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Save the Date

June 1, 2018
UOHC Meeting
University of Utah
School of Dentistry
Classroom A

Have an event?
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DENTAL DIGEST

Utah Oral Health Coalition Newsletter

We are happy to announce that the UOHC will have its own newsletter. We created the newsletter so that the coalition can keep members updated on what is happening within our Coalition between meetings. See page 5 for details on distribution and submissions. The Utah Oral Health Coalition (UOHC) is composed of members from the public and private dental community, state and local health departments, community health centers, other non-profit referral organizations and clinics, schools, state legislators, and child advocacy groups. Formed in 2001 as a result of the State Oral Health Summit and the National Governors Association (NGA) Policy Academy, UOHC has been active in advocating and promoting programs that address the unmet oral health needs of low income, uninsured/underinsured children and adults and their families.

Introducing Brenda Armstrong, Coalition Chair 2018-2019



In 2013, I moved to Utah and joined DSU Dental Hygiene Program as assistant professor. My initial assignment was the public health curriculum and service-learning. I was thrilled as my previous research and teaching included public health and working with community organizations in Williamsburg, Virginia and Willmar, Minnesota. Once settled in St George, one of my first actions was to call Michelle Martin and ask her how I could get involved so that I could understand the state of oral health in Utah.

So, here I am now, five years later, with the privilege to work with all of you. The mission of the coalition is to promote oral health education, prevention, and awareness, while improving access to oral health care services, which is a passion for all of us. That passion translates to many members giving up valuable time and resources, from other obligations, to work together on things that take time, resources, and frankly can be hard to accomplish. But it's worth it!

Angela Duckworth in her book *Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance*, states: "Grit is about working on something you care about so much that you're willing to stay loyal to it...it's doing what you love, but not just falling in love – staying in love."

I am grateful that I get to work with a group of oral health advocates and providers who have GRIT! I look forward to the next year and furthering the mission of UOHC with each of you. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Warmly,
Brenda Armstrong

UTAH GIVE KIDS A SMILE

The ADA Foundation's Give Kids A Smile program has been helping underserved children receive free oral health services nationally since 2003. For more information see: www.adafoundation.org/en/give-kids-a-smile.

Local dental societies and national as well as local vendors help to make these events possible. This is a summary of the events in Utah who provided information:

Dixie State University Dental Hygiene Clinic

Number of Kids Seen: 41

Types of Treatment: Examination, prophylaxis, radiographs, sealants, fluoride varnish, extractions, restorations

Number of Vouchers: 11 distributed to children needing further restorative treatment and/or comprehensive care. Dentists from Washington County have Volunteered their services to complete treatment for these children

Value of Services Provided: \$16,576.00 on day of event.

Total Volunteers: 96

Dentists: 5
Hygienists: 12
Dental Students: 0
Pre-Dental Students: 15
Hygiene Students: 36
Other Volunteers: 28

Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Dental Medicine

Number of Kids Seen: 645

Types of Treatment: Child Prophy, Screenings

Number of Vouchers: 2,568

Value of Services Provided: \$77,575

Total Volunteers: 356

Utah County Community Health Connect

Number of Kids Seen: 122

Types of Treatment: Preventative and Restorative

Number of Vouchers: 35

Value of Services Provided: \$147,922

Total Volunteers: 130

Dentists: 17
Hygienists: 3
Dental Students: 0
Hygiene Students: 60
Other Volunteers: 50

University of Utah School of Dentistry

Number of Kids Seen: 387

Types of Treatment: Preventative, Basic, Major, Perio, and Surgery Treatment

Number of Vouchers: 106

Value of Services Provided: \$225,000

Total Volunteers: 228 Reported

Dentists: Not provided
Hygienists: Not provided
Dental Students: 132
Hygiene Students: Not Provided
Other Volunteers: 96

*Information listed in the order received

Member Spotlight



**By: Marielle Pariseau DMD,
Member of IADR, AADR,
APHA, ACFF, and AAC**

**Supervised Flossing & Brushing Programs
Empowering Children with Knowledge and
Practices for a Cavity-Free Future
Weaving Oral Health in the Fabric of
Communities with Strategic Philanthropy**



VISION AND MISSION

Our vision for a cavity-free future informs our twin missions of 1- Empowering Children to Good Oral Health for Life with daily doses of oral health knowledge and oral hygiene practices at school. 2- Making Oral Hygiene as Accessible as Hand Hygiene for everyone.

NEEDS

TeethFirst conducted Oral health and oral hygiene skills assessments of close to 300 5-year-old children in Summit, Wasatch and Utah Counties in 2017. The collected data indicates that 22% of 5 year olds had untreated tooth decay and 46% had current or past experience of tooth decay, almost double the Nation's average of 24%.

TARGETED BENEFICIARIES

Targeting tooth decay in Kindergarten classrooms makes sense because:

- All children should benefit from parental help in brushing and flossing their teeth until age 6, sometimes, 8.
- Less than 4% of the children we examined in 2017 had no plaque and no gingival inflammation.

STRATEGY

[Oh'Pal, the toothbrush that teaches](#), makes oral

hygiene in the classroom, flossing and brushing, not only possible, but also simple and mess-free.

In the spring of 2017, in a collaborative process with teachers, we added a companion to Oh'Pal: a curriculum for the integration of oral health education in elementary schools. This curriculum (supported by a Park City Community Foundation Grant and in collaboration with the [STEM Action Center](#)) connects teeth and oral health to all elements of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and art. It also correlates to all essential standards of learning of the Utah Core Standards.



GIVING BACK

TeethFirst gives back a portion of all sales into school programs. The more school programs we launch, the more affordable school programs become.

JOIN THE REVOLUTION

Businesses and dental practices sponsoring supervised flossing and brushing program for a classroom or a whole school weave oral health in their community, promoting their values in a new form of strategic marketing attractive to customers.

REFERENCES

Available upon request

Workgroups

Data and Technology for Oral Health

Current data subcommittee will fall under this umbrella. A new focus will be added – leveraging technology for oral health (telehealth, tele-education, data capture technologies, etc.)

Goals

1. Develop an oral health status data system for the State (health status access and needs assessment)
2. Identify and incorporate new technologies for oral health access and education (online oral health education in schools; teledentistry, etc.)

Co-chairs: TP Singh, Alex Gero, & Brittney Okada

Policy and Finance for Oral Health

This subcommittee will work with other groups as needed in policy and finance areas (including grant support, fund raising, etc.)

Goals

1. Support the following Broad Goals with policy and finance expertise including grant writing and fundraising
 - a. Oral health status data system
 - b. Statewide School Based Oral Health Education and Prevention
 - c. Public Awareness Campaign
 - d. Explore opportunities to improve our Medicaid reimbursement systems for access to populations in need first, provider types next

Chair: Jessie Mandle

Public Awareness and Education for Oral Health

Current Public Awareness subcommittee will fall under this umbrella. A new focus will be added – oral health education for various groups. This includes some members of children and older adult subcommittees to work with this group as needed. Will work closely with data and technology subcommittee to leverage technology for education and awareness outreach.

Goals

1. Raise public awareness that oral health is:
 - a. An integral part of overall health
 - b. A key social determinant for Utahns.
2. Develop a strategy for Statewide School Based Oral Health Education and Prevention programs using technology and services in a balanced approach

Co-chairs: Jerald Boseman & Eric Tolkin

Community Access for Oral Health

Current Children and Older Adults subcommittees will fall under this umbrella. The idea is not to stop the work being done by previous subcommittees. These would continue as workgroups under this arena. However, both groups might require common resources – (mobile equipment, etc.), or want to stay on the same page about organizing events. This group will coordinate with the three other workgroups as needed and vice versa.

Goals

1. Develop a strategy for Statewide School Based Oral Health Education and Prevention programs using technology and services in a balanced approach.
2. Develop a strategy to connect the dots on work currently being done for Older Adults and move it forward.

Co-chairs: Gary Monk & Stephanie Jensen

If you are interested in joining any of the workgroups, please email anniemckenzie@utah.gov, and we will notify workgroup chairs.

Submitting to the Newsletter

To submit an article to the newsletter, please follow the submission deadline chart below.

EDITION	SUBMISSION DEADLINE	DISTRIBUTION DATE
MAY	N/A	MAY 1, 2018
AUGUST	FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2018	AUGUST 17, 2018
NOVEMBER	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2018	NOVEMBER 16, 2018
FEBRUARY	FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019	FEBRUARY 15, 2019

Submission Guidelines and Email Requirements

- Title in the Subject Line
- Include all authors of the article in the body of the email
- Body of article should be submitted as an attached Word .doc
- Include any hyperlinks you would like in the document
- Any photos submitted should have proper consent forms
 - Individual submitting content to the newsletter assumes responsibility and risk management for submitted content.
- Attach photos in .jpeg format

Q. Who do I email newsletter submissions to?

A. Please email all submissions to anniemckenzie@utah.gov

Q. How can my organization be featured in the Member Spotlight section of the newsletter?

A. Submit your requests to Annie McKenzie with no more than 350 words. We would like to do a new spotlight for every issue so members of the coalition can get to know all of the groups involved with our team!

Providers Needed

People's Health Clinic

Dental care is our greatest clinical need! Dental providers can volunteer at our Clinic or from their offices. People's Health Clinic is a nonprofit organization providing no-cost quality care to the uninsured of Summit and Wasatch Counties.

Q. Who to contact?

A. Clinic Coordinator Rachelle Flinn PA-C,
435-333-1872 or rachelle@phcpc.org

Website

Utah Oral Health Coalition

<http://health.utah.gov/oralhealth/coalition.php>

Don't forget to put your events on the Coalition Calendar!

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