

**Oral Health Nevada
Statewide Coalition Report
December 2016 AC4OH Report**

October

Oral Health Nevada and its coalition partners were successful in obtaining multiple letters of support from multiple organizations for the continued funding of the State Dental Officer and the State Public Health Dental Hygienist as well as the expansion of adult Medicaid preventive dental services.

October 26-28, 2016

Oral Health Nevada Board was represented at the October convening of Oral Health 2020, sponsored by DentaQuest, in Phoenix Arizona. Board members Chris Garvey, Syd McKenzie and Wendy Madson represented Nevada at the national event attended by over 400 oral health and public health professionals from across the United States. Oral Health 2020 focuses on oral health across the lifespan; recognizing that oral health is an integral part of overall health. Oral Health Nevada is part of a network engaged in work centered around this belief. Through this network we are able to tap into a rich variety of educational and intellectual resources to share within our state.

October 29, 2016

In honor of our State's birthday, Oral Health Nevada, participated in the Governor's Nevada Day celebration. OHN sponsored "Treat Your Teeth" as part of the evening events at the Governor's Mansion, handing out 3,000 tooth brushes to children and adults.

November 18, 2016

Oral Health Nevada held a joint coalition meeting with CCOH and CUSP to continue work on the legislative day scheduled for March 23, 2017. Committees were formed to work on educational materials, video presentations and personal outreach to legislators who will be attending the 2017 legislative session. Updates from Dr. Capurro and Chuck Damon regarding the work of the oral health program and the state Medicaid office, helped facilitate the work of the coalitions as we move forward.

Letters of congratulations and introduction to all of the legislators throughout the state have been sent by the coalition so we can be a resource of information for our states policy makers when it comes to matters of public oral health and access to care concerns.