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MS. BICKERS: It looks like it's just now 2:00. Oh, I'm sorry, I'm echoing. So we are clearing out the waiting room. We still have several trying to log in. I believe I saw three committee members log in.

DR. BOBROWSKI: That's going to be correct for today.

MS. BICKERS: Okay. Okay. Perfect.
DR. BOBROWSKI: Do you want to do roll call in a minute?

MS. BICKERS: We sure can. Give me just a second. We're about clear in the waiting room. Okay. It looks like -- and I do apologize, I'm getting some feedback. It looks like I've got a Dr. Bobrowski on. I have Dr. Gray and Dr. Petrey. Is there anyone that I missed? Okay. You do have a quorum.

DR. BOBROWSKI: Okay. Well, thank you.
And we want to go ahead and get started. Want to welcome everyone to the Dental TAC Meeting. And we do have quorum for our meeting today. And Dr. Carol Braun will not be able to be here today due to a
family issue that has come up. And I'm sad to report that Dr. Phil Schuler is having to resign from the TAC. And he apologizes, but he's got some health issues. And he said he's always enjoyed being on the TAC. And if he gets his health straightened back up, he'd like to return. But you-all, let's all keep him in our thoughts and prayers. He's going to need a lung transplant. So he's got some serious health issues going on.

And we will go ahead and approve the minutes from our last meeting. If one of our TAC members would make a motion and a second, that would be great.

DR. GRAY: Motion made, John Gray.
DR. PETREY: Second, Joe Petrey.
MS. BICKERS: Guys, do you mind to turn your camera on for me for the open records law? Sorry.

MR. GRAY: Well, you have to tell me how to do that.

MS. BICKERS: You should have a little video-like icon next to your microphone. DR. BOBROWSKI: John, mine comes up on the
lower left corner. MR. GRAY: Is that working now? MS. BICKERS: Yes, sir. Thank you.

DR. BOBROWSKI: And so that's a unanimous vote. And I'll move on to old business. There's a few things that DMS was going to look up for us from our last meeting, and I just got some of them listed. Like I say, some of these things come up right after I send in the -- it never fails, every time $I$ send in the agenda, I'll get some pretty important stuff that we need to talk about that comes up the week or two before our meeting.

But I was just interested to find out why a change was made -- it used to not be any criteria on restorative limitations of a timeframe to repair something, and then it went to six months and then it went to 12 months. Is there a reason this was made? MR. DEARINGER: Yes, sir. This is Justin Dearinger with the Department for Medicaid Services. Can you see me? My -DR. BOBROWSKI: Yeah.

MR. DEARINGER: All right. Okay. So the
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change from six months to 12 months, that was originally on the fee schedule for 12 months. I think it's been in the system as 12 months. We never had it at six months. So I think we had a fee schedule that had came out -- we had a -- as you-all know, multiple fee schedules this year in 2023. And so in adding all the codes that we've added, changing all the different codes and limitations, the majority of that came from provider feedback, a lot of it came from this TAC's feedback that we were able to make a lot of changes. And so several typos were on some of the original -- or some of the fee schedules that kind of popped up on there.

So in the system it was always 12 months. I think we mistakenly had it listed at six months at some point, but changed that back to 12 months. And that's just based on all of our research from surrounding states. But since it came up and since you had asked the question, we started looking at that for 2024's fee schedule. And that's something that we're
still kind of pending, but may be changed when 2024's fee schedule comes out.

DR. BOBROWSKI: Okay. See, when you -Justin, when you deal with us old gray heads, you know, we go back a long way on some of those old fee schedules and it just -- I don't ever remember it being on there in the past, but $I$ would say as a recommendation that -- I'll see what the other TAC members think, too, but as a recommendation it might need to be looked at.

A lot of our patients are -especially our adults, you know, they just got fillings on top of fillings. And a lot of times it can be a front tooth, it can be a back tooth. And some of these folks are bruxers, grinders, clinchers. They will break off a front tooth and, boy, they got a wedding to go to, but you just fixed it, like, seven months ago. Now, does that become a non-covered service and they will just have to pay out of pocket for it? So it puts us in the dilemma of, you know, sometimes folks can't -- they can't pay for

[^0]it, but what are we to do? So and -- so I don't know. Other comments from any TAC members?

I've got several patients -- I've got two groups of them myself that are traumatic brain injury patients. Some have teeth, some don't, but a lot of the ones that still do are pretty heavy bruxers. And unless we want to just go ahead and put caps on all of them, that might be the next best thing to do. But see, up until this year caps weren't allowed to do. So we -- I think we would need to maybe look at that for 2024.

And moving on to -- on our fee list, it -- on the community health workers, it uses CPT codes, but dentists can't use those. We can use the CD codes. And I know we've been talking about that off and on, but, Justin, do you-all have a way to work around that or -- and seemed like we had something just about worked out and I forgot what it -- what we had on it.

MR. DEARINGER: Yes, sir, that's okay. One thing to remember, too, in the previous topic, you know, previous fee schedules
didn't have any of the limitations, didn't have a lot of the limitations. We had a -we did a fee schedule project this year in 2023, because the fee schedules didn't always match what billing actually paid. The fee schedules didn't have a lot of the limitations, the -- some of the different things that you-all would like to see on the fee schedule when you're actually working on it.

And so during this fee schedule project, we went through, we made sure that all the fees were accurate as far as what they were actually being paid in the system. We made sure that everything matched up. And we tried to include any limitations that were listed in the system itself. So you'll see a lot of things pop up that were not previously there maybe. They were already in the system, but they maybe were not on the fee schedule.

As far as the CHW issue goes, we had several options that we had put forward. We sent those options in August, I think the end of August, to some of the MCO dental

[^1]providers to get comment on. We've reached out a couple of times in the month of September and still haven't heard back from those. So one of the things that I'd like you-all to do as a TAC, we've got -- there are some issues -- as you-all know, those D codes came out this year and they are completely different than the CPT codes that we use. And one of the biggest issues -the two big issues. One is when CMS audits, they -- you know, we have to make sure that the CPT code -- or the D code matches what we're doing. And another big issue is that on your-all's billing system, they don't use modifiers. And so those modifiers would have helped us a lot too to come up with some solutions on the difference between the CPT codes and the D codes.

But in the meantime, while we're still working out a solution, one of our options that we suggested was to do -- use one D code for CHW services, and then you-all just bill an amount for those as far as how many times that's being billed. It would be one flat fee. So you wouldn't be able to do a

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group of people all together because we -that would be the issue of us trying to figure out how to code that and you-all to bill that, the groups of people together. But so far what we've seen about 90 percent of the billing for CHW services in 2023 has been individual billings. And so I think we could go ahead and resolve that for you-all while we work out the issue of how to work in the other fees for providing CHW services to multiple people at one time. So that's -- that's an option that we would like to put forward. We've put that option forward to some of the MCO providers, making sure that would work in their systems. But I think that's something that we would like to move forward with. As long as it works in the system, I think it should. I think it will. And as we're waiting, we may go ahead and just kind of implement that and see if that works out. And then if it doesn't, we can do something else.

But, you know, we've been waiting for a few months now. I think it's time to kind of move forward with that. So you will see
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something within the next couple of weeks. We will send out a provider letter talking about the exact solution. And it won't be -- again, it won't be exactly what other providers have because your-all's system doesn't use modifiers, but it will be at least something to get you 90 percent of the way there, if that makes sense.

DR. BOBROWSKI: Yeah, that makes sense, yeah. As you're talking, it kind of came back to that we were looking at one code, D code, to come up with to handle that. All right. Great.

There's -- and I'm not really on that fee schedule project myself, but I've noticed and sent in some suggestions, but there's still some typos and things that need cleaning up in there. One of them was the cleanings. Just wondered the rationale for it. It was changed to per provider, per six months. And that was, you know, could allow patients to go once a week and get a cleaning done.

MR. DEARINGER: That was a -- that was a typo that we've corrected. Of course,

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we -- that won't -- you know, it takes a while to actually make the change show up on the -- online. But if you were to go get one of those codes billed, say, at your office and then that same individual went to another office, that code would be denied. So that's -- that's something that's not in the system. It was a typo and we're in the process of changing that. DR. BOBROWSKI: Okay. Good deal. DR. MCKEE: Justin, this is Julie McKee Wasn't it added per member, per provider and both of them applied?

MR. DEARINGER: Explain that again now. What?

DR. MCKEE: That the prophy code was services per member, per provider. So both of those would be applied to the service so that the provider could do them every week, but the member couldn't get one every week. MR. DEARINGER: That's -- that's correct. Although, it's kind of incorrectly worded on that fee schedule. I believe just per member would suffice. So we're looking at that and making that change.

[^2]DR. MCKEE: Okay.
DR. BOBROWSKI: Okay. And then another one -- and we're getting some phone calls from the pediatric dentists on the code, the D2934, which are those famous steel crowns, and, again, the same thing, it was a typo was in there of per, per. And I would say it was per member, per provider, but I don't want to guess because this is your-all's job.

But one of the other things was, it listed it as for primary teeth. But in the columns it also lists it as eligible for Teeth 1 through 32, which are permanent teeth. And then another problem is out beside that, usually pediatric dentists and general dentists that see children and put those famous steel crowns on are -- it is generally as a temporary crown to better hold the tooth in position, because it helps to create and leave space for the permanent teeth as in -- instead of extracting the tooth.

Now, the problem is, is it's down there as one per five years. And that's

[^3]what the pediatric dentists are complaining about, is that sometimes it's like around Halloween or Easter when all these kids get all these candies, they'll -- and it happens during the year any time, but they get these candies and they will pull a crown off. Well, in pulling it off, they chew again and again and it just mangles the crown, and so the dentist or the pediatric dentist would have to put another one on. But if -- and I don't know if -- in doing the fee schedule project, that if someone just saw the word crown and put it down as one per five years just like the permanent crowns are. So that might be something to look at when -- to not put that kind of a limitation on the pediatric dentists and the GPs that are doing a lot of those for the children. I don't know -- I didn't know if you-all had recognized that or not or...

MR. DEARINGER: We actually did. That's one of the things that we're looking into for 2024. It may be later in 2024, because it requires a fiscal analysis, because that's actually the way it's in the system.

[^4]So -- but we are looking at it and seeing, you know, what kind of fiscal impact that might have.

DR. BOBROWSKI: Okay. Let me see here. I'm trying to make myself some notes on some of this, so I don't have to ask again on these. Well, and it was kind of the same thing, Justin, with those codes at D2930, 2932. Those are kind of the primary teeth codes, but -- and then there's another one D2951. It actually uses a different tooth numbering system than $I$ think the rest of your fee schedules. There's a Palmer numbering system, a FDI system, a universal numbering system. And as best as I could see, that one right there picked out a different tooth numbering system than anywhere else in the fee schedule. So that's another one you-all might want to look at.

MR. DEARINGER: I'm taking some notes too, so we'll --

DR. BOBROWSKI: Okay.
MR. DEARINGER: I did want to let you know, I saw No. 4, where we had -- we've had

[^5]multiple requests for increase of fees, various fees, we have different $D$ codes that are listed on there. I think at this time we have three different decision memos that have been created and shared and those memos go up, show different options for increasing rates. We've already done research in other states. When we do research, we contact each state directly and get their current rates that their system is actually paying. We don't use any kind of -- anything that's put out by anybody else, so we contact those directly. And we -- we compare and contrast those and then we send those in and do a fiscal analysis of where -- or what -- you know, additional funds we would need and if that funding is available. So those answers to all of those should be sometime in 2024 with those -- with the budget and where we are with those.

We did have one code, and that will be kind of coming out a little bit later as well, that kind of falls in that group. And that was actually incorrect on the fee
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schedule that was billed at a higher rate than -- or it was showing a lower rate than what it was actually being -- or supposed to have been paid for. So that code -- and I thought I had that written down. I can't remember exactly the code. Kelly Kitchen's on here. Kelly, do you remember what code that was exactly?

MS. KITCHEN: Yes. It's the D1110, and it's currently showing at 40- -- should be 60.13. And it is showing -- let me look. DR. BOBROWSKI: 46.25? Yeah.

MS. KITCHEN: Yes, 46.25. It should be \$50.13, so we'll be updating that.

MR. DEARINGER: Yeah, D1110.
MS. KITCHEN: Yeah.
MR. DEARINGER: But the rest of them, like I said, are in the decision memo process. And we will have answers to those as -- as we get the fiscal analysis back. Probably be first part of 2024.

DR. BOBROWSKI: Okay. One of the things I -- I just got a report -- you know, was looking at these other states. And I just got a report from Indiana and they were --

[^6]they were talking about the number one reason dentists don't -- they did a study up there -- that don't accept or stopped seeing Medicaid patients was -- the number one was reason because of the low reimbursement rates. And I know at our Medicaid forum, one of the things that we had done was try to talk about moving Kentucky from 49th in oral healthcare, move them up -- move us up that ladder. And I know, Dr. McKee, they did a study, and even through the KDA -- it wasn't a scientific study done through the KDA. But in talking to most of our members, that the low rates that have not been increased since 2002 was the number one reason why some dentists will totally drop out of Medicaid. Some dentists will keep their Medicaid number, but stop seeing patients.

And -- but -- and I notice that other states around us are even involved with their legislature on improving the dental rates for people in other states. I know Maryland is another state that just this year started doing adults. And Maryland's,

[^7]on a lot of their rates, are much higher than what Kentucky is getting.

But my goal is just to see that patients get good dental treatment, get good oral healthcare. But if there's a lot of things out there that are hindering the business process of it, well, we got to see what we can do or else -- I've told some other folks, if you can't pay for it all, well, you know, you may have to drop some items and pay a little better on what you can do, but -- and, for instance, I got a -let me turn my page here. I got a report from a dental group. And I've got it kind of in a chart form. But started in 2019, their costs per day to run their offices went up 3.5 percent in 2020. Went up another 11.7 percent in '21, and for 2022 they went up another 22.4 percent. Our costs to run our business and provide the care is astronomically going up.

Wages, for example, a patient coordinator was getting $\$ 43.58$ per hour in '21. Now it's gone up to 49.17, a 13 percent increase. Dental assistants have
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gone up 12 percent in one year. Hygienists have gone up 24 percent. I've got the -more numbers with it here, but part of the problems is, is inflation and our workforce shortage over the last few years is really taking a hurt on any kind of profit margin we used to have. These are just some reports that I've gotten from other dental groups, so I just wanted to share those. Any -- let's see. Any TAC member got any other comments or questions on the fee schedule? If you don't, we'll keep moving along.

All right. Hearing none, I just wanted to give a brief report on our Medicaid forum that we had at the KDA annual meeting. And we really had a good turnout for the Medicaid forum. And, again, I wanted to thank Avesis for providing the lunch. I wanted to thank all the participants that came. And I wanted to especially thank Commissioner Lee for being brave enough to show up. But I think she was the highlight of the show, because she was there to answer questions and I thought

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she did an excellent job answering those questions and, you know, fielding the concerns that practitioners had. And I just wanted to give a brief report that I thought it turned out to be a very good forum.

Now, is there any other old business that we need to talk about?

Okay. I'm going to move on to new business.

DR. GRAY: Garth?
DR. BOBROWSKI: Yes.
DR. GRAY: John Gray. I would like to second your comments about Commissioner Lee. I think it was extremely helpful and extremely well-received. I think if there's any way to make that a yearly kind of thing and get in touch with the dental providers, I would encourage that because it certainly was very helpful this year. MS. LEE: Hi, Dr. Gray, Dr. Bobrowski. I've been sitting back listening. Thank you-all for your kind words. And I think, you know, definitely as long as I'm here, I'm always -- always up to come to the conferences. I think that it's very

[^8]important to listen to our providers that are treating our Medicaid members. And I think, you know, regardless of who's in this chair, continue to invite someone from the Department to those meetings. I think it was a really good conversation and I appreciated learning some of the -- some of the issues that the Medicaid providers are wrestling with right now. And just, you know, really look forward to future conversations to make sure that we are doing all we can to not only improve the health status of our members, but to take as many administrative burdens away as we can from our providers so they have more time to treat our members.

DR. BOBROWSKI: Well, we really appreciate your willingness to talk with us and, you know, try to work out some things that -you know, like you said, to take some of that administrative burden away. And I'd really like to see all of us, even the other TACs, work together to move the healthcare in Kentucky up those ladders, because Kentucky's not -- country folks

[^9]ain't doing so good. You know, where we just need to -- we need to help people -and I'm -- I got a little thing else there in new business to talk about that just briefly, to look at some things and ideas and -- but $I$ want to, again, thank you, Commissioner Lee, for all your help and support and giving out information and just be willing to talk with us. That means a lot.

I'll go on to new business. Of course, I've already sent this to Commissioner Lee, but there was -- and I'm sure it was -- hopefully it was just a typo on the oral pathology codes that had been listed as for all ages. But then, I guess, in one of the new revisions, it got shown as only for patients under 21. So I put down, is this a typo or has this been a major change?

MR. DEARINGER: Commissioner, would you
like me to speak about that?
MS. LEE: Yeah.
MR. DEARINGER: Okay.
MS. LEE: You can go ahead, Justin.
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MR. DEARINGER: Okay.
MS. LEE: And I'll chime in if I need to. Thanks.

MR. DEARINGER: Sure. So like I said, when we -- as you-all know, we updated this fee schedule multiple times in 2023. This was a typo that was listed on the fee schedule briefly. That wasn't long on the fee schedule. I think it may have been on there for a couple weeks, two or three weeks, that that was on there and we corrected that. It's never paid in the system that way. However, because of that, it's been brought up that that may be something that is needed, and I think we are currently looking at that. And maybe Commissioner Lee can talk a little bit more about that.

MS. LEE: Yeah. So we have had some conversations about the oral pathology codes. There's just -- you know, there's a small subset on the fee schedule. And it really kind of doesn't make sense for us to cover them under 21 and not over 21, because I would assume that all -- most of

[^10]the biopsies that you-all do are for over 21. So we are going to pull together a policy. We are just looking at a few other things, but we'll pull up together a policy. We are going to start covering those for over 21, but we are just getting a little -- a few more little bits of information together. We are going to do that policy, send it out to the MCOs. And, of course, you know, circle back with the dental community, keep them in the loop on what we're doing and what that policy is going to look like. So we will have something out, you know, hopefully before the holidays on that -- on that code and what our policy is, but we will be -- we will be covering those.

DR. BOBROWSKI: Okay. Thank you very much. The oral surgeons and the universities were starting to get nervous on that, because the oral pathologists -- and I got some letters from some of the oral surgeons that, you know, they commented about how valuable an oral pathologist is compared to just a general pathologist. And it's a --

[^11]like you said, it's almost a subset of the pathology departments that are highly specialized in our area. So thank you again for working on that.

And the next item was -- and I know we've talked about this before, but since we've got some more expansion codes in orthodontics or if a dentist starts a root canal or starts a denture, starts a crown, those dentists have incurred some material bills, lab bills. But what happens if the patient becomes ineligible right in the middle of treatment?

MR. DEARINGER: That's a good question. That's something that we have met multiple times. I've met multiple times with CMS trying to get that figured out and evaluated. You know, that -- with all -as with all provider types, if a member is showing eligible on the date of service for you-all, and then you get something later saying that that member is ineligible at that time, we always make sure that that is paid and covered because that was something that was out of your-all's control and out

[^12]of our hands. And it's really about that -- then becomes about that date of service.

If an individual -- so there's multiple scenarios. But for an individual to lose coverage -- now if it's a matter of just switching MCOs or MCO to fee for service, we have discussed that with the MCOs, discussed that with our billing providers to make sure those errors don't occur. And if they do, we are encouraging all providers just to reach out and we will make that -- we will get that corrected so that -- so that they are paid for that regardless of timeframes or any other issues.

But in the case of them specifically losing coverage, you know, there are several reasons why an individual loses coverage. If they lose coverage because they simply didn't turn something in or, you know, with PHE ending and everybody having to do redeterminations now, as long as they get that information in, they will backdate that coverage to when -- to make sure that

[^13]there's not a lapse in coverage due to that. So that's not really an issue for providers. Although, it may be an inconvenience at the time, but they will backdate that and we will make sure all those claims get paid. If the individual loses coverage because they have other insurance or because they are no longer in the acceptable income limits, unfortunately right now there's nothing we can do about that. CMS won't allow us to pay those. We are looking at some other states that are trying to come up with some ways to maybe do some things, and we're continuously -- in continuous conversations.

We have one actually scheduled, I think, in the middle of January with CMS and a couple of other states that have the same question, trying to come up with unique solutions. But as of right now, there's nothing we can do about that scenario. So that's kind of where we're at with that. DR. BOBROWSKI: Making a note there. One of the things when you're talking with CMS that -- because $I$ know like on a root canal
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or a denture, a crown, we'll put it in our system that we kind of got it started, but as -- as the dental rules are, we can't bill for it until the procedure is complete. But something to think about would be is if -- when talking with -amongst yourselves and CMS, that if the dentist can show in their records that the procedure was started while they did have coverage, that maybe you would -- even though they have -- you know, maybe now have other insurance or, you know, their -even if their income will cover it now, well, maybe it would cover, you know, at least paying the bill for the dentist. We are starting to get a few phone calls about that setup and I know -- I guess maybe where people are coming off the emergency enrollment plans, they maybe are halfway done a procedure and they now are no longer on Medicaid. So we're starting to get a few phone calls about that and... DR. PETREY: And, Garth, I think it also becomes to be a patient care situation that becomes a challenge. I certainly feel it

[^14]for people in the midst of a root canal, because an incomplete root canal obviously in many ways will doom that tooth, and start of that procedure will -- will lead to have failure of that tooth. I can speak -- I can speak from an orthodontic perspective that if a patient loses eligibility -- where we have the three-tier payment system in orthodontics, if they lose eligibility before the second or third, but mainly specifically before the second, we have a patient that has lost eligibility. We did -- we did receive an upfront payment, but we don't have a payment sufficient to cover our costs in the case and that leaves the patient in a difficult position of what -- what they are to do, because many of these people, even though they are above the margin to stay -to stay on Medicaid services, they are not -- they don't have the ability to cover their own -- their healthcare to the degree of many things such as orthodontics, such as finishing the root canal. And then it puts the provider in a very difficult
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position, because what we do in our practice and what $I$ think most of the people that are involved -- certainly, the TAC members that $I$ know, you finish the case, you finish what needs to be done for the patient, but you do so at a loss. That's a challenge when we're already at a -- treating on the margins.

But you can't abandon the patient. I mean, obviously, our Hippocratic Oath would not allow us to do that and nor would we want to do that. But to have no -- to start a case and then not be able to finish it financially, whether it's a root canal, orthodontics, any of those aspects, that -I understand why CMS is not wanting to cover. We discussed this with patients that turn 21 and that were a child service and they age out, and we have to be mindful of how we treat that. I'm not sure there's clarity from CMS or from the MCOs how we should treat that when patients come to us asking for care and we know they are going to age out of their eligibility and we know they won't be able to have their full fee

[^15]covered, what -- what is required of us in those cases.

But even beyond that, it's a good number of patients that lose eligibility that are -- that we have no way of knowing. We have no -- it's not an age issue and we're in essence left holding the bag. But it's more than left holding the bag, because we have a patient that we have a responsibility to and we're left without any means to financially help that patient finish without out of our own pocket, which is what we do.

MS. LEE: And thank you-all for bringing up. I will reach out to other states to see what -- how they deal with this. I'm hoping that at our new -- you know, we have continuous eligibility for children now for 12 months, so typically if a child was enrolled in the Medicaid program and their income changed or, you know, they had some other change in circumstance in their house that made them ineligible for Medicaid, we would terminate them. But now regardless of that change, we will have 12 months of

[^16]continuous eligibility for children. Maybe that will help a small subset of children. I'm not sure how -- as far as the orthodontic piece goes.

But as far as root canals and that sort of thing, let us reach out and see what other states are doing about this and see what we can come up with as a game plan. DR. BOBROWSKI: Now, Commissioner Lee, you always tell us to think outside the box. MS. LEE: I am thinking outside the box. DR. BOBROWSKI: Okay. All right. I'm just making sure.

MS. LEE: And I think -- I think if we could somehow quantify, you know, what we're talking about, see how big of an issue it is and see what we could do. I don't know how we could get that -- it might be easier in orthodontics to go back and see how many kids age out or how many kids lose benefits in the past that lost benefits before their treatment was completed. But for the root canals and stuff, I'm not sure how we can quantify how big of an issue that is so that we can look

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to see, you know, what can we do and what can we take maybe to CMS , or what could we look at as a way to make sure that those individuals complete their treatment. Because as Dr. Petrey said, you can't just abandon the patient, so you got to figure out something that we can do.

DR. BOBROWSKI: See, and that's where like -- like in my situation of a general dentist, you know, doing more dentures for folks. And making dentures are --
typically your better dentures are -- you know, they are a multistep process to make these. And you can easily run up an 8-or 900-dollar lab bill and then you're stuck with their -- you know, the patient can't get in to -- you know, to finish it up for various reasons and that's a -- that's a big chunk of money to, you know, not get any reimbursement back on it.

But anyway, let's continue to work on that one, and I made a note about that. Okay.

The next one -- and I want to commend the ADA that they did have a fee report out
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the last few years. And we've been telling them and telling them, see, it's not right. But they finally came out here in the last couple months or something and admitted that their Medicaid fee reimbursement report did have errors in it. It wasn't as much as what they originally said, but -- and Commissioner Lee sent me a new report that listed Kentucky as 40 -- I'm sorry -- as 19th for children and 26th for adults. The only thing is, is even though they are 26 th in reimbursement, the -- it's reimbursed at 34.3 percent of the percentage of the charge that was turned in.

So that's the -- so that's kind of part of that problem, that in doing dentures or some of the other products with the expansion is, sometimes our lab bills really jump up there. And that's -- that's another thing, that those things haven't stayed stationary, like back in 2017 or '18. Those lab bills have really gone up. And to tie in with this one, there's -- and I'm not going to name any names on dental insurance companies, but, you know, some of these have

[^17]not adjusted their fees and reimbursements, the same thing, it's like Medicaid, for years.

One company, a big company in this state, hasn't done anything since 2019, which it doesn't sound like it's that far away -- ago, but it is. And like with Kentucky at the adult rate of 34.3 percent, this is what ties in to -- one of our dental schools reported that they billed Medicaid for, I think this fiscal year of '22 there, over 12 million dollars in care, but they only received right at 4 million. So they're just saying that it's -- they've got a budget, but they -- they are worried about being able to sustain what they do. And you-all know that our dental schools are sometimes our last resort to send folks to.

But another study that I've seen is, is that typically dental overhead in the office would run anywhere between 65, 70 percent. The last report $I$ saw is now at 85 to 92 percent. So it's just not leaving us a lot of wiggle room to get ahead when that 20,000-dollar suction machine goes
down, or your computers have got to be updated. There's no cushion.

But on my -- under New Business Item No. 3 -- and I need to maybe explain that a little bit more, because I got this information from two different sources, was that Kentucky is 50th nationally in insurance reimbursements. So even though somebody has insurance, here again, Kentucky is ranked 50th in reimbursement from the insurance company. So if you're dealing -and I know for a fact that some of our specialists in our area have even stopped accepting some insurance plans. So it's -a lot of times it just gets down to a business decision of, well, I can't keep doing this procedure at a loss. And if somebody wants it done, well, they can just pay the fee and go on, is kind of the business attitude, but they can't keep doing it at a loss.

I'm going to move on to No. 4. And this is just a thought that -- like Commissioner wants us to think outside the box on things, but was to develop maybe a
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section in Kentucky on KMAP that helps members in personal responsibility in the care of their own bodies, in preventive measures, in nutrition, in basic knowledge of their body, keeping their appointments. And they would also be in a commitment to change to a healthier lifestyle, and give rewards to members for this commitment. Like if they lower their blood pressure, they get a better A1C or blood glucose reading, physical therapy improvements, a decrease in the cavity rate, or at least finish a basic dental treatment plan and start having better oral health outcomes and then get rewards. Not like it is now where -- had a lady here two weeks ago, she told me that she got a $\$ 100$ gift card from one of the MCOs just for filling out a survey. In other words, reward good behavior.

Another person brought up to me, said, well, people are getting $\$ 50$ gift cards to get their exams done, but the dentist gets between 26.50 and 32.50 for doing the exam. Plus, out of that you got to pay staff and

[^18]supplies. So I'm just putting that out there as an item of thinking outside the box. Maybe we should tie some of these rewards and awards to the Medicaid members to get -- let them have a little more skin in the game, that, well, we got to see some improvements in what you're doing. Just an idea. Any comments from any TAC members or...

All right. The -- under new business, under other, I guess all I can say is, just to kind of -- we all need to work with our legislatures. And if we want to have these good programs -- and I've seen -- I have seen so many times when people are just so glad that they have had Medicaid to kind of get them out of a tough situation, you know. So I don't want to make this totally sound like I'm always doom and gloom on this, but -- and because we want to help our patients in Kentucky have a -- have a much better life, and sometimes we've got to work through issues to get them there.

I do have a question on -- and I think this was reported last year, but I've got --

[^19]let me pull that up. Give me one second here. Let me close out this page. There we go.

One of the questions that I've got is, what is the -- I've got a few here that, what is the value per MCO on the value-added benefits per year? And these are some things that -- if the other TAC members agree, that we could maybe get some of this in a report. Obviously not today, but by our next meeting. What's the value per MCO of the value-added benefits, you know, per year? And maybe by January -- or, I mean, our next February meeting, you know, maybe we could have a report on what was done for 2022 and 2023.

MS. BICKERS: And Dr. --
MR. OWEN: Dr. Bobrowski.
MS. BICKERS: -- oh, I'm sorry, sir. Go ahead.

MR. OWEN: Stuart Owen with WellCare. Are you asking for like the total spend by MCO on value-added benefits? I just want to make sure I understand.

DR. BOBROWSKI: Yeah, spend on the

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value-added benefits.
MR. OWEN: Okay. Thank you.
DR. BOBROWSKI: I know you got a range of things that some of those monies are not -I mean, I know you probably got a budget on those things, but not everybody uses the full budget.

MR. OWEN: So you would like to know, like, how much actually was spent, used, spent like of the budget --

DR. BOBROWSKI: Yes.
MR. OWEN: -- how much for the year?
DR. BOBROWSKI: Yeah.
MR. OWEN: Like for calendar year 2022?
MS. BICKERS: Thank you, sir. You asked my same question. This is Erin with the Department of Medicaid. And I just want to make sure so when $I$ send this out to the MCOs. Do you want just a lump dollar amount sum or do you want that broken out per -- you know, what benefits were used? You know, for example, like the gift card reward like on the -- do you want that in its own category how many dollars of that versus say -- and, Stuart, help me. You

[^20]know your value added better than I do. But do you want those broken out in different categories or do you just want a lump sum dollar for all the value adds for those years?

MR. OWEN: And I was going to say, we have a lot. It might be kind of a little bit of a challenge to break it down by each individual one, but...

DR. BOBROWSKI: My initial thought was to just -- just a one total dollar amount. And I know you-all probably do evaluate those things to see if, you know, maybe one value-added benefit is just not used at all, that, well, maybe you can switch those funds to something that is being used. But I -- my initial thought was just a total dollar amount. I know that would be awful hard to go through each item that you-all provide, but let's start with a total dollar amount. That would probably be a little easier to come up with.

MR. OWEN: Appreciate that. And we -- kind of to your earlier point you talked about. I mean, I know all the MCOs have rewards

[^21]programs where we're trying to incentivize, you know, good behavior, which is healthy behavior. They are tied to, you know, preventive visits, getting visits like that, you know, actually tieing it to a member improving in a given area. I mean, I don't think we do that. That can become a challenge. But anyway, it's always -it's good to think about, for certain. But I know we all have rewards programs try to incentivize members, you know, including like quit smoking, a lot of different things; controlling, you know, diabetes and blood pressure and various things. But anyway, I appreciate the dollar amount would be total...

DR. BOBROWSKI: Okay. I just --
MR. OWEN: Thank you.
DR. BOBROWSKI: I just saw another saying from Albert Einstein this morning. It's like, if you keep doing the same old, same old, well, you're -- I forgot the full thing, but you're not gaining anything. MR. OWEN: You get the same results. DR. BOBROWSKI: You get the same result,

[^22]you know.
MR. OWEN: Right. Exactly.
DR. BOBROWSKI: So -- but anyway, that's what I was looking at is, are there things that we can look at and maybe even have a section of Medicaid that these patients would agree to -- well, getting either an additional reward if they complete a dental treatment plan, get all their cavities done, get their cleanings done, you know, just the basic stuff. Or if their blood pressure improves, those are things that have better health outcomes.

And I did get a report from Medicaid.
It was the number of Medicaid dentists per county. But I am so sorry that I can't find it. Like you-all, when you get about 70 to 100 e-mails a day, it -- or sometimes they get lost. And I'm not saying that my little chubby fingers might accidentally hit the -the delete button on some of those that I'm getting rid of, but --

MS. BICKERS: Dr. Bobrowski, we have a couple of hands raised.

DR. BOBROWSKI: Yes.

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MS. BICKERS: Danita, I believe you were first, and then Dr. Theriot. You're on mute, Sweetie.

MS. COULTER: Hi, Dr. Bobrowski. This is Danita. I'm with Quality Population Health. I'm Equity and Determinates of Health. We thank you for up-lifting your concerns about the value-added benefits. And we just want the TAC to be aware that our team is also interested in connecting the value-added benefits with the health outcomes and figuring out how we can best get our enrollees to utilize those and to connect those with health outcome and tie those to the population health reports. So that is something that is on our radar. We are working on that, so I just wanted to acknowledge that to the TAC.

DR. BOBROWSKI: Great. Thank you so much. DR. THERIOT: And hi, Dr. Bobrowski. I actually have been thinking about this a lot, because when you get the information from the MCOs, you are going to be surprised about how few members take advantage of those value-added incentives.

[^23]And I've always wondered that. Like if you can get $\$ 100$ for going to a visit, why -you know, that's a free \$100. Why don't you just do it? And I think it actually goes back to that Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs that we all learned sometime in college, that -- you know, that baseline level is you need to have shelter and food and safety before you can look higher up. And you don't get to that personal responsibility until the very tiptop of that pyramid. And so if you're a family or a member that is struggling with food or housing instability, you're -- you know, you're just not going to be on -- it's just not going to be anywhere on your radar -DR. BOBROWSKI: Right.

DR. THERIOT: -- to control your blood pressure or go to the dentist or anything like that. And so I think that's where the social determinants comes in and population health is to actually -- you got to help try to address some of these problems that are at the bottom of the pyramid before you can even think to make any movement on the

[^24]top.
So I do agree it's personal responsibility, but in the same time, people just can't get to that level without climbing up from those other levels and -and so that's where the problem is, I think. DR. BOBROWSKI: I agree. It's just -- and that was kind of why when I made that comment, was maybe develop a section of KMAP members. You know, it's hard to make a blanket of policies that you'll get 100 good responses from. We just know dealing with humans, or puppy dogs, that won't work, you know. But it -- I just hear -well, and it's not even with just Medicaid patients. It's with everybody. You know, you've got all kinds of people that just have even got regular insurance that the doctors, the physicians, have trouble with compliance on like diabetes, diabetics. They're just -- they're just not eating what they are supposed to do to help their diabetes and it just creates other health problems. But I don't know, I'm just trying to think outside the box on trying

[^25]to get something going. And I hope that we can all put our heads together and just help with health outcomes. But thank you. Let's see. There was a report that we asked for a while back. I don't remember receiving it, but it was on a report on -from the MCOs on paid claims, and it was what was paid at different levels per quarter. We never did get that report that I can recall. We used to get it a few years ago, but we've stopped getting that. But maybe if somebody from DMS can help me -because we've already sent in to you-all. I think we sent it back in maybe April or May. MS. BICKERS: Dr. Bobrowski, this is Erin. I'll search my records for the data requests.

DR. BOBROWSKI: Okay.
MS. BICKERS: And I apologize. I do see -I'm scrolling really quick. I sent a supplemental report in August. Is that the same report or is this something different? DR. BOBROWSKI: I'd have to look and see what that supplemental is, because I was looking all week and again last night. I

[^26]was pulling up your name to see if I could find it under your name or Kelly's or Commissioner Lee's and I just couldn't find that one that we requested, because we had requested that -- well, we actually had it a few years ago. It was kind of like a paid claims of how many dentists were getting paid like $\$ 1,000$ a month from Medicaid or from the MCO, how many were getting 1,001 up to $\$ 5,000$, or something like that, and then 5,001 up to $\$ 10,000$. So it was -- we kind of had it broken out. MS. BICKERS: Okay. I'll go back through my records. I do see a couple of things that I've sent that I'll get when we get off here. I can go through and actually pay attention and try to pull anything. DR. BOBROWSKI: Okay.

MS. BICKERS: And if we have not sent you anything, I will follow up. And I do apologize for the delay in that request. DR. BOBROWSKI: Well, we'll forgive you. But it might be me, too. I might have just not found it in my stuff, but I've searched numerous times for it and I couldn't find

[^27]it.
Then I've got another request. What number of procedures require a prior authorization through the fee-for-service group or the MCOs and the number of denials, number of approvals, but what are you-all seeing as the reason for the denial? I mean, is it that we got to educate our dentists better for -- their front office staff not sending in the $X$-rays with the requests or did it not meet the criteria? What are some of those reasons for denials?

And then I had another request of what is the number of general practitioners that are Medicaid providers per region? That may be able to be tied in with that report on the -- well, I don't know. I'm not a statistician, so if somebody is, you can help me on that. But tying that back in with the paid claims report.

MS. ROEHRIG: Dr. Bobrowski?
DR. BOBROWSKI: Yes.
MS. ROEHRIG: Sorry. This is Rachael
Roehrig, research and analytics with DMS.
And just to clarify, the supplemental

[^28]report that was sent in August, what is listed on there are the top ten dental provider counts, the bottom ten dental providers counts, the top ten paid fee-forservice dental procedures, top ten paid dental procedures by MCOs, denied reasons. So if you need us to resend that to you, we are more than happy to do that, but it definitely has lots of things I think that you're looking for on there.

DR. BOBROWSKI: Okay. Okay. Please resend that to me and I'll be looking for it here today or the next few days or next week and -- I don't expect you to do it on a Friday afternoon, but --
MS. BICKERS: I've already sent it to you, Dr. B. I've sent it to the whole TAC.

DR. BOBROWSKI: Okay. You're special.
MS. ROEHRIG: Thank you, Erin.
DR. BOBROWSKI: Thank you.
Let's see. Let's see. Let me look at my little list of questions here. What is the Medicaid fee-for-service dental budget and the MCO dental budget? And how much of that is actually spent on true patient care?

[^29]We're not interested in -- and that would go back again on those patient -- on those paid claims, but we're not interested in -- go ahead and then --

MS. BICKERS: I think someone actually unmuted.

DR. BOBROWSKI: Okay. And then what I was looking at, well, if what was actually spent, does that come under budget or over budget? If it comes in under budget, what's done with that additional left over money? Or if it's over budget, where are you getting the money to pay for it? But -- let's see.

And then I've got another question on -- and I can send you this list if somebody will give me a -- who to send it to, an e-mail address. But wondering, well, what is the dental ER usage rate? And maybe look at a yearly comparison, because I know what was one of the things we have talked about for years, was decreasing the emergency room visits and it would just be good to track that to see if we are making some inroad. And my thinking is that the
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more dentists that we can get to be a Medicaid provider, that emergency use of the ER should go down. But if we could look at that kind of as a yearly comparison to see what's been spent at the emergency room. DR. MCKEE: Dr. Bobrowski?

DR. BOBROWSKI: Yes.
MS. MCKEE: It's Julie McKee. That particular question is something that I'm going to be developing a request with the DADD people for that for a completely different reason, but to find out specifically non-traumatic dental presentations in emergency departments, but I will share that when I get it. DR. BOBROWSKI: Thank you. All right. And then I know we've had reports on the failed appointments and the reason for these failed appointments. And it seems like the last several reports we've gotten on that, the majority of the failed appointments had no reason or there was no reason given. Now, yes, sometimes there could be a transportation problem or a child may get sick and not be able to come to their

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appointment, but the majority of those was no reason was actually given, but would like to kind of follow up with that one and see if there's any change, just to -- to watch that and look for changes.

Is there a way to quantify treatment for special needs groups of patients? Or what health outcomes are we -- are we actually helping special needs patients?

And then another one -- and I know when I was looking at the value-added benefits, I know there was some things to help ladies in pregnancy. But $I$ was just wondering if there was a way to quantify oral health outcomes for our pregnant moms in our communities, and especially our new moms that this is their first child. What kind of health information are they getting? What kind of oral health information are they getting for our new parents? And I guess this kind of ties into what is being done for oral health education and treatment recommendations from the MCOs. And I know, I did see a few things on the value-added benefits, but I didn't know if anybody from

[^30]the MCO wanted to briefly talk about that. The floor can be open. Just got a couple more questions here.

MS. BICKERS: I believe Justin Dearinger has his hand raised.

DR. BOBROWSKI: Okay. See, I don't -- I don't get to see those hands being raised, so you got to help me on that part.

MS. BICKERS: I gotcha.
DR. BOBROWSKI: Okay.
MS. BICKERS: And, also, if you would like to e-mail me a list of all of those questions, I can make sure they get to their appropriate person to get you some answers.

DR. BOBROWSKI: All right. I'll mail them in just a few minutes. Justin?

MR. DEARINGER: Yes, sir. I did want to let you know that we have a new system -or, I'm sorry, a new report, an MMIS, which is the billing system for providers. So when you go into that system, there is a report that is a no-show report and -- or a missed appointments report and you can actually run that yourself at any time. It

[^31]shows you how many missed appointments there were. You can break it down by provider type and reason. And you are correct, the number one reason is still unknown. And that's one of the reasons why we wanted to put that report out there, make it public, make it instant, so that you have access to that $24 / 7$ in order to try to get providers to understand how important it is to reach out to individuals to try to get a reason why they missed that appointment. You know, the majority of those missed appointments may still be something that we can't control, but if we have a large percentage of those appointments missed due to transportation, childcare, other issues, we can really focus on getting those taken care of and try and cut away at that percentage. So I just wanted you to know that that report is out there, it's available to all providers, and it's in the MMIS system.

DR. BOBROWSKI: Okay. I wrote that down. Thank you, Justin. Now, is there a way to get a -- like a yearly report on comparing
the total Medicaid reimbursements to a regional usual and customary rate of -like, for instance, on the ADA fee schedule? I know there's been talk about comparing us to other states. And it really -- when I looked at some of these things, it really is hard to compare apples to apples because of certain states have limitations -- and I think even some of the ADA, I think that -- the report that Commissioner Lee sent me a while back was, they got Kentucky with the adult level as listed as limited. But this has all changed since the beginning of this year. Some states are extensive and some states only do emergencies for adults. And, of course, it lists as Maryland as one of the states that had no Medicaid coverage for adults, but I believe that's one of the ones that changed for adults January of this year or thereabouts.

And then the next question I got will be covered by that report that you're going to send me.

And then does Medicaid update their
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records on providers who show that there's been no treatment activity from that provider for years? I know of one dentist that he said, I haven't seen a Medicaid patient for 25 years, but he says, but my name is still on the roles. Does Medicaid reach out to those providers to see if they want to keep their name on there or -- I know at our church, you know, it's kind of one of those things you hate to have to do on membership, but, you know, we do have a membership committee and, you know, some people have deceased, some moved away, or they have gone down there to that Baptist church, you know. I'm teasing, but just -that's another question I had. And I'll send this to you-all.

But then another -- one last question: What is the MLR for the dental MCOs only?

Now, TAC Members, is there any other question that -- I've tried to cover some bases here and just try to get us looking at our whole package here, so that was the reason for such a lengthy list of questions. DR. GRAY: Garth, John Gray.

[^32]DR. BOBROWSKI: Yes, sir.
MR. GRAY: I'd like to go back to No. 4. If there's any interest in having dental input into the rewards program, I would be happy to meet with whoever is heading up that rewards area as to some possibilities for dental input. I think you outlined it pretty well. So if anyone is interested, I'm -- I would be glad to make myself available one-on-one or however we need to do that.

DR. BOBROWSKI: Thank you, Dr. Gray. Appreciate that.

MS. ROEHRIG: Dr. Bobrowski?
DR. BOBROWSKI: Yes.
MS. ROEHRIG: Hi, there. This is Rachael Roehrig again with research and analytics at DMS. And just wanted to let you and the TAC know that we are currently working on developing a report that will look at different providers, such as dental providers, and see if there has not been a date of service, there haven't been any claims billed within a certain amount of time. So that way we can make sure that
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the listing of providers are actually seeing the Medicaid members and are servicing them and that they shouldn't be removed or they should based on our findings. So that is something that we are developing currently to look at just that. DR. BOBROWSKI: Okay, great. Thank you. MR. OWEN: Dr. Bobrowski?

DR. BOBROWSKI: Yes.
MR. OWEN: Stuart again with WellCare. Just back to when you were talking about $E R, ~ I ~ d o ~ r e c a l l ~ e a r l y ~ t h i s ~ y e a r ~ D M S ~ t a l k i n g ~$ about, I believe last year $\$ 9$ million was spent on dental care in the ER. And that's one of their key lobbying points with the expansion of dental benefits for adults. So I would definitely think that that would have a -- would influence the ER, that it would reduce the ER, but I do remember them reporting that earlier this year. I know they are working on a report. But anyway, I do recall hearing that 9 million last year.

DR. BOBROWSKI: That's what -- seemed like I can remember it was a pretty good chunk

[^33]of change there that -- because now -- and I'm sure it's different in different localities, but I've heard that, you know, it's a minimum charge of over $\$ 600$ for a -say, a patient to walk in and just to have something looked at at the emergency room. And I would say it's probably a lot more than that in some of the more urban areas of our state.

MR. OWEN: And it's --
DR. BOBROWSKI: Go ahead.
MR. OWEN: I was going to say, and a lot of times, $I$ think it's just dental pain for something that's probably not real expensive to treat.

DR. BOBROWSKI: Right.
MR. OWEN: But it's very costly because they end up in the ER because they're in pain.

DR. BOBROWSKI: Well, I'm hoping that with the increase in oral surgery fees, that more oral surgeons will come on board and more general dentists will come on board and treat folks.

Now, this is just a general notice,
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that we are seeing a lot of dentists that have just almost quit taking teeth out. You know, they will -- if you need one out, they will refer it to the oral surgeon, and maybe that's why there's such a backlog getting a patient into the oral surgeon's office. Now, that's -- that's an observation. I have no scientific data on that, but it just seems like the oral surgeons have commented to me about, you know, well, dentists, you were trained to take out some teeth, but they are just not doing them a lot. Okay. I think that's got that.

Is there any other discussion points from any of the TAC Members? Any other MAC recommendations? I would -- I would maybe just suggest that some of these questions -I know it's something that the MAC wouldn't have to vote on, but just to send them a list of some of these questions that we are asking DMS or the MCOs to research more for us and I just -- my opinion would be an appropriate thing to, you know, make a motion on. But if the other TAC Members don't think we should, well, then, we don't

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have to. But John or Joe, you got any ideas on that?

DR. PETREY: I would honestly say, Garth, we need to -- some of those, you know, I mean, John and I both are hearing for the first time. So I think we need to -- I would recommend that we clarify those a little bit better before we make recommendations to the MAC.

DR. BOBROWSKI: Okay. All right. Now, we need to look at setting our meeting dates for next year. And, again, it just seemed like that Friday afternoons was a better time for all of us to get together, and so I put down some dates similar to what we had this year.

MS. BICKERS: And, Dr. Bobrowski, this afternoon --

DR. BOBROWSKI: Yes.
MS. BICKERS: -- I had sent out an e-mail.
And the dates you have listed are the same dates that I had recommended for your same schedule.

DR. BOBROWSKI: Okay.
MS. BICKERS: I do know at one point you

[^34]mentioned not liking to meet until 4:00 on a Friday. I didn't know if the TAC wanted to move it up an hour and go 1:00 to 3:00 or keep it at the $2: 00$ to $4: 00$ moving through next year.

DR. BOBROWSKI: One reason, if I remember right -- Dr. Joe, you correct me. I think with his schedule, the 2:00 Eastern Time was about as early as he could get on the call.

DR. PETREY: That's correct. That's correct.

DR. BOBROWSKI: Okay. And I don't mind to leave it at that at all. And so I like -I like you being on the call here, Dr. Joe. MS. BICKERS: Well, since these are the same dates $I$ have in the e-mail, I will just mark them as approved by the TAC, if you guys are okay with the dates listed down here. And I'll start working on getting the calendar invites out. We are currently on an uploading freeze with our website because we are trying to revamp it to make it a little more user friendly. So your meeting minutes from today won't get

[^35]uploaded for about week. And then so your meeting dates next year won't be added on there until about a week, until I've been lifted off of my freeze and I can edit the website.

So I just wanted to let you know, just in case anybody goes out to look for anything from today's meeting, the website won't be updated until next week. I've just been trying to let some of the TACs know, because I know a lot of you like to go out and pull some of the information, or if there's presentations and things of that nature. So I've just been trying to give everybody a heads up.

DR. BOBROWSKI: Good deal. Thank you.
And one quick question. I know you gave your name, but I didn't get a chance to write it down. There's a -- from research and analytics?

MS. BICKERS: That was Rachael.
DR. BOBROWSKI: Yes. Okay, got it. Okay. Well, TAC Members, is there any other business that we need to discuss?

Well, we will -- please keep
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Dr. Schuler in your thoughts and prayers. And we are already in the process of looking for another TAC Member. I really feel honored to have -- you know, the TAC Members that we've got, I think we've got a good cross section of what's going on in the state. And I really value these guys and gals for being on the TAC and taking the time to do these and I really appreciate it. But if there's no other business to come before the TAC, I'll acknowledge a motion to adjourn.

MR. GRAY: Motion to adjourn, John Gray. DR. PETREY: Second, Joe Petrey.

DR. BOBROWSKI: Thank you. All in favor say, "Aye."

DR. GRAY: Aye.
DR. PETREY: Aye.
DR. BOBROWSKI: Thank you-all. You-all have a great weekend and have some fun.

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THEREUPON, the TAC Meeting was concluded.

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