Action:** Advisory Committee members will provide expectations of Oral Health Program Director and Coordinator during a future meeting.

**Action:** General consensus on future meeting times was agreed upon. Friday's at 9:00am work best for everyone.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 10:04am by Kylie Ures. Next meeting will be held on Friday, October 11, 2019 at 9:00am in the Sierra County Probation Office.