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DENTAL DIGEST

Presentation Summaries from the June 7, 2019 General Coalition Meeting

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Save the Date

September 13, 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

Dr. Rory Hume, Dean of the University of Utah School of Dentistry presented on a common Data Collection Instrumentation. The Data and Technology subcommittee has been discussing a common instrument that many partners could utilize especially the dental and dental hygiene schools as a means to gather data. Two surveys, one for adults and one for children, were presented to the coalition to look over and approve so that the data subcommittee could continue with implementation of this program. After the tool is finalized and approved the committee will move onto finding a place for the data to be housed.

Brenda Armstrong and Staci Stout presented on the Senior Smiles Program. This program sends hygienist and dentist into long-term care facilities where they perform preventive and restorative services. As part of this program, they got IRB approval through Dixie State University to collect clinical data on these patients. This is very exciting since there is little data available on this population in Utah. The study was done cross-sectionally with 218 participants in 13 federally qualified nursing homes. The average age was about 68 years old. The majority of those surveyed had an annual income of less than \$20,000.

The Utah Oral Health Coalitions (UOHC) previous, current and future chairs met with the Utah Department of Health (UDOH), Executive Directors Office to discuss questions and concerns regarding oral health in the state and support for the Oral Health Program. The ASTDD Basic School Screening Survey of 6-9 year olds was discussed with the specific need to find funding for the 2020 survey. This survey is a random selection of schools representing each health district in the State of Utah and is therefore a representative sample of Utah's 6-9 year olds.

Dr. Marielle Pariseau gave a presentation on the Teeth First Program and the impact of a supervised flossing and brushing programs in elementary schools. The program teaches children how to brush and floss in the classroom. 359 children in 3 different school districts participated in the program. The students had a dental screening at the beginning and end of the school year using DFMT and the ICDAS class systems. During the school year, oral health education and supervised flossing and brushing occurs every day. This was done using the Oh'Pal brush and floss combination tool. At the end of the school year, students were able to better control plaque and the post screenings revealed reversal of some demineralized lesions.

Utah Oral Health Coalition



Something to Smile About

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: Eric Tolkin & Marielle Pariseau & Sasha Harvey

Goals

1. Raise public awareness that oral health is:
 - a. An integral part of overall health
 - b. A key social determinant for Utahans.
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: Destiny Rockwood & Pete Adams

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

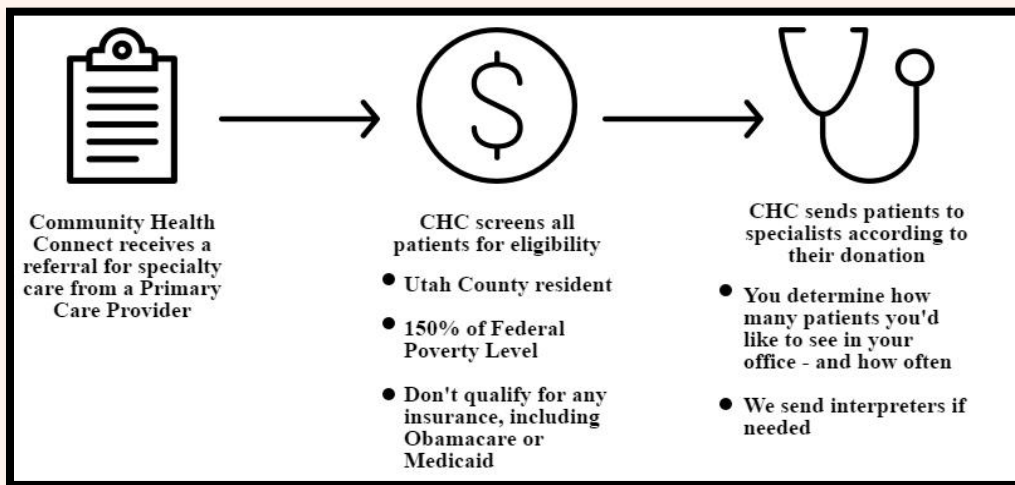
Member Spotlight



OUR MISSION is to improve access to specialty health and dental care for low-income, uninsured residents in Utah County. We accomplish this goal through the coordination of a Volunteer Provider Network, providing health education, and maximizing existing community resources.



Our largest program, the **VOLUNTEER PROVIDER NETWORK (VPN)**, connects patients with dentists in the community who donate care in their own offices. Our care coordinators review patient eligibility and enroll them in state coverage programs whenever possible. Patients who don't qualify for insurance are connected with donor doctors in our network. Care coordinators also advocate for the patients, helping them understand the complex healthcare delivery system. Dentists, hygienists, dental labs, surgical centers, hospitals, many other partners participate in the care of our patients. Through CHC, improving the health of an individual becomes the effort of the community.



Additionally, in partnership with Mountainland Technical College dental assisting students, Community Health Centers, Inc., and the school nurses of Utah County, the **TITLE I ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FLUORIDE VARNISH PROGRAM** connects us to children at Title I schools with the most urgent oral health needs. We are able to schedule those children with local pediatric dentists and, through a voucher program, pay those dentists Medicaid rates for the necessary treatment.



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In addition to these two programs, we fulfil our mission by coordinating **GIVE KIDS A SMILE** for Utah County and teach monthly **ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION CLASSES**.

Member Spotlight

Established in 2001, Health Access Project (HAP) is a collaborative community partnership designed to improve access to and coordinate comprehensive health care for low-income, uninsured residents of Salt Lake County. HAP operates under the umbrella of Community Health Centers, Inc., a private, nonprofit organization, which has been a member of the health center movement since 1979. Clients of HAP receive charitable health care services donated by members of our volunteer provider network, a group of over 600 volunteer providers and partners, which include physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, radiologists, pathologists, anesthesiologists, dentists, hygienists, behavioral health professionals, etc. Our providers and partners work out of their own offices, hospitals, private and public clinics in caring for our clients. HAP has also facilitated charity agreements with all Salt Lake County Hospitals, as well as various laboratories and outpatient care centers. These agreements are specific to HAP clients and allow for prompt access to services for our volunteer provider network.



In order to qualify for charitable services through HAP, clients must have an annual income less than or equal to 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, reside in Salt Lake County, and be uninsured or underinsured. Clients are referred to HAP from a variety of sources including hospital emergency rooms, safety net clinics, our volunteer provider network, and other partnering organizations. Every client is assigned a case manager who works closely with them and their providers in coordinating and arranging health care services they are in need of. Case managers also help clients with pharmacy assistance, interpretation services, transportation, and assistance in applying for public health insurance, such as Medicaid and CHIP. Since the project's inception, HAP has served over 14,355 clients and coordinated more than \$24 million in donated health care services. For more information regarding Health Access Project (HAP), please contact us at (801) 412-3988 or joyler@healthaccessproject.org.

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The Health Access Project is a department of Community Health Centers,
Inc. www.healthaccessproject.org

Congratulations

Congratulations to Eric Tolkin for winning a national *Aster Award* at the 18th Aster Award competition, they honor excellence in health care advertising. The award was for the creation and design of Utah Healthy Mouth, Healthy Life. Judges evaluate entries based on creativity, layout, design, typography, production, quality, and overall effectiveness. The Aster Award is hosted by Marketing Healthcare Today Magazine and Creative Images Inc.

Announcements

[Register for the OPEN Network meeting in Baltimore October 23-25](#)

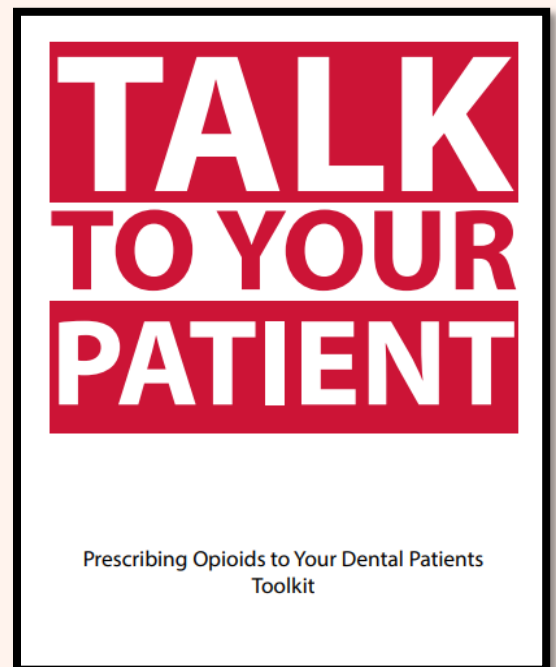
Hello UOHC members,

As most of you know, Danyelle Evans and Jessie Mandle are the state and grassroots reps for the Oral Health Progress & Equity Network (OPEN), formerly the OH2020 Network. They will be traveling October 23-25 for the OPEN National meeting in Baltimore this year. Part of the event will be participating in a Capitol Hill day in DC to talk with Utah congressmen about the importance of oral health and they want to invite YOU to come and participate! The meeting and food associated with the meeting is free of charge, but you will be responsible for your flight and hotel accommodations. If you register, please notify Danyelle at ccgcd2@gmail.com so she can keep you posted of event details.

[UDOH Release of the Talk To Your Patient: Prescribing Opioids to Your Dental Patients Toolkit](#)

What is Dentistry's Role in the Opioid Crisis? The American Dental Association states, "Addiction to heroin, synthetic fentanyl, and other illicit drugs can easily start with first-time exposure to an opioid that is legally prescribed to treat a painful condition." Here is a link of a toolkit to encourage dentists to utilize the Controlled Substance Database (CSD) prior to prescribing opioids to patients and to provide education to their patients on the potential dangers of opioids

<https://www.uda.org/docs/librariesprovider49/default-document-library/talk-to-your-patient-dental-toolkit.pdf?sfvrsn=0>



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!