

**Nevada’s Oral Health Coalitions - Update Template**

<b>Coalition Name: Community Coalition for Oral Health</b>	
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<b>Barriers:</b> One of the largest barriers is the challenge we must keep networking among our non-profits in the community. One of the goals is to expand our relationships with other groups that help with daily struggles for Nevada families. If we can set up a network we can help direct people who need help other than oral health it would help us to establish contacts and knowledge about what services are available. Mental health and drug abuse have a direct relationship with oral health. The homeless are also victims of poor oral health. As a volunteer organization time is always a challenge but I am very thankful for our dedicated CCOH members.	
<b>Partners</b> <b>UNLV:</b> Dr. Judy Skelton presented the year-end report for UNLV School of Dental Medicine Dental screenings: 2918 Sealants: 1510 Fl Varnish: 2641 Dr. Skelton reported that a very good note considering the future the Oral Health Grant for Health and Head Start is seeing that Head Start Kids in general are coming into the program cavity free. There is a real disconnect with public health and billing. It would be positive if UNLV could bill for services but they are doing the services for free. Dr. Demopoulos and her team are working very hard on the Oral Health America grant screening children in both Southern and Northern Nevada. They are working to reach as many Head Start programs as possible.  <b>Early Childhood Caries Prevention Project (ECCPP):</b> Dr. Demopoulos 1543 screenings 1419 fluoride varnish applications Visited all the Early Head Start and Head Start Centers other than 4 Head Start Centers that were not able to be scheduled in the Fall due to their schedule. Will schedule them this year. Julie Stage-Rosenberg conducted the screenings for the UNR sites and my team conducted the rest.  <b>GKAS on 2/3/2018:</b> Dr. Demopoulos Now, I only have the numbers of patients were seen on 02/03/2018. 186 -Patients Seen 36- Fail to show 9-Cancelled 162- Scheduled for the event. We did work closely with Dr. McClellan since they also had their GKAS on 2/3/2018. We offered the volunteer efforts of dentists and to see any of their walk ins that couldn't be seen. They finished around 2 PM and could see all their patients. We were here until about 3:30 PM. I was here with our team waiting for the last person to be dismissed. We had quite a few walk ins so wanted to provide treatment to everyone.	

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**Access Health Dental:** Kristen gave a report about Access Health Dental. They are a local dental group and they have a five-dental operatory mobile unit. This gives Access the opportunity to go out in to the community and provide full service dental care. Access does so a few community charity health events. They worked with CCOH and NDB in September to provider oral cancer screenings. They have also done oral cavities screenings at events. They have been involved with Medical connect since 2012. Access was doing extractions on homeless people living in Las Vegas.

**Future Smiles:** Jan Taylor stated that Future Smiles is a non-profit school based program Hygiene Program and they see a lot of uninsured. The Board of Dental Examiners did not realize that that there were uninsured children. Jan works in Project Smile with Access Health and helped with dental care. They saw 75 children and received a grant for \$60,000.00 which they could have spent over that amount. So many of the children that they saw have severe decay and no insurance. There are a lot of referral from nurses from the CCSD and Jan works with them to get referrals to dental offices. Project Smile works with children under four years old and that money came from Future Smiles grant money for sedation. The objective is to keep kids in school. Future Smile is hoping to get grant money again. They will hear in Feb and the first payment will be in April and the second will be in September. Jan is also working on Give Kid's a Smile. Jan said there are hundreds of kids that UNLV have screened that are ready to go. Dental Care International also has an event but they only had time to do prophy's. DCI sees kids up to age 20. April 11 will be the Mobile Health Collaborative Health Fair. The first meeting is January 31 in Henderson and this is the planning committee. The last event was at Whitney Park and there were so many people there who could not get their kids into school. Future Smiles bought them diapers and baby food. One Mom had twins and a 15-year-old. She was told the boy would not be allowed in the shelter and Mom did not want to break up her family. Cathie mentioned that she is on the board of another non-profit and will get Jan additional information on resources. The mom also said her son cannot go to school because he does not have an address. Chris Garvey and Irma Pumphrey indicted that CCSD will come to the park pick him up and take him home after school. Once he has a school if they move he can stay at that same school. His school will be determined by the first park address and will not change.

**Nevada Medicaid:** Laurie from Liberty said she spent the first week in Carson City at a command center. Things went very well. There was a designated phone number the Medicaid members could call. The number is 1-866-609-0418 and Liberty is open Mon-Friday from 8am to 5pm. ID cards went out at the end of the month of December. Liberty is using the Medicaid ID number and they also have home assignments. Identification cards went out at the end of December to Medicaid members. There was a question about how the dental home will work with Future Smiles programs. Jan Taylor has a portal to check if Medicaid members are eligible. There was a concern by Chris Garvey about duplicate procedures but the portal gives the office that information. Laurie explained that there is

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website that the members can access for providers. Liberty has also had people walk in their office and they are assisting them to find providers. Liberty is going to check into having training for community partners with the webinar. Chris suggested that they train the CCSD nurses to have those direct students and their parents. Chris had some concerns about dental codes that are not covered under Medicaid.

1-25 Miles contracted providers Liberty is 100% adequacy

1,262 contracted providers for adult access

1,311 general dentists for children

240 Pediatric Dentists

60 Endodontists

160 Oral Surgeons

40 Periodontists

These offices are in Washoe and Clark County which are the only counties that Liberty is contracted to serve. The rest of Nevada is on the Fee for Service plan.

**State Oral Health Office:** Dr. Capurro mentioned that her duties with Medicaid have expanded. Dr. Capurro has been working with Jack and Margaret in the Medicaid department to assist with the onboarding of Liberty effective 1-1-18. Dr. Capurro has also been working with the Southern Nevada Health District collaborating with their mobile clinic putting a hygienist on the list to add to the unit. They currently have a nurse and medical assistant that goes through out the counties. They have been able to pull money from DPBH and Amy Roukie has been very helpful. They are going to be visiting Esmeralda, Lincoln and White Pine in April, May and June. The hygienist will provide preventive services and will be doing a needs assessment. The nurse will be providing well checks and vaccinations. Depending the feedback, they get and the funding they would like to expand services. Dr. Iser from the Southern Nevada Health District and Dr. Capurro are going to counties and talking to their commissioners to gain support and in-kind services. The first meeting is with the Nye County Commissioners. The next meeting is in White Pine, Tonopah Hospital Board and another meeting in Lincoln and Esmeralda. They will be talking about overall health and dental health. Dr. Capurro has written a job description but will not be able to use the funds till April 2018. The first month they will be going to Pahrump, Goldfield, Tonopah and back to Las Vegas. In May they will be going to Pioche, Ely, and back to Las Vegas. In June they are going to do a roundabout to Tonopah, Pioche, Ely and back to Las Vegas. The pilot project will have the hygienist will be working these trip with the Southern Nevada Health District. They go to a homeless clinic and serve shortage areas in Las Vegas. They provide nursing services and the hygienist will be able to provide dental but limited. They do have a sterilizer and some portable equipment. There are some holes in supplies that need to be purchased but they want to get a needs assessment. They want to build relationships in these communities and then possibly add a dentist. The hygienist will be doing case management and can identify emergency cases that need follow-up. The hygienist will also be trained by a Medicaid eligibility worker. The people they see will be able to get the correct information on how to enroll in Medicaid and what services are available. Chris Garvey questioned if this will be a consultant position and if this has been submitted to the Dental Board of Examiners. Dr. Capurro went through this process when they had a grant awarded to the special needs clinic to provide preventive services to patients that could not be seen at a traditional office. Dr. Capurro has this on her list of things to address. Dr. Capurro is also involved with the State Leadership Program with Jack. Dr. Capurro in

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involved with several leadership programs that have been submitted and they are having a site visit on February 20. She is working on planning the day the project is a State Plan Amendment presented to AC4OH at the last meeting to recognize Public Health Hygienists as Medicaid Provider type. She is also working with the UNLV School of Medicine and the UMC School of Wellness clinic to place a public health hygienist in their clinic to provide services. She has had a lot of support from the physicians and nurses. They have integrated them into the schedule so when the patient comes in for a physical they see the social worker next. The hygienist will be placed in the middle so the patient will get a medical exam, dental exam and then talk to the social worker. This project is still in the works and Dr. Capurro is still working on the contract and the training. Dr. Capurro has a lot of reports she is doing for ASTDD and they are submitting a lot of contract around these two projects. She is still working on the health assessment for entry. Dr. Capurro has made a lot of contacts within the State. There are educators that work within the Department of Education that have grants they are writing to improve the health of Nevada school children. They are centered around chronic disease prevention. Dr. Capurro met with them in Carson City to talk about dental health. They may also have an intern working with them gathering stakeholders input and trying to build support. There is a new deputy administrator coming in at the end of the month that is also very supportive of the oral health program. Chris Garvey suggested contacting Dotty Muriel the Executive Director of the State of Nevada Association of School Board Trustees. Chris will get the contact information to Dr. Capurro. Dr. Capurro has done preliminary proposals for the department and has been approved to move forward. There will be some stops and changes and everything will need to be resubmitted but everyone is on board. She will start to make presentations and get feedback. Dr. Capurro cannot go forward without partners.

Judy White gave a report on Pathfinder I and II. The trailers have been retrofitted with locking mechanisms on the hitches. Everything was taken care of by the Carson pool but it took 2-3 weeks. The trailers are now loaded and both are behind locked gates. One was trailered to Las Vegas and the other one is in Northern Nevada in a State warehouse that is free. The one in Las Vegas is stored at the Southern Nevada Health District. Judy also packed up the paperwork and sent it to Las Vegas. Judy said there was a lot of paperwork to do for the two units dealing with liability and protocols. The HRSA grant could be folded into the dental storage areas since portable equipment is mentioned in the grant. Dr. Capurro thanked Judy for all her hard work. Judy stated that just like Dr. Capurro she has so much work to get done.

**Current Events** Cathie Davenport stated there will be an AC4OH meeting on February 2, to discuss the CDC grant. The meeting will be held at the Oral Health office from 1-5pm. The purpose of the meeting is to gather ideas on the direction of the oral health program for the next five years. The meeting is more of a strategic plan and then possibly do a subcommittee if this is allowed by open meeting law. At the last AC4OH meeting that State indicated they have a grant writing department that can help with the grant writing.

We want to make sure that we include some of the legacy knowledge from the past like Dr. Rosenberg since he knows what has worked and what has not worked over the years. One of the things that we want to make sure to do is to include Northern and Southern Nevada in the plans. The difference in the Northern and Southern Nevada areas that need to be addressed and considered. Dr. Capurro has invited different community partners to attend the meeting on Feb 2 like Wendy Madsen who works out of Silver Springs in Northern Nevada. We are working on getting a call-

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in number and will forward that information and an agenda. The CDC grant has not been released yet but we are hoping that we have that information for the Feb 2 meeting. Dr. Capurro gave an update on the Feb 2 meeting and wants to include community partners in Northern and Southern Nevada to be part of the conversation. Unfortunately, Dr. Capurro has not heard back from any of the partners but she will send another email.

Dr. Capurro and Judy White gave a report indicating that there are two grants the State can submit to try to get funding. There is a HERESA Grant and a CDC grant that is coming out. The CDC grant is typically for \$335,000 and a 4-5-year grant but it has not been released yet. The CDC grant is supposed to be released in the next two weeks. Per Dr. Capurro typically they have 60 days to apply somewhere in March. The other grant is a HRSA grant for \$400,000. It is for supporting the development of innovative programs to help the work force and it will help support the Oral Health Program. This is a great opportunity but writing two grants at the same time is a challenge with an already full plate. Dr. Capurro feels this is something that needs to be discussed with AC4OH to get direction for which is a better directive on what each grant offers, Dr. Capurro feels it is not realistic to submit for both grants with only two people in the Oral Health Program. Judy and Dr. Capurro have several projects they are working on.

**Looking Forward:** Chris Garvey representing Oral Health Nevada gave a report that she is working with Chris Wood from ASTDD, a national organization and Terri Chandler from Future Smiles about creating a dental summit for Nevada. The dental summit would be in partnership with the national organization DentaQuest. Chris G., Chris W. and Terri C. are currently finding partners for a half day or full day summit to start the process. The State is not currently ready to do an actual summit but Oral Health Nevada would like to start the process. Chris Wood contacted the Nevada Public Health Association to see if they would be interested in having Oral Health have a program in the Nevada Public Health Association conference. The NPHA was not willing to give them a full cadre or have time for the whole day. We would need to join the Nevada Public Health Association to have an event during the conference. They also learned that we would have to have people join and become members. They are currently looking at a Friday in July. They will also be bringing in speakers including continuing education. AHEC is also trying to put together a meeting and panel as well accessing treatment and public health. They would like to start a committee about community programs and broaden the family education about places they can go like the Housing Authority. The other option that Chris Garvey and Chris Wood are considering is having the event at Three Square in Las Vegas in July. They would bring in speakers who would draw multi professionals. Mark Rosenburg has been working with Chris Garvey to develop a steering committee. Chris would like to have a mini meeting after the next AC4OH meeting so we could have a panel discussion on expanding the stakeholders in the community and educate them about the importance of oral health. Chris would also like to discuss bringing in AHEC parties to help expand career paths including substance abuse and recovery. Dr. Capurro thanked Chris for all her hard work and offered to help any way that she can.

CCOH is looking forward to the next Oral Health Legislative Day. Cathie met with Chris Giunchigliani and Assemblymen James Ohrenschall to discuss the importance of oral health in Nevada. Both were very receptive and asked me to keep them updated.

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