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Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Nevada Oral Health Program

Mission

The mission of the Nevada Oral Health Program is to protect, promote, and improve the oral health of the people of Nevada. The Oral Health Program and its partners collaborate to promote optimal oral health for Nevadans across the lifespan.

Priority Areas

Access to Care, Collaborative Partnerships, Medicaid Dental Benefits, Oral Health Promotion, Data Acquisition, Dental Education, and Oral Health Workforce

Vision

Our vision is a healthy Nevada, where all people experience the benefits of oral health intrinsically linked to overall health. Our vision is to remove barriers to a patient's ability to maintain oral health regardless of the patient's location, age, or financial status.

Strategic Goals

1. Data Acquisition: Assess and track disease rates and improvements in oral health to determine the oral health needs of the residents of Nevada.
2. Dental Education: Increase public and health care provider's knowledge and raise awareness of the importance of oral health and on matters relating to oral health.
3. Collaborative Partnerships and Community Outreach: Promote and improve access to high-quality dental care and oral disease prevention services.
4. Strengthen organizational infrastructure and capacity: Explore sustainability-including writing grants, private funding opportunities, and creating business models.
5. Evaluation of program activities through public transparency and reporting to the Advisory Committee on the State Program for Oral Health.

Defining Goals, Strategies and Activities

Goal1: Data Acquisition and dissemination

Strategy 1: With Healthy People 2020 as a guide, assess and track disease rates and improvements in oral health to determine the oral health needs of the residents of Nevada.

Activities:

- **Design an oral health surveillance plan** that extends beyond a core set of surveillance indicators (BRFSS, NPCR, CMS-416, NSCH) and will include additional indicators from among populations of interest such as an older adult BSS or a rural oral health survey.
- Coordinate and oversee open-mouth Basic Screening Surveillance projects for the elderly, third graders, special needs populations.
- Create quarterly reports, data briefs, and fact sheets that track the Program's progress towards Healthy People 2020 goals.
- Update OHP website and house oral health reports and county level data fact sheets
- **Complete yearly reports** as follows:

- Annual DHHS Fact Book
- MSDA Annual Report
- Quarterly and annual MCAH reports
- Annual ASTDD synopsis
- Annual Nassir (Sealant) report
- Monthly CDC water fluoridation data reporting and quarterly report into WFRS
- Yearly dental workforce survey
- Monthly reports to CMO

Goal 2: Improve Dental Education and Clinical Service Delivery (Medicaid)

Strategy 2: Increase public and health care provider's knowledge and raise awareness of the importance of oral health and on matters relating to oral health.

Activities:

- Disseminate 'best practices' that improve oral health service, public health science, and improve patient outcomes ie. BSS training, CEs on silver diamine fluoride, CEs that bring both medical and dental professionals together
- Prepare educational materials for other departments (e.g., psychiatric case workers) to distribute (e.g., older adults, quit cards, community health nurses) on dental intervention.
- **Education of the public, health care providers, and Medicaid** parties through policy briefs, white papers, webinars and workshops (Medicaid). Consider older adults, diabetes and perio patients
- **Prepare Legislative packet** before session(if approved by Administration and AGs Office)
- **Create educational materials** for school nurses ie. emergency dental procedures for dental injuries
- Create removable partial patient education forms for DHCFP to distribute
- **Work with Liberty Dental** to review and update provider handbook
- **Medicaid projects** ie. ASC data review, CE series with Liberty Dental, service limit rewrite of coverage and limitations, state plan amendment for RDH PHE
- **Work with NSBDE on teledentistry** verbiage for inclusion in NRS and NAC
- **Submit abstracts** to public health and dental associations
- **Support the graduating dental workforce:** continue to present graduating dental and dental hygiene students with a certificate of commendation and personalized letter from the Program. Continue to speak at graduation ceremonies as invited.

Goal 3: Collaborative Partnerships and Community Outreach

Strategy 3: Promote and improve access to high-quality dental care and oral disease prevention services through collaboration with the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy to promote utilization of Medicaid and Nevada Check Up covered services and through partnership with other state agencies, local governments, county health departments, and community-based programs.

Activities:

- Work with DHCFP to improve provider relations through timely education and communication on current issues
- **Pathfinder 1 and 2:** two trailers with portable dental equipment. Inventory, write infection control and administrative policies, and create RFP for community members to use the equipment.
- Build a culture of dental volunteerism in this state (providers)—Need help from the administration (RAM events), explore dental out-of-state volunteer licensure

- **Build fluoride varnish policy** into medical EPSDT (then mark fluoride application in online application ie. WebIZ and then create tear off referral pad)
- Support budding dental clinic at SNHD
- Work with Washoe Health District to support oral health efforts and educational outreach
- **Work with Assemblywoman Neal** as dental services bill is crafted
- **Revise MOU** with Bureau of Safe Drinking Water, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection which outlines relationship regarding water fluoridation data sharing and dental consultation roles
- **Work with Ely Chief Health Officer**, Dr. Byun, and William Ririe CEO, Dr. Matt Walker, to establish Medicaid dental hospital rotation
- **Licensed childcare oral health services** proposal (if approved by Administration and AGs Office)
- **Support Special Olympics**, Special Smiles events

Goal 4: Strengthen organizational infrastructure and capacity

Strategy 4: Explore sustainability-including writing grants, private funding opportunities, and creating business models. Also, identify methods to build the infrastructure of the program through partnerships with other departments.

Activities:

- When we run into a health problem/hazard, work with relevant departments as consultants to change the policies, contract, etc.
- Build business model for dental services and oral health education within licensed childcare centers
- Explore oral health license plate proposal collaboration with UNLV, TMCC, CSN, NDA, NDHA
- **Apply for grants** as applicable
- Explore cost sharing opportunities with UNLV SDM
- ER data analysis
- **Older adult “expansion” project** and survey to administrators of nursing home facilities

Goal 5: Evaluation of program activities through public transparency and reporting to the Advisory Committee on the State Program for Oral Health

Strategy 5: Improve effectiveness of policy and advocacy efforts through open lines of communication and evaluation of services

Activities:

- **Support AC4OH** including but not limited to board retreats, training, task force/working group activities, and improving communication methods with all members
- **Create strategic plan with** plan to monitor quality and effectiveness of activities
- **Annual activities report**
- **Regular Meetings:**
 - o Quarterly AC4OH meetings
 - o Quarterly DPBH meetings with Administration
 - o Semi-monthly DHCFP meetings
 - o Bi-monthly report from DHO to CMO
 - o Weekly OHP team meetings
 - o Weekly DHCFP dental team meetings
 - o NOHC meeting in March

- MSDA meeting in June
 - Etc.
- PDSA training
- Research and networking with Arizona(sealant programs/portable clinics), California(health assessment before school entrance policies), Oregon(Medicaid policies), and Utah(water fluoridation) Oral Health Programs

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July-August-September OHP Activity Plan

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Activities to be undertaken by OHP Team (Dr. C and Ms. White) in preparation for September announcement of CDC Grant

