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DENTAL DIGEST

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Save the Date

June 7, 2019

UOHC Meeting

8:45 – 8:55 Sign-in and light breakfast

9:00 – 11:00, we will be holding our main meeting

11:00 – 11:30, there will be networking

Presentation Summaries from the March 29, 2019 General Coalition Meeting

Michelle Martin RDH, MPH Shared with group collaboration efforts with Migrant Seasonal & Ute Tribe Head Starts and the Physician Assistant Program at the University of Utah. Oral Health Risk Assessments and Fluoride varnish are taught. This collaboration has now been extended to St. George where Michelle strategically connected Dixie DH School, Roots for Kids Head Start & U of U PA program extension in St. George. See <https://rootforkids.org/blog/2019/03/26/new-partnership-with-u-of-u-physician-assistant-program/> to see their first event together!

Dr. Steven Godin, Ph.D, MPH, PHI certificate, presented on his collaboration with Dr. TP Sing on the four domains within this assessment. The survey, designed for elementary school children (grades 3-6) will be the first of its kind conducted in Utah. While we have clinical data on children's oral health status, we have little understanding of children's oral health literacy, attitudes towards going to the dentist, oral hygiene behaviors and their oral health related quality of life.



Utah Oral Health Coalition



Something to Smile About

Give Kids A Smile: Update

Dixie State University (DSU) Southern Utah Location

- a. **48 Children were treated:** Over \$27,000 in donated services were provided to these patients with an average of \$577.48 per patient on Saturday, Feb 2, 2019
- b. **11 Children received vouchers:** Children with extensive treatment plans received vouchers to complete treatment, free of charge by community dentists
- c. **Volunteers - 92 Total:** 35 dental hygiene students; 9 Dental Hygiene Faculty; 3 Dental Hygiene Staff; 16 students and 1 faculty served as translators from the Spanish Department; 7 Pre-dental students served as patient escorts; 8 Registered Dental Hygienists, 6 dentists, and 4 dental assistants from the community; 3 Henry Schein employees
- d. **Supplies:** Donated by Colgate and Henry Schein. In addition, we had an anonymous donor of stuffed animals for all the kids too.
- e. **Donated Food for Volunteers:** Dominoes, Hungry Howies, Papa Johns, Durango's, Subway, Chick-fil-a, Olive Garden, Harmons, Smiths

Utah College of Dental Hygiene (UCDH) Orem Location - They provided preventive, restorative, endodontics treatment to 140 children and the total cost of service provided was \$83,624.

Roseman Dental School – South Jordan Location –

Screening, and preventive services

645 patients seen

76% are uninsured

52% had not seen a dentist in over a year

70% have no dental school

University of Utah Dental School – Salt Lake Location

Sponsored a Give Kids a Smile day in February.

Unfortunately, we did not get a response when we asked for these numbers.



Workgroups

Data and Technology for Oral Health – Co-chairs: TP Singh, & Brittney Okada

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.)

Policy and Finance for Oral Health - Chair: Jessie Mandle

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

Public Awareness and Education for Oral Health – Co-chairs: Jerald Boseman & Eric Tolkin

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



Community Access for Oral Health – Chair: Gary Monk

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.

If you are interested in joining any of the workgroups, please email: Lauren Neufeld & Michelle Martin lneufeld@utah.gov & mlmartin@utah.gov and we will notify workgroup chairs

Member Spotlight



Assistance League, Operation Healthy Teeth

Because diseased teeth and gums is one of Utah's greatest health issues, Assistance League of Salt Lake City created a program in 2005 to help address these concerns. Operation Health Teeth (OHT) serves Salt Lake and Park City children who have an urgent need for critical dental care but lack insurance, Medicaid or any other means to pay for it. School personnel such as nurses, social workers or counselors as well as dentist refer children in need to our program. Our Committee identifies and partners with area dentist, to serve these children's needs, treating patients in their own offices. The OHT program currently has more than 83 dentist on its roster who

donate a portion of their professional time and skills to help these children. Both in treating dentist and OHT make a charitable donation for each patient's care. The program generally funds up to \$1,200 per child for chair-side assistant support, x-rays, and dental materials needed to fix these children's dental problems. With a budget of \$150,000, we treat approximately 165 children per year. Assistance League of Salt Lake City is a recognized resource in our community responding to emerging needs through volunteer efforts and collaborative partnerships. We are an 'all volunteer' organization whose 250 members donate nearly 32,000 hours each year meeting the needs of infants to seniors through our ongoing philanthropic programs. Visit our thrift store on 3300 S 2060 E for great bargains that help fund our programs or our website to learn more about us @ www.alslc.org

Special Thanks

To *Jessica Atkinson RDH, MEd, UDHA President*, who provided a Baby Your Baby segment on May 3, 2019. She spoke on it being safe to go to the dentist while pregnant and baby bottle safety. She reviewed tips to prevent baby bottle decay. Here is the link to see her segment.

<http://kutv.com/features/health/baby-your-baby/baby-your-baby-oral-health-for-pregnant-women-and-young-children-05-02-2019>

Submitting to the Newsletter

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

EDITION	SUBMISSION DEADLINE	DISTRIBUTION DATE
February	FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2019
MAY	FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2019	FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019
AUGUST	FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2019	FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2019
November	FRIDAY, October 18, 2019	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 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 lneufeld@utah.gov & mlmartin@utah.gov

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

A. Submit your requests to Lauren & Michelle 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!