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Hi, Tim. Frankly, We see this as an information gathering/exchange exercise. We'll have some questions, all of which you've heard before. But we're not looking for any formal presentations.

COVID-19

How can the ADA support or augment CDC's strategy to vaccinate the population? We're aiming to brief you our own plan to do the same. Perhaps there is some crossover.

Transition

Any news you can share? Sense of whether the current nominees are friendly to oral health and dental care? Scuttlebutt on who is being considered for the ASH?

Action for Dental Health

Any progress on moving ADH forward? What can we do to help? Any idea when the next opportunity will be to apply to be on the CDC public/private partnership list?

Community Water Fluoridation

Any news about what's happening with the NTP report? Any grumblings at NIH? Is the second draft still being peer reviewed by NASEM? What can we do to reinforce the value of community water fluoridation?

Chief Dental Officer at CMS

Any info about whether this position will be made permanent, or whether the temporary dental officer will be staying another six months? What can the ADA do to help?

Make sense?

-Bob

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Good morning Bob,

Could you provide a little more clarity on today's agenda with the "army" of ADA people? Could we

split it into 30 minutes primarily with CDC and 30 minutes separately with me?

- Action for Dental Health Status – this would be a CDC topic, and perhaps HRSA, right?
 - What information would you like from Casey on this topic?
 - Do you need Renee Joskow to join in on this topic as well?
- Community Water Fluoridation/NTP Monograph/NASEM Review – definitely a CDC issue
 - CDC DOH is our federal agency lead, so I will defer to Casey on talking points on this topic.
 - I do not anticipate calling forth another expert panel to review the CWF recommendations like 2014 (that was once on the table).
 - Is there anything else specifically you want from Casey on this topic?
- COVID-19 Update
 - Casey could provide you with an update on an impending guidance from the agency.
 - If there are specific things you want from CDC, could you elaborate?
 - This might be a good time to have CDC people drop from the call as well, as the other topics aren't CDC-specific.
 - From my CDO perspective, I can provide updates on what's happening state by state (I'm in communication with AADB and state dental directors and have the latest info, I think).
- Vacancies
 - The only CDO vacancy we have is the CMS chief dental officer, so I can discuss that situation.
 - I can also provide your team with information on who I am grooming for the USPHS CDO position for 1 year, 8 months, and 17 days from now.
- Transition
 - There isn't a lot of information that is set in stone as far as HHS or OSG leadership, but I can certainly describe the possible scenarios.
 - If there are specific questions in this area, please let me know ahead of time.

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