



Washington State Oral Health Coalition
Celebrating 20 Years of Oral Health Advocacy
1993- 2013

Report from the Meeting of Fri., June 28, 2013 – 1:00 – 3:30pm
Eastgate Public Health Center – Conference Room
14350 SE Eastgate Way – Bellevue, WA 98007
Conference Call – 1-712-432-1500 /Access Code: 246765#

Attendance: Norma Wells, RDH, UW, Chair; Nancy Alleman, Chair-Elect; Pat Brown, Acting Secretary; Sean Pickard, WDSF, Treasurer; Tom Tidyman, WSDA; Joella Pyatt RDH, WA State DOH; Karen Lewis, WDSF; Mark Koday, DDS, YVFWC; Beth Hines, RDH, CDC Ret., WSOHC Founder; Christina Peters, Children's Alliance; Kelly Richburg, WDSF; Bracken Killpack, WSDA

Agenda Item	Action	Discussion and Follow-up
Welcome and Introductions	Norma Wells opened the meeting.	Attendees introduced themselves.
Member News and Updates	<p>Tom Tidyman reported WSDA has adopted more than 800 schools statewide for its on-call dental care service. The number has grown from 200 schools when the program began in 2009.</p> <p>Karen Lewis reported WDSF, working with Area Agency on Aging regional offices statewide, has delivered outreach education to more than 20,000 seniors and people with developmental disabilities. In 2012, WDSF funded a statewide survey of 4,400 adults 55 and over.</p> <p>Sean Pickard reported the ABCD program is now up and running in all 39 Washington counties. He said WDSF continues to train physicians to include dental screenings in well baby exams.</p> <p>Nancy Alleman, RDH, reported Registered Dental Hygienists will be allowed to treat housebound patients by July 31.</p> <p>Joella Pyatt, RDH, reported that the Department of Health has applied for two grants: one for workforce and the other a five-year CDC grant to evaluate and</p>	

	diagnostic to procedural codes which are easier.	
Treasurer's Report	Sean Pickard reported a balance of \$167.00.	Discussion centered on possible sources for future funding and the need to add relevant stakeholders to the Coalition membership.
Meeting Report 11-11-11	Sean Pickard moved to approve. Nancy Alleman seconded. The WSOHC Report from the Meeting of 11-11-11 was approved unanimously.	
REDESIGN: Discussion of By-Laws/Adding a Board	Based on her work with the American Network of Oral Health Coalitions (ANOHC), Pat Brown described the organization of other state coalitions. Most of these coalitions have a paid or volunteer staff, a board which meets quarterly and makes policy decisions, and a general membership that meets annually. Funding sources are grants written b staff and donations form board member contacts. The current WSOHC By-Laws define the Executive Committee (i.e., the officers) as the Coalition's board. Members agreed that having a board with stakeholders who find funding would be different from the board as it is now. Sean commented that without an active membership, he doesn't think the Coalition will draw impact players to the table. Norma pointed to the listserv as a means for continuing networking and information flow. Joella said we need to build oral health awareness and develop a wide representation including business partners on the board. She suggested a webinar on collective impact and will e-mail a link. Mark said what had initially attracted him to the Coalition were the agenda topics, the key people who attended, and the networking. Sean said WSOHC needs a compelling purpose and a goal.	Coalition members plan to do informal outreach to identify possible board members.
REBUILD: Founder's Call	Beth Hines, one of three WSOHC founders (with Carree Moore and Ellen Jeffcott), called from Georgia with congratulations on the Coalition's 20 th anniversary. "I'm so proud of you for keeping this going," she said. Recently retired from the CDC and now consulting with the Orton Foundation, Beth recalled that when she was with DOH in '91 Medicaid kids were having problems accessing oral	

health care. "I realized we needed friends," she said. She called Susie at WDSF who asked what was needed. Beth answered "a sealant program and an oral health coalition." Having agreed to help with the coalition, WDSF facilitated a meeting of a steering committee in '92; and WSOHC became an official organization in 1993. Beth praised the 2009 Washington State Oral Health Plan as having "everything necessary to keep going." She emphasized the value of partnerships that are "willing to adapt and bend for the greater good ... It's a lot more complicated now, but you have to simplify and prioritize to get things done," she said. Beth wrote the Community Integrated Service Systems (CISS) grant that funded the development of local oral health coalitions throughout the state.

Membership and Listserv	Pat distributed hard copies of WSOHC listserv members. Those present as well as those who responded to WSOHC Member Survey in March 2013 agreed that the listserv is a viable network and should continue. As of June 2013, the listserv includes 119 listings with some duplication.	Nancy Alleman will research current representatives from WSOHC member organizations on the listserv as well as the status of local oral health coalitions. The listserv will be used as a means for sharing information and an interim means for deciding future Coalition activities.
Leadership	Decisions related to future Coalition leadership are tied to reorganization, funding, and building partnerships.	
Web page	The WSOHC Web page needs to be updated. The Coalition also needs to decide how to fund the site and where it should be hosted. Members agreed to continue the site.	LeeAnn Hoaglin Cooper will be asked to help with this project.
Potential Funding Sources	DOH is interested in working with WSOHC if grant proposal is funded.	
RESTART: Activity Schedule	Identify WSOHC priorities through the listserv, confirm listserv membership identify additional partners.	
Oral Health Report - DOH	Joella reported for DOH Oral Health Coordinator Shelley Guinn . DOH has submitted two grant proposals: one for workforce and the other a 5-year program planning project that would involve major work with WSOHC. DOH expects to hear whether	

the proposals have been funded in mid July.

UPDATE – ACA Pediatric Dental Benefit

Christina Peters, the Children's Alliance, and **Sean Pickard** reported on the ACA Children's Dental Benefit in Washington State. **Christina** said the biggest issue is affordability. The children's dental benefit will be a separate, out of pocket cost for families. ACA tax credits don't take the children's dental benefit into account, and families at the Bronze Level for ACA health care coverage will lose out on cost sharing. She said the Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) plans to study how state law interacts with federal law and hopes for omnibus legislation to resolve current issues with the law in the 2015 session. She included an explanatory handout from Community Catalyst and the Children's Dental Health Project. **Sean** said the Exchange will be up and running on Oct. 1 for open enrollment for individuals and families. Coverage will begin on Jan. 1, 2014. He said the Dental Technical Advisory Committee has had input into the Exchange. He said participants in the Exchange must purchase all 10 Essential Health Benefits (EHBs), and that includes the children's dental benefit. People enrolling online won't be able to check out until they check their choice of a pediatric dental plan. Pediatric dental is embedded in SHOP (Seattle Health Options Program). On the Exchange, pediatric dental can be a standalone plan or included in a medical plan. Coverage levels will be different from CHIP (Child Health Insurance Program) with 100% coverage for preventive care and maybe 80% for restorative. It depends on what's filed with OIC. Pediatric dental has to fit the actuarial value calculators.

UPDATE – Adult Dental for Medicaid

Kelly Richburg, WDSF, reported on the Adult Medicaid Campaign. "Direct lobbying works!" she said. Among the partners in a "very active coalition to fund dental access" were Community Health Networks Action Alerts, Citizens Watch for Oral Health, United Concordia Research, Solid Ground,

State Poverty Action Network, the Children's Alliance, AARP, and the Senior Lobby. Kelly said the program as approved today by the state legislature is a \$24 million line item in the state's biennial budget. She said lobbyists for the measure stressed the \$36 million spent in the past 18 months on emergency room visits for dental problems. She said legislators were impressed with potential cost savings that might be realized by providing dental care, especially for diabetes patients. Other effective messages included the impact of good oral health on getting a job and sustaining employment. While past utilization of the Medicaid dental benefit for adults was low, advocates are working with the Health Care Authority (HCA) to develop strategies to improve access to care.

Announcements

Seattle Veterans' Stand Down planned for Sept. 11 at Seattle Central Community College needs volunteers. Contact Norma Wells or Pat Brown to volunteer.

Meeting Schedule

Tom suggested the capacity issue as a topic for future Coalition discussion. No future meeting schedule was decided. The Member Survey favored an annual meeting of the membership, making the listserv an even more important medium for member networking.

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3:30 pm
