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President's Message

David Okawachi, DDS, MS



"I am so thankful for what I have. Thank you all, and wishing you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving and Holiday season."

Thanksgiving! If I've timed my message correctly, we are all about to celebrate one of my favorite holidays. It's a time for me to meet with my family in northern California and have that special turkey dinner I've waited for since last year's Thanksgiving. I drive the 6 ½ hours to my destination and while the rest of my family sleep, I have time to clear my mind and think about a myriad of things. I usually think about my family and how thankful I am that one brother of mine hosts Thanksgiving every year and we are joined by my other brother and a childhood friend and his elderly mother. I think about my practice and how fortunate I've been to select a profession that I love dearly and where I feel I do my best treating

the children I see. And of course I think about unfinished CSPD business. So, what am I thankful for...family, friends, my practice and the organization in which I am most active at the moment.

I now sit at my computer thinking about the theme for this CSPD Quarterly Bulletin – the CSPD Foundation. As you will read in the following pages, the CSPD Foundation (CSPDF) is not CSPD, but rather an arm's length extension of it. You will learn so much more about the Foundation than I could ever hope to cover accurately, so I will defer to this Bulletin for that information.

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President's Message (continued from page 1)

David Okawachi, DDS, MS



For the past two years I have encouraged all members in leadership to contribute any amount they are able to the CSPD Foundation.

My encouragement for all CSPD leaders to do so is directly reflected in my lead by example motto. I realize we are all bombarded with organizations requesting support and donations. From the community education foundation in the city where I grew up, to the university I attended for undergraduate education, to the dental school and residency program I attended, they are all asking for my financial support. I have a soft spot in my heart for each and it is to each that I contribute.

I grew up in a small town in northern California. I attended public schools and was able to be active in many extra-curricular school activities. It was a time when public schools had enough government financial support to provide these activities. Now with many statewide cutbacks, students aren't able to experience the things I did. I thank the small community where I grew up by giving to their community education foundation. I want the young students of today to be able to experience what I did in my youth.

I think about how important my undergraduate education was. I was fortunate to have some caring individuals motivate me to do my best and encourage me to follow a dream of dentistry. One of my favorite Biology professors passed away at a young age. A scholarship fund was created in his name and I annually give to that fund. I know my undergraduate

university is not a big one, so the amount I am able to give is greatly appreciated. I thank my undergraduate school by giving to the Biology department, it has provided me with the tools to do well and be accepted into dental school.

I think about dental school and have those same nightmare thoughts that almost all of us have. I hope I'm not the only one who gets sweaty palms thinking about special clinics, mock boards and oral pathology slides that just look like a bunch of pink or blue dots. But, my dental school prepared me for specialty school training and I am thankful that enough individuals saw enough spark and potential in me to accept me into a pediatric dental residency program. I thank my residency program for preparing me and giving me the tools to be a pediatric dentist by giving back to the program. I want to help my alma mater continue to provide excellent educational opportunities and produce outstanding pediatric dentists to join me as colleagues in the practice of pediatric dentistry.

I thank CSPD for keeping me aware of pediatric dentistry in California. From State mandated regulations to patient care and everything in between, CSPD has been a source of information and support for me. My way of giving back to CSPD for all that it has given me, is to be involved in leadership. It took me awhile but the wait for me was well worth it. It's never too late to get involved in CSPD leadership. I'm living proof!

The CSPD Foundation financially helps all the California pediatric dental residency programs and the residents that attend them. The CSPD Foundation's goals are education, research and leadership. The CSPD Foundation was not in existence when I was a pediatric dental resident, so what does or has the Foundation done

for me? The Foundation has helped educate the pediatric dentists of today. It has helped create superb pediatric dental colleagues that share my love for our great profession of taking care of children. The new, recent graduate is as much a reflection of our profession as I am. I want to support the organizations that help them become outstanding pediatric dentists.

Even though we are all individuals, we are so often judged as a profession. Let's help the members of our profession succeed. Please help the CSPD Foundation succeed.

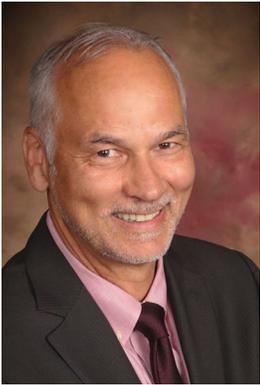
As you may or may not be aware, our CSPD dues are now being collected by our Academy. The upside, we are now over 950 members strong. The downside, we are no longer able to place a line item for donations to our CSPD Foundation on the dues statement. Let's make this upside of increased membership a big plus by giving to the CSPD Foundation. Become one of the newest donors to the CSPD Foundation at any level.

I now thank everyone who presently gives to the CSPDF for giving to this worthy cause. My hat is off to you and I praise you with a big "Thank You!" I encourage all our membership who, like me has been bombarded with donation requests, to consider giving to the CSPD Foundation. Just a little bit makes a difference. As Steve Gross, our CSPD Foundation President stated in a previous bulletin, "If every member who does not already give, just gave \$100, the Foundation would have a successful giving campaign of about \$110,000 this year.

I am so thankful for what I have. Thank you all, and wishing you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving and Holiday season.

Western District Trustee Report

John Gibbons, DDS, Western District Trustee



The presidential election is over and there is no more wondering or speculating about who will be our next President. What we don't know is how

this will affect the way we practice. Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) also known as Obamacare require those providers that participate in the Federal Medicaid system, which includes DentiCal, to post on their website and in their offices two things: a non-discrimination statement and a notice that free language assistance services are available - written in the top 15 most common languages spoken in your state. The deadline to implement these requirements was October 16 of this year. The ADA's request to exempt those employers with less than 25 employees was denied. You can find the taglines of the top 15 languages for your state on the ADA website.

One of the many campaign promises that President Elect Trump made was to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

With a Republican Senate and House he may just be able to do that. How that will affect our patients and our practices is still to be determined but **one thing you can count on is that there will be a period of readjustment.** So Section 1557 as well as other ACA mandates may go away with the stroke of a pen. Confused as to what to do? I don't blame you, I have my taglines posted as mandated and they will stay there until instructed otherwise.

If the ACA is repealed, another unknown factor will be how this affects the insurance companies. If insurance companies are no longer required to insure the ACA's 10 essential benefits, then it is possible that we will see less medical plans with pediatric oral health embedded in them and an increase of the traditional stand alone dental insurance plans, which may not be a bad thing.

At the September Ad Interim AAPD Board of Trustee meeting the Board was updated on the progress of changing the nomenclature found in the Reference Manual to accommodate our new Evidence-Based Dentistry (EBD) Guidelines. The Board approved to change the heading Clinical Practical Guidelines to Clinical Practical Recommendations. There will be two subcategories under Recommendations: Clinical Practical Guidelines where our new EBD Guidelines will be placed and Best Practices which will be where the rest of our current guidelines will be found. This change will take place in the 2017-2018 publication of the Reference Manual.

Currently our Council of Clinical Affairs (CCA) and Council of Science Affairs (CSA) are working on a new Policy on Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF). The EBD Committee is also working on a Guideline on the use of SDF. The goal is to have these documents ready for the 2017-2018 Reference Manual. With the explosion in the use of SDF among our members it was felt that a stand alone policy would improve the chance that third parties would cover this treatment choice and that a clinical guideline would help providers have the most current and science based information on it's use.

Another exciting event the Board was updated on is the development of the Chapter Leadership Orientation /Public Policy Advocate (PPA) joint meeting to be held in Chicago in April of 2017. The intent is to make this an annual meeting where all chapter leaders gather for an orientation with AAPD Headquarters staff and learn what services and support are available. This will also be an opportunity for chapter leaders to not only meet our great staff but to meet with other chapter leaders from across the nation. This will allow an exchange of ideas that should enhance collaboration at all levels of our organization and strengthen our membership. This could turn out to be one of the most important programs in our organization.

The Chapter Leadership Orientation/ PPA program is scheduled to be a two-day event for the chapter leaders, ending on the first day with a reception and networking dinner where they will be joined by their PPAs. The second day the chapter leaders and PPAs will have the opportunity to hear how to navigate various state issues, participate in panel discussion, and share what has worked for them in their states. I look forward to CSPD and WSPD taking a leadership role when it comes to sharing how an effective state/district works. I know I am biased, but I have been bragging about what a great organization CSPD/ WSPD is and how they have such talented, dedicated leaders. I can't wait until the rest of the nation's leaders get a chance to meet with them and see how right I am.

As you can tell I am very excited about what is happening this year in our organization and I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as the Western District Trustee.

The CSPD Foundation

Humble Beginnings, Lofty Goals

Mark Lisagor, DDS



Every year, since 1986, the Past Presidents of CSPD have been meeting in order to offer suggestions and perspectives for the current

leadership of the organization.

It's been more than 17 years since they began thinking about the wonderful things that might be accomplished in California if there was an entity that could raise tax-deductible, charitable funds with the sole purpose of improving the oral health of children.

In 2000, they backed up their ideas with action in generously pledging to financially support this vision, providing the initial funding needed to establish a CSPD Foundation.

Incorporated as an official non-profit foundation on March 12, 2001, it all began with a meeting of CSPD Past Presidents David Good, Mark Lisagor, Warren Brandli, Weyland Lum, Dave Perry, Dick Mungo and Mel Rowan. A founding board of trustees was installed, with Dr. David Good as its first chairman, supported by CSPD members Richard Sobel, Dick Mungo, Gila Dorostkar, Lonnie Lovingier, Mike McCartney, Mark Lisagor, Lynne Marian and Mel Rowan.

This group wasted no time, holding many long meetings and burning up the internet as they worked to find an appropriate mission statement and looking to understand what the most urgent needs were and how this new Foundation, with its limited resources might play an important role in addressing them.

While many different areas for potential focus were considered, it became clear that there was a crisis in pediatric dentistry education and that this Foundation would best help to improve the oral health of children by looking for ways to support the training and education of pediatric dentists at every level.

The board engaged educators from the various training programs in California to learn what they perceived as the critical issues and how our Foundation might help.

Gradually, it became clear that the Foundation would be most successful if it focused on programs in direct support of the residency training programs as well as supporting continuing education for the members of CSPD.

Beginning in 2002, the Foundation sponsored programs in conjunction with the CSPD Annual meeting, focusing on the crisis in education. The intent was to engage the entire pediatric dentistry community to inform them of the problems and to include them in finding solutions. This included developing strategies that would encourage pediatric dentists, especially those just entering the field, to consider careers in education, as full time, part time or volunteer faculty; also, creating pathways which would develop future leaders.

The board launched an ambitious Annual Giving Campaign which was generously supported by many CSPD members who made multi-year pledges, joining the Presidents' Circle, with annual gifts of \$1,000 or more and pledges of \$10,000 and \$25,000. A signature event, the Presidents' Circle Reception, was started in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of CSPD, as a way to honor leadership donors.

The Foundation's mission and strategic plan have been supported enthusiastically by many CSPD members over the years, with nearly \$2 million in contributions to date. A cadre of corporate sponsors have also stepped up in support of the work.

Constantly evolving and looking for innovative ways to use these precious donor dollars in the best way possible to make a difference, the Foundation has been the sponsor of faculty and student research grants, the Warren Brandli Internship Program, the Santos Cortez Legislative Advocacy Internships, and the Bridge the Gap grants in support of pediatric dentistry faculty recruitment and development, just to name a few.

The Foundation provided the lead gift in the funding of the Tom Barber Endowed Chair at UCLA and is encouraging similar collaborative efforts at all of the training programs in California. The message of "paying it forward" resonates with many of our members who recognize the gift they've received from these programs and their desire to give back.

Continuing to be major supporters of the Annual Meeting and supporting the cost of attending the meeting for pediatric dentistry residents, the Board works hard to engage the next generations of CSPD members who will need to provide ongoing financial support so that all of these programs can be sustained and even more can be accomplished in the years to come.

The board is especially grateful to a growing group of donors, the Legacy donors, who have chosen to continue to make significant annual gifts to the Foundation, beyond the fulfillment of their Presidents' Circle Pledge. These generous CSPD members are perhaps the best evidence that we are truly making a difference!



The Ripple Effect

Together, we are the catalyst to advance the oral health care of all California children. By enhancing pediatric dental education at all levels, this mission can be accomplished! Please join us in being part of the Ripple Effect!



"We've been very fortunate to receive the CSPDF Bridge the Gap funding over the years. When we first received the funding, we were able to combine it with "matching" money from the administration. This allowed us to hire a junior faculty member on a part-time basis. The Foundation has been very supportive of educational programs throughout the state. It's important that we don't forget to help our programs and the future pediatric dentists that they produce."

Dr. Rick Udin
Director of Advanced Pediatric Dentistry Program USC, CSPD Past President 2007



"The Bridge The Gap Grants so graciously allocated by the CSPD Foundation to UCSF over the past years have been instrumental in allowing us to achieve our goals of maintaining a top ranked residency training program in Pediatric Dentistry. We have utilized these funds to pay our part time faculty a token compensation for the time and energy that they devote to our program and to at least pay for their parking fees while attending in our residents clinics at the Parnassus and Mission Bay Benioff Children's Hospital campuses. These funds are critical in providing our trainees with a "private practice perspective" that would otherwise be lacking."

Dr. Ray Stewart
Clinical Professor, Division of Pediatric Dentistry UCSF



"I was honored when I received the Warren Brandli internship in 2010. As a pediatric dental resident I was a quiet observer of the board but quickly realized its importance. I gained an insider view on how pediatric dentists can influence policy decisions in order to protect access as well as the quality of care provided to pediatric dental patients. Unlike in the world of business, pediatric dentists are not given much opportunity to network and being a part of the CSPD board fills that void. The internship was personally very effective in my job search because my previous employer (whom I bought my practice from) contacted the chair of CSPD for a reference. The benefits of the internship still reside with me today. I have met many wonderful pediatric dentists from other parts of the state and country through CSPD and learned so much from them. This network of colleagues also creates a referral base when patients move in or out of my area. When I was called upon to join the board as a Northern Director it was a seamless transition because I knew many of the board members as well as the structure of the board. Overall If I had not been an intern I would have never realized the invaluable role the organization plays in our profession and I hope to share this with our future interns."

Dr. Aparna Aghi
CSPD Board Member
Past Warren Brandli Intern



"A primary reason for donating annually after my Presidents Circle Life commitment was to continue supporting the pediatric dental residents. They will be our successors to advance the oral health of our young patients. It is also my way to support the practice of pediatric dentistry that has been so satisfying to me."

Dr. Mel Rowan
Past Executive Director CSPD and CSPDF,
Past President CSPD
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"The CSPD Foundation has helped Loma Linda University tremendously. The foundation has given us the bridge the gap grant to help us have an associate program director, and help pay for part-time faculty parking and commute costs. The PEG grant helped us host a retreat for all the faculty to have a chance to review the goals and mission of the program and build team morale. Also, the foundation helped the undergraduate students have a pediatric dentistry study club, which has regular weekly meetings for journal review and case presentations. This helps the undergraduate students have more awareness of pediatric dentistry. We also have student mixer activities to help the undergraduate students prepare for applying to pediatric dental residency. Loma Linda would like to thank the CSPD Foundation for their long term support and we are looking forward to more chances to pay back to the foundation!"

Dr. Jung Wei Chen
Program Director, Advanced Education,
Pediatric Dentistry, LLU

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Foundation Treasurer's Report

Kenneth Szymanski, DDS

During just the last 4 years the CSPD Foundation, with the wonderful support of CSPD members, has granted over \$300,000 in support of its mission: enhancing pediatric dentistry education in California.

The Bridge the Gap program has provided critical funding to pediatric residency programs, focused on faculty enhancement. During this short time, we have provided \$240,000 in grants for these programs alone.

A more recent program, the Performance Enrichment Grants (\$24,000) provide support for innovative requests that fall outside the scope of the Bridge the Gap program.

We have provided over \$24,000 in support of Warren Brandli Internships, providing leadership training to selected pediatric dental residents.

Our Student Mentoring and "Lunch and Learn" programs provide additional support to residents as well as dental students interested in careers in Pediatric Dentistry. (\$10,000+)

The Foundation also supports the CSPD Leadership Development Committee, introducing residents to leadership development as well as exposing them to the legislative processes that benefit the oral health of children in our State.

Another benefit to the entire CSPD membership is our major sponsorship of the CSPD annual meeting, including a "critical issues" lecture presentation at each meeting.

To continue to support these valuable programs and more, we need your annual support. Unfortunately, in the past four years, we have seen a

leveling off of annual donations from our members. We can only continue to do this great work if we receive increased support by the CSPD membership.

The Foundation is on sound economic footing at this time, and we continue to strive to keep our operating expenses to a minimum in order to direct the vast majority of donations to the programs supporting pediatric dental education at every level.

We would implore all CSPD members, both past donors but more importantly new donors to the Foundation, to "give back" to the profession in this way, helping to insure that the specialty of pediatric dentistry will remain strong in California.

Denti-Cal Announces Changes to Oral Examination Billing Codes

Paul A. Reggiardo, DDS, CSPD Public Policy Advocate

According to the October 2016 *Denti-Cal Bulletin*, effective October 16 the following payment policies will apply to the oral evaluation codes:

D0129 Periodic Oral Evaluation – Established Patient

- Allowable once every six months for beneficiaries age three through 20 and once every twelve months for beneficiaries age 21 and over.
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- Allowable more frequently for established patients who present with significant change in health conditions or other unusual circumstances (with documentation).

Foundation President's Message

The Future of Pediatric Dentistry

Steve Gross, CDT



I'm sure that on many occasions, all of you have asked yourselves this same question – "What's the future of my profession, and what's my future as a pediatric dentist?" As

a professional, I also ask myself these questions. I'm personally and professionally embedded in the dental industry. Those of you who know me realize I have a real love of pediatric dentistry. Why? It's because of what you do! When I was a child I had one of the worst experiences anyone could have in the dentist's chair, and I to this day still fear going to the dentist. Fast forward 25 years: Pediatric dentistry as a specialty. WOW! What a difference in the life of a child. My own son loves to go to the dentist – all because his first time with a dentist was with a well-trained pediatric specialist, with the skills and training required to handle the needs of the young patient.

PARADIGM SHIFT

Those of you who have been in practice for a while realize that dental benefits for children are gaining popularity, both in private and government programs.

By 2020, the largest segment of our population will be ages 0-18. How are we to handle this influx of patients in need? Approximately 4 million are born each year. More than half of these children are covered under the very challenged Medicaid dental program. Many corporate dental groups (CDGs) and dental service organizations (DSOs) are flourishing across the nation, hiring pediatric specialists, but also hiring general dentists, some with limited training in the treatment of children.

ADA Fact – Pediatric postdoctoral educational program applications are up – beating out oral surgery and orthodontics for the top spots. With this high influx of patients and continued demand for pediatric post-doctoral programs – How are the programs going to handle this surge?

EDUCATION!!!

As a specialty, now is the time for us to come together in support of the organizations that have supported you and who "have your back", always looking for ways to strengthen our profession and to prepare for whatever the future may bring.

THE CSPD FOUNDATION

This is where the Foundation is most effective and continues to make a difference! – By addressing this crisis and supporting the educational programs in California with funding for additional staff, innovative programs, lunch & learn events and student groups.

The Foundation also supports the CSPD Annual Meeting, sponsoring key hot topic educational programs that are vital to the future care of children. We also fund CSPD leadership programs such as the Warren Brandli Internships and the Santos Cortez Legislative Advocacy Internships. These programs insure that CSPD and the Foundation are well supplied with passionate leaders now and into the future.

As an organization we have a voice in the future of our profession – but this voice cannot be heard without your support by giving to the Foundation.

Please join us in this ongoing effort by making a meaningful contribution to your CSPD Foundation when you receive my annual giving appeal letter in the very near future.

The Foundation Board joins me in expressing our sincere thanks for your support of the Foundation in the past, but more importantly now and into the future.

Steve Gross, CSPDF President
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Report of the Meeting of the Dental Board of California

Paul A. Reggiardo, DDS, CSPD Public Policy Advocate

The Dental Board of California met August 18-19, 2016, in Sacramento. The following report summarizes actions and issues coming before the Board pertinent to pediatric oral health. CSPD is represented at each meeting of the Dental Board, and updated reports are posted in the Advocacy, Legislation and Regulatory Matters (ALARM) section of the CSPD Website. Members having questions or comments should contact CSPD's Public Policy Advocate, Dr. Paul Reggiardo, at reggiardo@prodigy.net.



PEDIATRIC DENTAL ANESTHESIA

In February of this year the Dental Board of California (DBC) received a request from Senator Jerry Hill

(Chair of the Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development which has jurisdiction over the DBC) to form a subcommittee to investigate whether California's present laws, regulations, and policies are sufficient to provide adequate protection of pediatric patients undergoing sedation or general anesthesia when dental services are performed and to make any recommendations for necessary change to better protect patients. The letter specified the investigation should include a review of the following:

1. All incident reports to the Board related to pediatric sedation, including conscious sedation, oral conscious sedation, and general anesthesia, as well as administration of local anesthetic in California for the past six years (2010-2015).
2. Present laws, regulations, and relevant policies in California and a comparison of these laws, regulations and policies to

those of other states and to the guidelines and recommendations of professional dental and medical organizations.

3. Pertinent dental and medical literature.

A preliminary working draft (http://www.dbc.ca.gov/formspubs/anesthesia_study.pdf), absent any recommendations, was released July 21, followed by a public workshop held July 28 in Sacramento. The meeting of the Board afforded another opportunity for public comment, where CSPD provided both written and oral testimony commending the subcommittee on the depth, breadth, attention to important detail, impartiality, and transparency of process by which it is moving to identify any statutory or other changes to the administration of office-based sedation which would improve the margin of safety for pediatric patients. The final report by the Dental Board to the legislature is due January 1, 2017.

Comment: Since the August meeting, the subcommittee has stated that it has received sufficient input to add preliminary recommendations to the report, which it will release before a special meeting of the DBC on October 13 in Sacramento. Final recommendations of the subcommittee will be made to the Dental Board December 1-2 in San Francisco. Public and stakeholder comment to the Dental Board on the preliminary recommendations of the subcommittee must be submitted by October 28 to be considered in the final report.

LICENSURE BY PORTFOLIO

The Dental Board of California currently offers three pathways by which pre-doctoral dental students may obtain initial licensure:

- A clinical and simulation examination administered by the Western Regional Examining Board
- A minimum of 12 months of

a general practice residency (GPR) or advanced education in general dentistry (AEGD) program approved by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation

- A portfolio assessment (examination) of the fitness of a student enrolled in a California Dental School to practice dentistry, utilizing uniform standards of minimal clinical experiences and competencies.

In June of 2015 the Board received the first applications for licensure from candidates who had completed the requirements for the Board's Portfolio Examination pathway. Six applications were received from students at UOP/Dugoni and one from UCSF. All seven candidates successfully passed and were issued licenses.

This year, 30 dental students applied for licensure through the portfolio pathway. Sixteen applications were received from UOP, twelve from UCSF and two from USC. Board staff is currently processing the last remaining Portfolio Examination applications received in 2016. All applications are expected to be processed by the beginning of September.

Comment: Once the final applications are processed, the Board will release the pass statistics at each school.

REGISTERED DENTAL ASSISTANT GUIDE

The Board, working with the Office of Professional Examination Services, has developed a Registered Dental Assistant Candidate Guide which will be released August 15 and available on the Board's website. The Guide will be distributed to candidates when scheduling letters are mailed.

Comment: The intent is assist candidates in preparing for the written and practical examination with the goal of increasing the pass rates.

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Public Policy Advocate's Report

Final 2016 Legislative Summary

Prepared for the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry Fall 2016

Paul A. Reggiardo, DDS, CSPD Public Policy Advocate

CSPD follows a number of bills under consideration by the state legislature which potentially impact pediatric oral health. Members having questions or wishing to comment on these or any other legislative matters are invited to contact CSPD's Public Policy Advocate, Dr. Paul Reggiardo, at reggiardo@prodigy.net.

AB 648 (Low)

Virtual Dental Home Implementation Project.

This bill would have appropriated \$4 million from the general fund to establish a grant program under the California Department of Public Health to facilitate, coordinate, and encourage development and expansion of the delivery of dental health services through use of the VDH model.

CSPD Position: Support

Outcome: Died in Senate Appropriations Committee.

Comment: Securing a funding source has always been the stumbling block to passage. Last year the bill was amended to shift that source from the General Fund to the California Health Facilities Financing Authority. Amendments made this year tried, unsuccessfully, to revert underwriting back to the General Fund.

AB 1051 (Maienschein)

Denti-Cal Funding. The bill would have required the Department of Health Care Services to increase provider reimbursement rates for the 15 most common dental services provided in the Denti-Cal program to that paid in the commercial market.

CSPD Position: Support

Outcome: Died in Senate Appropriations Committee.

Comment: The bill originally called for a one-time appropriation of \$200 million from the general fund. Analysis by the Senate Appropriations Committee put the increased costs to the program, instead, at \$525-\$625 million the first year, with additional hundreds of millions of dollars of ongoing costs in the years ahead.

AB 2207 (Wood)

Medi-Cal Dental Program. This bill mandates a simplified Denti-Cal provider enrollment process, improves the

accuracy and usefulness of the Denti-Cal Provider Directory, adds additional oversight reporting by the Department of Health Care Services, and, most significantly, requires a Medi-Cal Managed Health Care Plan to provide dental screenings and appropriate referral of Medi-Cal beneficiaries to Medi-Cal dental providers.

CSPD Position: Support

Outcome: Approved by the Governor and signed into law.

Comment: The bill requires the DHCS to monitor access and utilization of Denti-Cal services to assess opportunities to improve access and utilization and expands and aligns Denti-Cal fee-for-service and Denti-Cal managed care annual and quarterly reporting requirements. The bill was developed in conjunction with, and had the support of, the Department of Health Care Services, partly in response to the April 2015 Little Hoover Commission report.

AB 2235 (Thurmond)

Pediatric Anesthesia. This bill requires the Dental Board of California (DBC) to provide to the legislature by January 1, 2017, a report on whether current statutes and regulations for the administration and monitoring of pediatric anesthesia in dentistry provide adequate protection for pediatric dental patients. It expands the definition of unprofessional conduct to include failure to notify the DBC about an adverse event relating to dental sedation; encourages the DBC to support a third party public database of adverse events; establishes consent language for the administration of general anesthesia for a minor dental patient; requires the DBC to approve a form for the reporting of adverse event information; and authorizes a penalty for failure to report information to the DBC.

CSPD Position: Support

Outcome: Approved by the Governor and signed into law.

Comment: The bill's major provision closely mirrors the ongoing work by the Dental Board to investigate all available information related to pediatric dental anesthesia in California over the past five years, as well as examining other state

laws and regulations, and the guidelines and recommendations of professional organizations, to determine if the state is doing everything possible to ensure the highest level patient safety.

AB 2495 (Santiago)

Dental Corps Loan Repayment Program.

The bill streamlines the California Dental Corps Loan Repayment Program (CDCLRP), under the jurisdiction of the Dental Board of California, expands eligibility of applicants to the program, and reschedules the timeline that loan repayments may be disbursed.

CSPD Position: Support

Outcome: Approved by the Governor and signed into law.

Comment: The Legislature passed the CDCLRP in 2002, allocating \$3 million from the State Dentistry Fund (derived from licensing and other fees) to be disbursed as educational loan repayment for dentists practicing in underserved areas. Fourteen years later, a little more than half of these funds are still sitting undistributed. Major changes to the existing program allow individuals to apply while still in school, make qualification criteria more flexible, and modify the repayment schedule.

SB 1098 (Cannella)

Medi-Cal Dental Services Utilization Rate Report.

The bill requires the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) by October 1, 2017, to report to the Legislature on progress towards the goal of raising the Denti-Cal utilization rate among eligible child beneficiaries to 60% or greater and identify a date by which the DHCS projects this utilization goal will be met.

CSPD Position: Watch

Outcome: Approved by the Governor and signed into law.

Comment: The bill came out of one of the recommendations of the Little Hoover Commission. At one time the bill would have created an advisory panel to the DHCS including "a representative of the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry."

CSPD Welcomes Incoming Residents

If you get the chance to meet the incoming residents on campuses, meet and greets, the annual meeting, or any other networking encounter, please encourage them as they enter into our pediatric dentistry family.

Loma Linda University



Dr. Eduardo Rappaccioli attended UAM School of Dentistry in Managua Nicaragua and graduated in 2015. After graduation, he worked in private practice and opened up

a clinic alongside his grandfather who is an orthodontist in Managua. Dr. Rappaccioli also worked in companies across Nicaragua including a mobile dental unit in rural areas and work environments such as a sugar refinery mill. As of January, he has also been working with a pediatric dentist as an assistant at Universidad de Ciencias Medicas where he teaches pediatrics and in Hospital Metropolitano Vivian Pellas where he sees cases in general dentistry. During his spare time, he enjoys wakeboarding, surfing and exercising at the gym. Upon completion of the program at Loma Linda he plans on returning to Nicaragua and working in private practice as a pediatric dentist to continue with the work he has been doing in rural areas; whether it be as a solo project or alongside an organization.



Dr. Susan Xu grew up in a family that moved around a lot and has lived on the east and west coast - and everywhere in-between! Currently, her family has settled down and resides

in the sunny golden state of California. In 2011, she received her Bachelors of Science in Psychobiology - a combined major incorporating Psychology and Neurobiology - at UCLA (GO BRUINS!). Loving her time at UCLA, she decided to stay four more years and attended the UCLA School of Dentistry - where she graduated in 2016. Dr. Xu found her calling and passion for children and special needs patients and decided to receive formal training at Loma Linda University's Pediatric Dentistry Program where she is currently a first year resident. During her spare time, she enjoys hitting the slopes, tickling the ivories and singing-along with Disney movies. Upon her completion of the program, she looks forward to starting her own private practice as a pediatric dentist and working with families to achieve excellent oral health for our little ones.



Dr. Lin Jing graduated from Western University of Health Sciences this past year. During her time in dental school, she developed a passion for working with children from all walks of life

through Western University's school based oral health program, and now is continuing her training in pediatric dentistry at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry. For fun, she enjoys spending time with family and friends. She loves all things arts, crafts and glitter and discovering scenic hiking

trails. She is very excited to be a part of this amazing profession, and to serve the children and special needs population in her community.



Dr. Roya Mahmoodi graduated from the UCLA School of Dentistry in June 2016. She is very excited to learn and practice in the world of pediatric dentistry at Loma Linda

University. In the past, she has enjoyed playing the flute and hopes to rekindle this passion during residency. She also looks forward to taking advantage of the hiking trails around San Bernardino County. After completing her pediatric dentistry training here at Loma Linda, she hopes to work in a private practice as a pediatric dentist and teach at a dental school pediatric clinic.

University of California, Los Angeles



Dr. Adriana Ustarez was born in La Paz, Bolivia. Her family immigrated to California when she was nine years old. She received her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of California San Francisco, she

also completed a two year GPR program at Community Regional Medical Center in Fresno, California. Thereafter, she worked for one of the largest Federally Qualified Health Centers in California. Her desire to return to school and specialize in children is largely based on her experience in underserved communities. Dr Ustarez loves to spend time with her family. She enjoys

watching movies with her husband and playing all sorts of silly games with her two year old son. Her son rocks her world every day!



Dr. Ruth Alvarez grew up in Corona CA, “the gateway to the Inland Empire” and has spent the rest of her life at UCLA. Go Bruins! While completing her PhD she missed working

with children, and decided to continue her training in pediatric dentistry. She is excited to be back at UCLA. When not in LA you can find her in Sin City visiting her husband. This translates to many air miles and A list status on Southwest. She loves being active: running, hiking, traveling, yoga, spending time with family, and Netflix. In the future she hopes to combine a career in academics and clinical practice.



Dr. Ryan Price was born and raised in Mukilteo, WA. Ryan has pursued a career in dentistry for most of his life. He attended Central Washington University where he received a

Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and was on the swim team. He then went on to complete a Master of Science degree at the University of Oregon, also in Chemistry. After working for a number of years as a chemist, in sales and in management, he attended the University Of Michigan School Of Dentistry where he received his DDS. Ryan married his wife, Lindsay, in 2009 and they recently welcomed Macklin, their son, to their family in November of 2015. Loving everything there is outdoors, Ryan is an avid cyclist, hiker, camper and beach goer while he and his family live in Santa Monica.



Dr. Catherine Pham is a Bay Area girl who was born and raised in San Jose, California. She graduated from UC Davis with a B.S. in Biological Sciences in 2008 and went on

to receive her D.D.S. degree from UCLA School of Dentistry in 2016. Catherine is a huge foodie, so she is very happy to be in Los Angeles where there are so many great places to eat! She also loves to bake, which satisfies her huge sweet tooth. In her spare time, she enjoys going to museums,

reading, watching movies, hip hop dancing, hanging out with friends and doing anything and everything related to Disney. Catherine is also “fun-sized” so she is super excited about joining the pediatric dentistry field to work with kids who are fun-sized just like her!



Dr. Marcus Heffner was born in Columbus, Ohio...Buckeye Nation! From a young age his family moved frequently throughout the United States resulting in him developing a happiness

from making new friends and winning others over. He received his BS in Biology from Pepperdine University in 2009 and his DDS from University of Colorado in 2013. After graduation from dental school he wandered off to Hawaii for three awesome years, completing an AEGD residency and working for an FQHC in small-town Hilo. During his time in Hawaii he realized his love for everything sunny and beach, as well as his love for the little ones and their teeth. He is so stoked that the UCLA Pediatric Dental crew will be his family for the next two years...but they are really stuck with him loving them for LIFE! Though he is no longer in Hawaii, you can probably find Marcus at one of the nearby LA beaches or trying his hand at his newfound Crossfit gym...he likely will be smiling and will probably try to give you a hug.



Dr. Danielle Alarcon was born in Maryland, raised in a Peruvian immigrant household, and was fortunate to spend every summer in Lima with family. After graduating

from Vanderbilt University, she stayed in Nashville, Tennessee and worked in the music business for several years before returning to school and earning her DDS degree from University of Maryland School of Dentistry, also known as the world’s first dental school. From there, she moved to the SF Bay Area and completed a residency of Advanced Education in General Dentistry at the University of the Pacific where she fell in love working with kids in the pediatric dentistry rotation. After relocating to Los

Angeles with her husband, she worked in private practice as well as a non-profit dental clinic for the next two years where she gained more experience treating children, and is very excited to be joining the ULCA Pediatric Dental Program to continue learning and growing. In her spare time she still enjoys singing, so if you hear someone belting out a song in the stairwells of UCLA - it’s probably her, but only if it’s in perfect pitch!



Dr. Nicole LaMantia (Neek) was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois and the youngest of two older sisters. She enjoys running half marathons, doing yoga and meditation,

cooking healthy foods, and discovering new café’s around Los Angeles to drink coffee. Neek’s favorite animal is a horse, favorite color is yellow, and favorite hobbies include doodling and making crafts! Growing up she competed internationally in Irish dancing and still practices occasionally (if you ask she might show you!). Neek has two adorable baby nephews who she loves caring for and playing with. She studied Biomedical Sciences at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She completed her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree at the University of California, San Francisco in June, 2016. Neek is currently pursuing a Masters in Public health from UCLA in conjunction with her Pediatric Dentistry certificate.

University of California, San Francisco



Dr. Jihyun-Elizabeth Kim was born in South Korea and spent parts of her childhood in various locales around the world, including Korea and Singapore. Despite her international upbringing, she calls Seattle, Washington her hometown and spent the majority of her youth in the Greater Seattle Area. In 2006, Liz received her B.S. in Cell Molecular Biology and graduated cum laude from the University of Washington. She graduated in 2010 from the University of Washington School of Dentistry with OKU honors. After graduating from dental school, Liz ventured out to New York to pursue a three-year residency program in orthodontics at Columbia University. She received her M.S. in Orthodontics in 2013 and board certification from the American Board of Orthodontics in 2014. Liz subsequently worked as an orthodontist for two years, an experience which motivated her to pursue additional training to become a dual specialist in orthodontics and pediatric dentistry to better provide comprehensive dental treatment for children. The birth of her son Nathan also served as an inspiration for her to focus her dental care on children. Liz loves spending quality time with her family and friends, traveling, trying out new restaurants, visiting local museums, exploring the great outdoors, and rooting for the Golden State Warriors! Liz is very thankful and excited to be a part of the UCSF pediatric dental family.



Dr. Janet Kim, like many of her colleagues, Janet's passion for sharing smiles started at a young age after a positive experience with a pediatric dentist. This path led Janet to Auburn University where she studied Biomedical Sciences, followed by the University of Alabama at Birmingham where she earned her Doctor of Dental Medicine degree. Upon graduation, Janet was awarded the Community Dentistry and Dental Public Health Award as well as the Leadership

Award from the International College of Dentists. Outside of clinic, Janet enjoyed her work managing community outreach events; this included organizing multiple events on the leadership board of the Pediatric Student Group, and partaking on in an Interprofessional Global Health Service Project to better serve underprivileged populations at a pediatric clinic. She also conducted two research projects while in dental school and was elected to serve as the ambassador for the AADR National Student Research Group. Janet plans to continue these pursuits at UCSF, and could not think of a better place to continue to learn and grow as a dentist. A native of the South, Janet is excited to take advantage of the change in scenery and take in all the Bay Area has to offer -- in particular the great cuisine!



Dr. Maxwell Kubitz was born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska. He received his B.S. in Brain, Behavior and Cognitive Sciences from The University of Michigan in 2011. During his undergraduate years, Max enjoyed attending football games at the nation's largest stadium (Go Blue) and volunteering at Mott Children's Hospital. Before returning to U of M to pursue his D.D.S. training, he spent a year in Alaska working as a substitute teacher in K through 12th grade classrooms. While in dental school, Max was an active member in ASDA, participated in events such as Give Kids a Smile and mouthguard clinics, completed the Leadership Pathway, and served his dental fraternity, Delta Sigma Delta, as live-in house manager. He is especially proud of recuperating the house grounds, resulting in a prestigious nomination for "most improved lawn" in an annual neighborhood council meeting. Max is motivated to become involved in dental public health initiatives – he hopes to help develop programs that will improve early access to dental care, especially in rural communities in his home state of Alaska. Max is thankful to have been given the

opportunity to complete residency training at UCSF. He looks forward to skiing in Tahoe, mountain biking in Marin and entertaining all of the friends and family that will inevitably ask to "crash" on the couch of his studio apartment.



Dr. Helen Mo was born in Alabama, and raised in Georgia. She graduated from Cornell University with a BA in Biology & Psychology. During this time, she was first exposed to pediatric dentistry on a mission trip to Nicaragua, where she spent two consecutive summers. She then attended the University of Pennsylvania to receive her DMD. At UPenn, she was actively involved, serving as Executive President of her school and Vice President of her class. She also worked as a teaching assistant for multiple courses, and hopes to pursue her passion for teaching in the future. In Philadelphia, Helen devoted her time volunteering, primarily providing dental services to pediatric refugee populations, and schoolchildren in underserved areas. Focusing beyond oral health, she also coordinated with local doctors to educate parents through health and nutrition seminars. Upon completion of her pre-doctoral degree, she received the Martin J. Loeb Leadership Award, Delta Dental Scholarship Award, and an Honors in Community Oral Health Dentistry. When she is not in clinic, you can find Helen hiking/kayaking, exploring new cities, or watching superhero movies and Pixar films. As a true southern girl at heart, she never gets tired of fried foods (with ketchup of course!), peaches, and is a die-hard Atlanta Falcons fan. She is excited to move to the West Coast, and call UCSF her new home!



Dr. Elizabeth Ng grew up in the Bay Area and received her B.S. in Bioengineering from UCLA. Even before deciding to pursue dentistry, she knew she wanted to work with children in her career. As a high school

and college student, she liked working with children in a variety of settings, including mentoring, tutoring, and teaching. In dental school, Elizabeth conducted research in fields such as dental care for children with special healthcare needs and diversity in dentistry. She assumed leadership positions in local chapters of the American

Dental Education Association and the Student Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Throughout her education, Elizabeth enjoyed volunteering at local pediatric community health clinics, screening events, and also participated in an Indian Health Service rotation at the Navajo Nation. Elizabeth spends her spare time

dreaming of her next art or do-it-yourself project, exploring farms and farmers' markets alike, and hanging out with family and friends. Elizabeth is most excited to learn from and work with the large Hispanic and Cantonese communities of San Francisco during her residency.

University of Southern California



Dr. Christina Diep was born and raised in San Francisco. After high school, she graduated from UC Irvine and then went on to complete her dental degree at NYU. Christina enjoys hiking, traveling, and baking. After graduating, she wants to incorporate service in community clinics and teaching institutions in addition to private practice.



Dr. Nicole Bui was born in Fremont, CA and grew up in Castro Valley. She graduated from UC San Diego, then went on to complete her dental training at UCLA. When she can, she enjoys cooking and calligraphy. Nicole enjoys serving and treating children with special health care needs and wants to spend some of her time teaching.



Dr. Norman Chen was born and raised in Garden Grove, CA. After high school, he graduated from UC Irvine and then went on to complete his dental degree at UCLA. Norman enjoys being active and doing things like hiking, tennis, and snowboarding. He likes to be involved in community outreach.



Dr. Rebecca Ferns was born in Ottawa, KS and grew up in St. Louis, MO. She graduated from Westmont College, then went on to complete her dental training at University of Missouri,

Kansas City. Rebecca enjoys painting, arts, and crafts. Rebecca wants to return home to Kansas after residency, where she can be involved in both private practice and public health.



Dr. Ivy Avanesian Fua was born in Culver City and grew up in Panorama City, CA. She graduated from UC Santa Cruz, then went on to complete her dental training at UCSF. Ivy is married to her husband Sione, and enjoys traveling, learning about new cultures, biking, hosting parties, music, and baking. After completing residency, she wants to be involved in organized dentistry, along with community and private practice.



Dr. Bora Kim was born Seoul, Korea. She spent some of her childhood in Korea, but then she and her family moved to Ringgold, GA. After high school, she graduated from Georgia Tech and then went on to complete her dental degree at the University of Pittsburg. Bora enjoys trying new restaurants and baking, and she loves animals. After graduating, she wants to be in private practice and emphasize preventative care.



Dr. Mindy Li was born and raised in San Francisco. After high school, she graduated from UC San Diego and then went on to complete her dental degree at UCSF. Mindy enjoys board games, the guitar, dancing, and watching the Golden State Warriors. After

graduating, she wants to stay in California and work in both private and community clinics.



Dr. Dongkook Lim was born in Manhattan, KS and grew up in a few places, including South Korea, Indiana, and finally Pasadena, CA. He graduated from California Institute of Technology, then went on to complete his dental training at UCSF. Dongkook enjoys hiking, photography, food and travel. After residency he wants to go into private practice.



Dr. Sarah Silverstein was born and raised in San Diego and completed dental school at AT Still University. After dental school, Sarah completed a GPR at UCLA. She enjoys musicals, movies, hiking, and sports. After residency, she wants to stay in Southern California for private practice.



Dr. Elysia Sybert was born and raised in San Diego and completed dental school at UCLA. After dental school, Elysia completed a GPR at UCSF. She likes dogs, cooking, and baking. After residency, she wants to be involved in private practice, incorporating therapy dogs, and be involved in academics.

COLLECTION OF EMAIL ADDRESSES

The statutory deadline for dentists, RDAs and RDAEFs to register an email address with the Board was July 1st. To date the Board has collected over 30,000 email addresses. The Board continues to remind licensees

of this requirement by inclusion of an insert in the license renewal form.

Comment: The Board so far has not utilized mass email contact to increase communication with licensees, but this remains a possibility.

PHONE RESPONSE AND CALL BACK TIMES

The Board continues to struggle with adequate “customer service” to the public and licensees alike. Karen Fischer, the Executive Officer, reports the current goal is that staff return phone calls “in one to two business days”

Comment: This speaks for itself.

Denti-Cal Report

Dental Transformation Initiative - Unprecedented Opportunity

Paul A. Reggiardo, DDS, CSPD Public Policy Advocate

Late last year, the California Department of Health Care Services and the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services reached an unprecedented agreement to make, over a five-year period through combined federal and state matching funds, an infusion of \$750 million to subsidize innovative approaches improving dental health outcomes for Medi-Cal child beneficiaries.

The Dental Transformation Initiative (DTI), as the program is known, includes four funding areas or domains. The first three domains are separate programs that provide incentive payments to dental providers for achieving state-defined targets and the fourth domain funds local dental pilot projects that advance the first three.

For the information of CSPD membership, the following program details are provided:

Domain 1 proposes through provider incentive payments to increase the proportion of children ages one through 20 enrolled in Medi-Cal who receive an annual preventive dental service. The first incentive payments will be paid in January 2017 to office locations increasing the delivery of preventive dental services from January 2016 through June 2016 over a comparable 2014 baseline period. Service office locations will be eligible to earn either full incentive

payments of 75% above the Schedule of Maximum Allowances (SMA) for preventive services for achieving a 2.00% increase or partial incentive payments of 37.5% for achieving a 1.00% to 1.99% increase. This is the only program to be initially implemented statewide and covers all providers and delivery systems. Dentists may expect to receive letters late in 2016 advising them of their office targets and payment amounts due them for increased services.

Domain 2 trials a demonstration project in 11 selected counties in which providers will receive incentive payments for performing pre-defined preventive and therapeutic services for children up to age six based on the beneficiaries' caries risk assessment (CRA). If the pilot is successful, the program will be expanded statewide. The goals are to diagnose and treat early childhood caries as a chronic disease and to introduce a Medicaid dental service model that prevents and mitigates oral disease through the provision of preventive services in lieu of more invasive and costly restorative procedures. Providers participating in the program in Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Kings, Lassen, Mendocino, Plumas, Sacramento, Sierra, Tulare and Yuba counties will receive a bundled incentive payment for completion of the approved CRA form, and for a treatment plan including nutritional counseling and motivational

interviewing at designated intervals depending upon assessed risk levels. Additional dental services (including application of silver diamine fluoride) will be reimbursed based on prescribed frequencies within designated risk levels that may exceed standard frequency limitations. Provider participation is voluntary and requires completion of a training module and enrollment.

Domain 3, another pilot project, is intended to improve the continuity of care for Denti-Cal child beneficiaries. Incentive payments, increasing in each successive year, will be awarded when a child up to age 20 is seen by the same provider annually for a dental examination. The incentive payments for each qualifying beneficiary would start at \$40 in the first year, increasing by \$10 each successive year, for payment of \$80 per beneficiary in year five. Fee-for-service Medi-Cal dental providers in 17 selected counties need take no action to participate in this domain.

Domain 4 will award up to 15 Local Dental Pilot Project (LDPP) grants which address one or more of the three other domains through local programs aimed at specific demographics, such as rural areas, using strategies such as local case management initiatives and education partnerships. Grant applications were due September 30 and funding announcements are expected in December or January.



"The first CSPDF Bridging the Gap Grant was received by the Section of Pediatric Dentistry at UCLA School of Dentistry in 2012.

This first grant included funding to compensate a dual-trained pediatric dentist/dental anesthesiologist to help establish an intravenous general anesthesia clinic session at the Venice Dental Center, one of our resident training sites. We have since moved toward a more sustainable model and are able to regularly provide much needed IVGA services to our patients at the Venice Dental Center. Another significant portion of the funding was used in partial support of a graduating

resident for transitional support until her full-time faculty appointment was approved. Our thanks to the CSPDF for enabling us to increase resident experience and access to care, while also improving our ability to recruit young faculty members."

Dr. Clarice Law

*Associate Clinical Professor, UCLA
Co-Editor CSPD*



"UCLA has been extremely fortunate with your support. Without the Bridge the Gap Grant for the last 5 years we wouldn't be able to keep one of our very prestigious clinical faculty, Dr. David Chin. Dr. Chin brings exceptional

clinical experience and high motivation to the training of our residents.

Last year CSPD awarded us with the Program Enhancement Grant which provided ways to subsidize patient's parking for their dental treatment at the Children's Dental Center located at the School of Dentistry, Westwood Campus. Parents have been extremely thankful and more compliant with their children's return visits and because of that we've been able to reinforce their education on how to prevent the progression of caries disease more often.

We at UCLA are extremely thankful for the continued support the CSPD Foundation has provided!"

Dr. Daniela Silva

*Chair, Section of Pediatric Dentistry,
UCLA*

Message from the WSPD President

Oariona Lowe, DDS, MA, MPH



WSPD has been busy. The WSPD Board of Trustees met on September 30th at the Cedarbrook Lodge in Seattle, Washington. Our agenda

included discussions on Medicaid reimbursement and sedation guidelines. Lowered Medicaid reimbursement rates of 20-30% is impacting some of our states and if these cuts continue, many offices will have a difficult time being sustainable. The AAPD composed a committee chaired by Dr. John Liu to review sedation guidelines and patient safety. A report from the committee will be forthcoming.

Dr. Jim Nickman, AAPD President-Elect attended the Board meeting as our guest. He shared the great news

that the AAPD Membership is at an all-time high, surpassing 10,000, with 51% of members being less than 10 years out of residency. Our Western District Trustee, John Gibbons who also attended our meeting, reported on the recent AAPD-Board of Trustees meeting and the upcoming AAPD-Washington D.C. Advocacy Days. He stated that due to the heightened interest of post-doctorate residents attending Advocacy Days, the Academy will be cutting back on hotel room coverage for residents due to budget concerns. **Because the WSPD supports advocacy and mentoring student involvement, we developed a StAMP (Student Advocacy Mentoring Program) Fund to assist residency programs in the WSPD to help residents participate in the lobby days.** The purpose of the fund is to cover two room nights for one resident per WSPD state. It is important that young dentists have some knowledge and experience to advocate for the children that our profession serves.

For more information on the StAMP Fund please visit the WSPD website at <http://district6.aapd.org/> and click on Student Advocacy Mentoring Program or StAMP. Information on applying for StAMP will be distributed to all WSPD Residency Program Directors and State organizations.

On-line registration for the Spring CSPD-WSPD Annual Meeting will be available in November. The dates for the Spring meeting are March 15-19, 2017 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the Green Valley Ranch Resort and Spa. Please look for the link to register on the CSPD website (www.cspd.org). The Nevada Academy of Pediatric Dentistry will be hosting pre-meeting courses including PALS and Infection Control on Wednesday, March 15th. Register early, classes fill up fast!

See you at the beautiful Green Valley Ranch Resort and Spa in Las Vegas!

Join us for Fun and Learning on the "Other side of Vegas."

Watch for Early Bird Registration!

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Viva Las Vegas! Join your peers at the upcoming CSPD's 42nd and WSPD's 15th Annual Session held March 16-19, 2017 at the beautiful Green Valley Ranch Resort & Spa, Las Vegas area.

Attendees can earn up to 23 CEUs.

The annual meeting schedule has been adjusted to embrace all that this exciting area has to offer attendees. Some notable changes include:

- President's Gala on Friday night
- Alumni and New Dentist – WBI Receptions are scheduled Saturday night

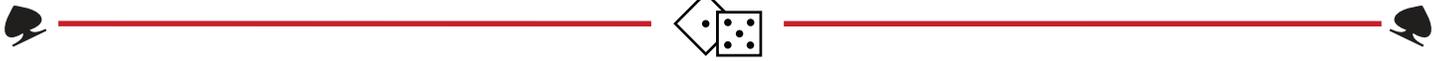
These changes will allow attendees and their guests to enjoy all of the amenities of this beautiful resort or take in dinner and a show on the Las Vegas Strip.

The annual meeting focuses on **Advanced Topics in Pediatric Dentistry**. Specially selected topics and speakers for the education program are included.

Here is a glance of the full educational program at this year's conference:

- PALS at Dental School*
- Infection Control at Dental School*

- Hot Topics: Up-to-date post-election information and views about the Affordable Care Act (ACA) embedded dental plans and the possible paradigm shifts in reimbursement and delivery of pediatric dentistry. Integrated pediatric medical and dental collaboration and the triple aim.
- Infant oral health, prevention/motivation interviewing and silver diamine fluoride
- Oral Radiology and Advanced Diagnostic Tools
- WOW! – Words of Wisdom
- Parents and Children of Today; changing parental attitudes, the Millennial parent



- Special Needs and Adolescent Dentistry
- CSPeD Talks – Poster Presentations
- CSPeD Talks – Resident Group Presentations
- CSPeD Talks – Practice Management, Associateships and Partnerships

On Thursday evening, step back in time to vintage Las Vegas at the welcome reception. Those remarkable days when performers like Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr. were on stage on the strip. Showgirls were lavish and the Sands Hotel marquee listed a performance by the Rat Pack. Elvis Presley was shaking the ground

under the music industry. CSPD/ WSPD's welcome reception will make attendees feel they have traveled back in time while enjoying drinks, appetizers, entertainment and networking. Time to make your own memories!

On Friday night, this year's President Gala will offer attendees a unique experience as CSPD/WSPD brings the Las Vegas strip to you! Bright lights, action, food, entertainment and more. Stroll between food stations, toast with colleagues and experience today's allure of the "City of Lights" Las Vegas! This year's gala is certain to delight and entertain as it captures a real Las Vegas experience.

Special thanks to the Nevada Academy of Pediatric Dentistry for assistance in the local arrangements. Our peers to the East are ensuring each attendee remembers 2017 as informative and entertaining.

Registration is open! Visit the CSPD/ WSPD conference website at www.conference.cspd.org. Make your hotel accommodations early to ensure you receive the CSPD/WSPD reduced room rate.

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SIGNIFICANT APPROVED MOTIONS

California Society of Pediatric Dentistry Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2016

MOTION: 9.24.2016.3 Schmitt: Move to take position of support of bill AB 2207 as amended August 11th.
- **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION: Motion: 9.24.2016.4 Schmitt: Move to take position of support of bill AB 2235 as amended August 16th. - **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION: 9.24.2016.5 Schmitt: Move to take position of support of bill AB 2485 as amended August 11th.
- **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION: 9.24.2016.6 Schmitt: Move to take position of watch of bill SB 1098 as amended August 15th.
- **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION: 6.11.2016.7 Schmitt: Move to ratify the decision of the Executive Committee to formulate a pediatric dental sedation work group.
- **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION: 6.11.2016.8 Schmitt: Move to receive and file the August 2016 Financials along with transition financials (2015-2016) and tax returns.
- **MOTION CARRIED.**

CSPD Professional Opportunities



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Have you been thinking about hiring an associate, but just aren't sure where to look? Or are you finishing your residency soon, and aren't sure where you'd like to live and practice? The answer is right on the CSPD website. To look at these opportunities and others, go to www.cspd.org.

Sincerely, Don Schmitt, DDS

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CSPD Members in the News



Governor Brown's office announced last month the appointment of Dr. Steven Chan to the Dental Board of California. Steve is past-president of CSPD (2012-2013) and previously served as President of CDA from 2002-2003. He is currently president of the American College of Dentists. The last pediatric dentist to serve on the Dental Board was Dr. Mark Goldenberg about 15 years ago. As the Board now considers changes to the regulation of sedation and general anesthesia in the dental setting, it will be valuable to have the perspective of a pediatric dental provider participating in the decision making process.

Do You Have a Story to Share?

Is your practice doing something unique? Whether it's a great new program or how you managed a complex issue, we want to hear about it. CSPD Bulletin is distributed to members statewide and pediatric dentists located throughout California. If you have news to share email admin@cspd.org.

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