**Fluoridation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

March 25, 2011

Attending Fluoridation Advisory Board Members:

Pat Credeur, Louisiana Rural Water Association
C.J. Richard, Greater Baton Rouge Dental Association Representative
Richard Brasher, Central Louisiana Dental Association Representative
Suzanne Farrar, Louisiana Dental Hygiene Association (Call in)

Henry A. Gremillion, LSU Medical Center (Call in)
Floyd Buras, Louisiana State Medical Society

Richard Ballard, New Orleans Louisiana Dental Association Representative

Charles Foy, Past LDA President

Sue Catchings, Maternal and Child Heath

Absent Board Members:

 Paige Gaudet, Bayou Region Louisiana Dental Association Representative

 John F. Taylor, Acadiana Region Louisiana Dental Association Representative

 Roger G. Grimball, Southwest Louisiana Dental Association Representative

 Christopher Cosse, Northwest Louisiana Dental Association Representative

 John T. Little, Northeast Louisiana Dental Association Representative

Attending Guests:

Lynn Alessi, DHH- Oral Health Program
Susan Jeansonne, DHH- Oral Health Program
Anna Wanko, DHH-Oral Health Program

1. Pat Credeur called the meeting to order at 10:07
2. Minutes for the last meeting were provided in hand out form and comments solicited.
3. Lynn Alessi provided an update on recent proposed changes by HHS/CDC on recommended optimum levels and anticipated changes by the EPA.
4. Lynn Alessi provided an update on recently completed fluoridation upgrade projects in the City of Gonzales and the City of Shreveport.
5. Lynn Alessi provided an update on the future project to fluoridate the City of Natchitoches scheduled for FY11-12
6. On behalf of the Policy Committee, Oral Health Coalition, Susan Jeansonne provided information on Committee’s Fluoride Varnish Initiative for Medicaid reimbursement for varnish applied in medical settings. The initiative is spearheaded by Dr. Steve Bienvenu, LA Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics, the LA Dental Association and Agenda for Children. It has the approval of the Oral Health Coalition. The Board voted to issue a statement in support of the initiative.
7. Lynn Alessi provided a draft report to the governor‘s office on the state of fluoridation. The Board approved to submit the report on Louisiana Rural Water Association letterhead for signature by the Board. Lynn Alessi will draft the report and will send to Board for final approval.
8. Karissa Page was charged in her absence with setting the next meeting dates
9. Pat Credeur adjourned the meeting at 11:30.

**Motions presented for Action:**

1. Moved by: Dr. C. J. Richard and Seconded by: Suzanne Farrar

 Motion: The Fluoridation Advisory Board supports the LA Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics/ LA Dental Association Joint Proposal on the application of fluoride varnish in medical settings.

1. Moved by: Dr. C.J. Richard and Seconded by: Suzanne Farrar

 Motion: The Fluoridation Advisory Board agrees to draft and submit a report to the Governor on the state of Community Water Fluoridation in Louisiana.