



43 Discussed Christy Durant selection as new RIDA executive director

44 **MOTION:** to hear Drs. Ochoa and Zwetchkenbaums' reports at this point. Unanimously  
45 approved.

46 Dr. Ochoa discussed the upcoming Children's Dental Health Month event planned for Ella Risk  
47 Elementary School in Central Falls, RI. Will be doing screenings and applying sealants. Parental  
48 pre authorizations already completed by school. The event will take place on February 14 from  
49 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Plans are to serve K- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students.

50 Dr. Zwetchkenbaum provided a summary of the results relative to the recent oral health survey  
51 from the RIDOH. A discussion ensued regarding future surveys. Dr. Zwetchkenbaum spoke  
52 about developing a workforce survey group. Dr. Elson questioned the need to do more surveys as  
53 they are quite time consuming. Dr. Ward stated that it would be helpful if we knew what the  
54 results of these surveys would be used for and suggested calling the next one a "census."

55 The next survey is scheduled for 2021.

56 Dr. Brown asked if there was anything new at the RIDOH to report. Dr. Zwetchkenbaum reported  
57 that the Rite Smiles program no longer allows providers to sign up solely for the Rite Smiles  
58 Program. Providers must now participate in all Medicaid across the board. A question was  
59 presented regarding a recent email/letter from Delta Dental regarding Rite Smiles as they have  
60 not yet been awarded the state contract. Christy Durant stated that she has contacted Delta Dental  
61 regarding the notices.

- 62 • There is a new epidemiologist at the RIDOH.
- 63 • There is now a fluoridation training program for water treatment facility operators called  
64 the FLOW Program.
- 65 • South County water is not currently fluoridated
  - 66 ○ A new, cheaper system is now available.
- 67 • Testing will take place at URI
- 68 • HRSA grant obtained. Will be used to educate hygienists on nutrition.
- 69 • Dr. Zwetchkenbaum will be attending the vendor fair at UNE on 2/13 and the 3/3 vendor  
70 fair at BU. He will attend at BU with Chris Klimecko.
- 71 • A question was asked by Chris Klimecko if anyone had ever heard of a Dept. of  
72 Hazardous Substances through the Department of Labor and Training. No one had ever  
73 heard of them. They had paid a visit to Dr. Kiang's office for an inspection.

74 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Chris Klimecko. As written plus oral

75 Per Chris Klimecko:

76 Office will be closed on Thursday, December 12. Staff will be in NH for Aptify training.

77 **REPORT OF THE TREASURER:** Dr. Ward. As submitted (January 2020 Bank Statement).

78 **COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:** *(all submitted reports are on file for viewing)*

- 79 • Committee on Association Finance – Blue Fin Capital (Mars Bishop & Richard Carolan): as  
80 presented.
- 81 • Council on Communications – Dr. David Ward: no activity
- 82 • Council on Dental Benefits – Dr. Andrew Gazerro III: no report
- 83 • Council on Dental Education & Licensure – Dr. Ian Silversmith: no activity
- 84 • Council on Ethics, By Laws & Judicial Affairs – Dr. Jon-Paul Van Regenmorter: no report.
- 85 • Council on Membership – Dr. Elizabeth Benz: no report
- 86 • Council on Peer Review – Dr. Mark Small: no activity

- 87 • Council on Scientific Sessions – Dr. John Kiang: no report
- 88 • Committee on Endorsements – Dr. Martin Elson: no report
- 89 • Committee on New Dentists – Dr. Salvatore Rizutto: no report
- 90 • Council on Governmental Affairs – Christy Durant, Esq.: oral
  - 91 ○ Her office move is complete. Her legal practice is now set up in the RIDA office in
  - 92 the space formerly used by Dental Lifeline.
  - 93 ○ Met with CSDA rep for Charter Oak last week. Still planning to partner with them
  - 94 for the meeting.
  - 95 ○ Legislature is under way for 2020
    - 96 ■ Surprise billing issue is back, however, it will likely never pass
    - 97 ■ Nothing new yet.
    - 98 ■ No virtual credit card bill yet.
    - 99 ■ Age for tobacco use increased from 18 to 21.
    - 100 ■ Medications: pharmacists now must disclose cheapest alternative
  - 101 ○ We would like an oral surgeon on the dental board
  - 102 ○ We would like to see a change to the leased networks law
  - 103 ○ We want, in writing, that all claims must be processed under RI law, not the state that
  - 104 the insurance plan is based in.
    - 105 ■ Patrick Quinlan met with Representative Kennedy regarding this issue.

106 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

107 **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 108 ○ Dr. McMillan stated that some of the FQHC’s are interested in talking to the RIDA about
- 109 membership
- 110 ○ Vouchers for oral surgery are coming
- 111 ○ Dr. Brown spoke regarding ADPAC donations. RI has very low participation. The RIDA
- 112 will be sending out donation request letters in the near future.
- 113 ○ Per Dr. Elson—districts still need officers
  - 114 ○ He requested that all board members attend the 3/3 NDDS meeting.
  - 115 ○ All should pay in advance for meetings.
  - 116 ○ Cost for 3/3 is \$55 (\$65 at the door).
  - 117 ○ Should send a blast email to all announcing the meeting. Include other dates if
  - 118 available.
  - 119 ○ All meeting dates should be released at the beginning of the year.

120 **NEW BUSINESS:** None

121 **FUTURE EVENTS:**

122 CE, February 12 at 9:00 AM, Quiddnessett Country Club, East Greenwich, RI  
123 NDDS meeting, March 3 at 6:00 PM. Location: Squantum Association, Riverside, RI

124 **NEXT BOT MEETING:** March 10, 2020 at 6:30 PM—RIDA headquarters.

125 **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business before the Board of Trustees, the meeting was  
126 adjourned at 8:15 PM.

127 Respectfully submitted,

128 Chris R. Klimecko, Executive Director

129 Rhode Island Dental Association