

Senior Dental Advisory Committee

Colorado Dental Health Care Program for Low-Income Seniors

September 9, 2014



Open Meetings

- Sunshine Law
- Two or more members
- Meetings open to public
- Minutes recorded and published
- Full and timely notice of meetings
- Direct questions to Department staff



Colorado Dental Health Care Program for Low-Income Seniors

- \$3 million grant funding beginning July 2015
- Low-income seniors without dental coverage
- Dental services include
 - Oral examination, diagnosis, treatment planning, emergency treatment, prophylaxis, xrays, partial and full dentures, replacement or repair of permanent teeth, removal of permanent teeth, fillings, periodontal treatment, and soft tissue treatment



Qualified Grantees

- Area Agency on Aging
- Community-based organization or foundation
- Federally Qualified Health Center, safety-net clinic or health district
- Local public health agency
- Private dental practice



Qualified Grantees

- Outreach and identify seniors and providers
- Collaborate with community organizations
- Provide services without duplication
- Maintain records of seniors served, services provided, how funds are spent
- Distribute funds to qualified dental providers or provide services directly
- Report to Department



Senior Dental Advisory Committee

- Advise Department on operation of program
- Recommend to Medical Services Board
 - Covered dental services
 - Whether to require copayment and if so amount
 - Distribution of funds to each area of the state
 - Grant procedures, criteria, and standards
 - Maximum amount per procedure for grantees

Medical Services Board

- Definition of “economically disadvantaged” senior
- Description of covered dental services
- Copayment amounts, if any
- Distribution formula for each area of the state
- Grant procedures, criteria, and standards



Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

- Staff support to Committee
- Develop grant application in consultation with Committee and Medical Services Board approval
- Accept applications from qualified grantees
- Award grants to qualified grantees
- Consider geographic distribution of funds
- Report to General Assembly



Implementation Timeline (Approx.)

- September – November 2014
 - Develop grant application including scoring criteria
 - Develop draft rules
- December 2014 – February 2015
 - Medical Services Board adopts rules
 - Application form released
 - Conference with potential applicants
 - Applications submitted



Implementation Timeline (Approx.)

- March – April 2015
 - Review committee recommends grantees
 - Notice of intent to award grants
- April – June 2015
 - Appeals reviewed, if any, and decisions issued
 - Draft contracts
- July 2015
 - Contracts with grantees effective



Proposed Meeting Schedule

- See handout
- Meet every two weeks through November
 - Recommend grant criteria and application
 - Recommend rules
- Thereafter meet monthly
- May meet quarterly beginning FY 2015-16



Other Business

- Review draft bylaws (see handout)
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and action
 - Meeting schedule
 - Bylaws



Wrap Up and Adjournment

- Next meeting 9/25/2014
 - Review draft grant criteria and application
 - 225 E 16th Avenue, Denver CO 80203
 - Conference room 6 a/b
- Questions
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