



Orange County Health Improvement Partnership

Oral Health Collaborative

1725 W. 17th Street, WIC Trailer, Santa Ana

July 22, 2019

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Highlights

In Attendance:

Anna Luciano, Arezou Goshtasbi, DDS, Cindy Miller, Danielle Vicencio, Keri Jensen, Janira Perez, Jila Nikkhah, DDS, Joselyn Franco (via phone), Ligia Hallstrom, Lucy Hernandez, Maridet Ibanez, Melitza Chinchilla, Sahiti Bhaskara (via phone), Tamarra Jones, Tom Lovinger, Thomas Nakatsuchi, DDS, Trina Robertson

Welcome and Introductions:

Tamarra welcomed all in attendance and introductions went around the room.

Local Oral Health Activities

Partner Updates

- Tamarra informed if partners would like to share information about events, send e-mail to Lucy to post on website.

DHCS DTI LDPP Project Update

Program Update

- Melinda shared that all partners are providing VDH services throughout various locations throughout the county (schools, childcare centers). A regional meeting was held in San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange County. There is opportunity for training and technical assistance. It provided partners the ability to share between counties what is working.
- Smile Connection is on the verge of being operational. Waiting for State to approve budget so Healthy Smiles can start credentialing.
- DHCS approved additional funds in June for grantees and proposed numerous different services.
- Awaiting approval from DHCS of carryover funds from 2018. Submitted carryover funds to hire consultant specialist to help FQs implement new services. Will be working with Center of Oral Health for programmatic support for the clinics.

Evaluation Plan

Sahiti reported that the Local Oral Health Program evaluation plan was submitted and approved by the State. The Evaluation Plan is a living document and will keep reviewing and updating. Group reviewed the following evaluation questions that were developed to assess how the Local Oral Health Program is supporting oral health in Orange County.

1. How and to what extent has the LOHP integrated oral health into other public health and social service programs of Orange County?
 - a. Are non-dental providers and program integrating oral health in their workflow?
2. Has oral health knowledge increased and translated into an increase in utilization of preventive dental services?
3. To what extent are policy and program decisions (by LOHP and its partners) being made based on current (no more than 2 years old), actionable and representative data?
 - a. Is there a sound oral health surveillance system in place to support oral health in Orange County?
4. What is strength, diversity and extent of the 'network' of partners who collaborate with each other and the LOHP to achieve objectives of the oral health strategic plan?



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Evaluation Plan (continued)

5. Has there been a change in oral health service utilization and outcomes in Orange County? If yes, to what extent?

Idea is to measure progress over years to look at oral health and its utilization

School Maps

Sahiti informed that the school maps are living documents and developed based on data being collected from partners, from schools, and school years 2018-2019. Maps will be updated as information on these schools is attained. Interactive maps to be created and included in the Local Oral Health Program website for all partners to use.

- First map is Title 1 Schools in Orange County
 - District level free reduced price meal participation
 - High number of children from low income families
- Second map is School-Based Oral Health Programs in Orange County, CA K-6 2018-2019
 - School-Based oral health programs if any
- Third map is Percent of High Need School (Defined as Free or Reduced Price Meal Eligibility of 50%+)
 - Percentage of high needs school in a district have or do not an oral health program

Provider Survey

Sahiti shared update on provider survey and asked group if there is anything they would want to get out of the survey. Group requested survey to include questions on Smile, California, Tobacco Cessation, HPV, and RYD.

Older Adults Policy Advisory

Sahiti discussed project called Oral Health Action for Older Adults, which is a policy and awareness initiative around older adults. A policy advisory meeting was held on July 18 and findings were presented from a comprehensive environmental scan. Identified policy, programmatic gaps and made recommendations. A coalition of partners will be developed the topic area. The agenda will have recommendations for: Medicaid, Medicare and Public Health.

Rethink Your Drink (RYD)

Lucy provided an update on the RYD materials and oral health kits. Majority of materials have been distributed.

- If any additional materials or assistance needed send email to Lucy @ Lucyh@ochca.com.
- Maridet shared they will be targeting the pilot to assess their readiness and how they will incorporate in the community.
- RYD should have an updated draft of the RYD Tip Sheet by next meeting.
- Maridet informed in Orange County, soda tax is being tied with oral health. Being taxed on the amount of sugar and how many ounces in the container. Lucy to connect with source to acquire more information soda tax/sugary beverage tax and policy.



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Local Oral Health Program

Tamarra shared summary of the Oral Health Strategic Planning workgroups activity:

- Access and Utilization of Dental Services
 - CalOptima handout complete and can be shared with providers
 - List of dental and dental hygiene schools is being drafted
 - List of Medi-Cal Dental Pedodontist is being updated
 - Next meeting will have 211 representative
 - Discussion of integration of oral health information in medical school and residency programs
 - Access to care for older adults
- Education and Public Awareness
 - Promote Smile, California
- Integration of Medical & Dental
 - Contacting partners in Los Angeles Local Oral Health Program, to identify their efforts or existing curricula being used to promote oral health in medical school programs
 - Post health fair information

LOHP Website

- Tamarra shared that Health Care Agency has implemented a reorganization of divisions. The Local Oral Health Program is now under Health Promotion and Community Planning.
- Website, links, and emails are being updated.
- Meeting highlights have been added to the Local Oral Health Program website for public view. A specific page for the workgroups will be added to include resources developed.

Oral Health Public Awareness Campaign Update

- Tamarra provided a report on the Social Media campaign promoting the Smile Habits OC website. The goal of the campaign was to increase traffic to the website, specifically the page of information on access to affordable dental care. The campaign ran between May 1, 2019-May 30, 2019.
- Lucy also highlighted the bus ad campaign that was conducted for eight weeks in May-June, 2019. The campaign message was to brush twice a day and visit a dentist. The ad also included information on the Smile Habits OC website.

Next Steps

- Year in Review of Oral Health Collaborative
- Review of Provider Survey
- Sugary Beverage Tax Information

Next Meeting: September 23, 2019