

Nevada’s Oral Health Coalitions - Update Template

Coalition Name: Community Coalition for Oral Health	
Prepared by: Cathie Davenport	Coalition Role: Chair
Date: 10-24-2017	
Successes	
CSN Dental Hygiene Program: Cara Kirby reported that students have been back for 3 weeks and started community rotations with Future Smiles, Seal Nevada South, Volunteers in Medicine, Nellis AFB, and women’s prison.	
CSN Dental Hygiene – Fall 2017 The 1 st year class was accepted in the spring of 2017 with 20 students. The 2 nd year class is comprised of 12 students.	
2017 Fall Semester Highlights: CSN participated in the 1st Annual Health Services Coalition Health Fair with Elizabeth Diaz-Wasden in attendance as the CSN representative. Community Service Highlights Fall 2017 semester to date (10/26/17-totals of services donated, including student time and mileage):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Volunteers in Medicine Southern NV- \$3,033.00 Seal Nevada South-2,426.00○ Future Smiles- 2,933.00○ Nellis AFB-2,392.00○ Students also rotate to UNLV pediatric clinic but are not counted into these totals○ Students attend these rotations outside of clinic time (donated hours)	
Grand total of \$ 10,784.00 (10/26/17)	
Future Smiles:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Closed out the school year with serving 15,980 students. There were 2,590 children that received sealants and 11,364 sealants were placed. Referrals for caries management that were contacted by phone or letter was 1,873. Forty cases were covered by project smile. Uninsured students: 2,656; Medicaid: 1,711 and participating schools: 40.○ Two new hygienists were hired○ They participated in the September 16, 2017 Health Services Coalition Health Fair○ They will participate in the Mobile Health Coalition Whitney occupational park health fair on 10/20/2017, and will be working with Dr. Demopoulos for GKAS with three schools: Clark High School, Roundy ES, Wynn ES. They will be participating on Oct 3-4 for Advocacy Day in Washington D.C., meeting with legislators.	

Nevada's Oral Health Coalitions - Update Template

Seal Nevada South (SNS):

Started their Fall school visits

UNLV School of Dental Medicine:

Dr. Demopoulos has started traveling and performing screenings for the Early Childhood Caries program. They have screened around 300 kids at 7 centers so far. Outreach has participated in 5 screening/back to school/immunization events with the third year students. Total as of July 2017 was 765 screenings.

Dental Care International:

- Las Vegas Clinic- Welcomed another dentist to their staff Dr. Deana Mathisen. They have a total of four on staff at present. They continue their collaboration with Acelero Head Start program to provide the dental exam for entering students.
- They are looking for a hygienist
- International- At the end of July a large contingent of volunteers and board members went to Sri Lanka to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Dental Surgery Assistant (DSA) program. They attended the graduation of the class of 2016-17, welcomed the incoming class and participated in the 2nd annual DSA continuing education program. They participated in a dental outreach clinic at the tea plantation highlands.
- October 21-28 is there Ecuador trip. Team includes 3 dentists, 1 hygienist, 1 dental assistant, 2 nondental support people and a board member (local liaison). They are partnering with the University Dental School and will have 10 senior dental students and an instructor. They expect about 200 elementary school children.
- Planning and preparing for February 2018 trip to Sri Lanka. They will be going to the northeast coast that has suffered from the civil war and the tsunami. They expect about 300 children will be seen. They are still recruiting volunteers for this trip.
- GKAS is February 3, 2018.

Nevada Dental Benefits, Ltd. (NDB) NDB has participated in ten events this year to date which include client health fairs, client charity golf tournaments and community outreach. We included our mobile dental care unit at two events offering free oral cancer screenings. We continue working with our providers, members and clients to stress the importance of oral and systemic health. NDB is also a member of the local Seniors United, the Nevada Public Health Foundation, ASTDD, the International Foundation, Dental Quality Alliance, American Dental Association, International Healthcare Terminology Standards Development Organization and the National Association of Dental Plans. I also serve as the Secretary for the United Labor Agency of Nevada and on the board of two charity golf tournaments. I want to acknowledge NDB for giving me the time to participate and volunteer my time in the community.

Barriers

Southern Nevada Dental Society sent out an email asking for dentist and hygienists for RAM Pahrump event in October 6,7,8. They are still in need for more dentist and hygienist for the event. Dr. Tally stated information is posted on their website.

Nevada's Oral Health Coalitions - Update Template

One of the barriers in the community I have been told is getting clinical volunteers for events like RAM. It may be an issue with coordination between RAM and the dental community.

Another barrier for CCOH is financial. We pay out more than we bring in for dues. This is not an issue at this point but I hope to engage more dental companies in the community to support our efforts on education about oral and systemic health. The goal is to have them participate for the good of the community like the other CCOH members.

Partners

CCOH partnered with the Health Services Coalition to participate in its first annual health fair. The Health Services Coalition is a non-profit group in Southern Nevada. The coalition is comprised of the some of the largest self-funded employers and union based health trust funds in the Silver State. I served on the planning committee and my goal was to have oral health represented at the event. Nevada Dental Benefits participated and brought their dental mobile unit BRUSHA and offered free toothbrushes, toothpaste , dental floss, educational materials and oral cancer screenings.

Access Health also participated with their dental mobile unit and offered free oral cancer screenings. CCOH had a table at the event and participated. Thanks to volunteers Jan Taylor from Future Smiles CCOH Treasurer, Liaz Diaz from CSN Dental Hygiene, Marsha Larabee from Dental Care International and Dr. Capurro for working the table. Thank you also to Judy White for sending us educational materials to provide to the participants.

As I mentioned before we are rich in leadership in our group. I would like to recognize Dr. Christina Dempoulos for her dedication and passion for oral health. Dr. Demopoulos invited me to speak at the Oral Health Childhood Caries kick off at the Acelero school on October 10, 2107. She is respected by her peers and community partners. Watching her do fluoride treatment on the children at the school was touching. She made every child feel special. She has been a guide for me and I am thankful we have her in our community. Thank you for all you do.

I also wanted to share that I think a big part of our success is teamwork. As you read the notes you can see that CCOH members work with each other on projects in the community. We are hoping to expand our networking in future months.

Nevada Medicaid: Dr. Tally attended the Medicaid meeting where Liberty Dental was presented as the new Medicaid provider (replacing HPN) for Las Vegas and Reno. They had an encouraging discussion about Adult benefits. Laurie Curfman is the senior network manager. He gave her phone number 888-700-0643 ext 316 and cell number 702-416-3026, if anyone needed to reach out.

Current Events

CCOH will vote on the meeting dates for the 2018 year. We also want to develop a working relationship with Liberty Dental the new Medicaid provider so the providers in the community have contacts to help the new implementation.

Nevada’s Oral Health Coalitions - Update Template

<p>Looking Forward Give Kids a Smile date: February 3, 2018 and will take place at UNLV School of Dental Medicine and at DCI.</p>