

Meeting Minutes

Date: 01/15/2026

Attendees: Amy Walker RDH (online), Anne Reugebrink (online), Cara Bowling, Darren Vinson (online), Elisa Wang, DDS (online), Katie Russell (online), Melanie Del Carlo, Tina Slowan-Pomeroy, PhD

I. Introductions

- a) Attendees provided introductions including name, organization, and position/role.

II. OHP Updates

a) Oral Health Program Updates

- i. Local Oral Health Program (LOHP) provided an update to Oral Health Advisory Committee (OHAC) members regarding the funding changes that will go into effect in the next grant cycle. Yearly funding for Sierra County will decrease by approximately 50%.
- ii. OHAC was presented with the question, what opportunities are available for us to supplement our efforts in the upcoming grant cycle, to maintain our current program functionality to the best of our ability?

b) Upcoming Events

- i. National Children's Dental Health Month (NCDHM) activities will be hosted February 5th at Loylton Elementary School and February 12th at Downieville School. As of this week, consent forms have been distributed through the schools.
- ii. Two members of the OHAC expressed interest in assisting with the NCDHM. LOHP will finalize details and connect with OHAC members to facilitate collaboration for the event.

c) Master of Public Health (MPH) Resident

- i. The LOHP's recently contracted MPH Resident introduced themselves and shared information on the current projects being worked on. Current projects currently being worked on are the creation of a care linkage system for dental screenings, and the development of trainings for community partners on the topic of oral health and oral health care.

d) Upcoming OHP Projects

- i. LOHP provided OHAC with an update on state and federal conversations around fluoride. LOHP referenced Warren, J. R., Rumore, G., Kim, S., Grodsky, E., Muller, C., Manly, J. J., & Brickman, A. M. (2025). Childhood fluoride exposure and cognition across the life course. *Science advances*, 11(47), eadz0757. <https://doi.org/10.1126/sciadv.adz0757>.

e) OHAC Satisfaction Survey

- i. LOHP shared the OHAC Satisfaction Survey with members of the committee and provided the opportunity for them to complete the survey.

III. Next Steps

- a) The OHAC will schedule the next meeting through email.