Florida Oral Health Alliance Result: All Florida children, youth and families have good oral health and well-being, especially those that are vulnerable.

Headline Indicator: Percentage of eligible Medicaid children ages 0-20 receiving any dental services

Headline Indicator: Percentage of eligible Medicaid children ages 0-20 receiving any preventive dental service

Meeting Results:

By the end of this meeting participants will have:

- Shared understanding of each individual’s progress on commitments to action
- Deepened understanding of the oral health story behind Florida’s data
- Participant contribution of best practices to be included in the strategic plan
- Condensed, prioritized and/or released strategies for the final strategic plan.
- Commitment to begin to collaboratively implement one or more strategies in the plan
- List of implementation action steps and commitments to implement these steps
- Action commitments that mutually reinforce existing activities to improve oral health

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**Tampa Bay virtual participants**

- Carrie Hepburn
- Erin Sclar
- Terence Truax
- Deborah Foote
- Allison Rapp
- Christina Vongsyprasom

**Tallahassee virtual participants (afternoon only)**

- Jena Grignon
- Amy Guinan Liem
- Bob Reifinger
- Ben Browning
- Casey Stoutamire

- Florida Healthy Kids Corporation
- Florida Legal Services
- Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA)
- Florida Association of Community Health Centers
- Florida Dental Association
Result: All Florida children, youth and families have good oral health and well-being, especially those that are vulnerable.

Headline Indicator #1: Percentage of Medicaid-eligible children 0-20 who received any dental service

Florida is now at 27% in 2014, 27% of Medicaid eligible children received dental service in that year.

Headline Indicator #2: Percentage of Medicaid-eligible children 0-20 who received any preventive dental service.

Eligible Medicaid Children Ages 0-20 Receiving Preventive Dental Services
Updating Action Commitments
Coach-Facilitator Deitre Epps asked each participant about their action commitments and where they felt they fell on the Accountability Pathway. These included:

- Krista Wagner “made it happen”: Increasing utilization of fluoride-varnish in pediatricians’ office in collaboration with Sunshine Health and seeing progress. This involved putting together a plan and having it approved by Sunshine Health and the state. The company ELEVATE is partnering and will provide oral health training to medical professionals.
- Dr. Manning is working on the medical management of caries to design pilot for use of silver diamine fluoride and is in ongoing discussions with Dr. Hirsch and making progress.
- DentaQuest is working on ER diversion by planning a pilot that involves after hours care, planning to speak with AHCA about new codes.
- Alliance work group had a conference call with DOE about required dental exams for school entry. DOE stated it will take a push from FDOH or AHCA to change or enforce use of school health form and/or screening.
- Dr. Scott Staten is starting a pilot in schools for dental assessments and fluoride varnish. He has had some difficulty but hoping to get it started next year.
- Dr. Bilger obtained information regarding medical school exams from Children’s Dental Health Project (CDHP). He obtained 2008 article and 2015 commentary about feasibility and school exams.
- Betty Gilbert, Liberty Dental, created slides on dental sealants, fluoride varnish and Back to school/back to the dentist for the plan to distribute at primary care practices.
- Sabina Dulcio: This is her first meeting but she is engaging on behalf of the Children’s Trust to insure consistent collaboration with the Alliance. Sabina is the contract administrator. She supports contracted staff and administration.
- Juliette Fabien “made it happen and found solution.” She connected Alliance work group members with DOE and hosted conference call to discuss required oral health exams for school entry.
- Jose Peralta educated nondental providers. He will train two pediatricians, family medicine physicians and pediatric nurses. He procured information regarding what to look for in the mouth in patients with chronic high blood pressure and diabetes and pregnant women. He will share materials with the group for the plan. He is using Smiles for life, AAP web-based curriculum. The Pasco ER diversion program is up and running and they have employees in three hospitals in Pasco to schedule patients to visit dental clinic. His CHC received medical home certification. They did not receive the HRSA dental expansion grant.
- Dr. Ford stated that her passion is interprofessional education and wants to include other professionals outside of medical. She “made it happen” and called Dr. Schechtman and met with Marcia Brand.
- Dr. Ford obtained an oral health education toolkit for communities and institutions from Northeastern University. From her research she found that this can be implemented at a local level using these tools. She is also working to reinstate community water fluoridation in Wellington, Florida.
- Deitre reviewed the High Action High Alignment quadrant within the context of how to take action and act as leaders in this movement for improved oral health for vulnerable children.

Story behind the baseline: ADA Healthy Policy Institute Oral Health and Well-being in the US report: Florida

- Dr. Bilger stated that there are three major issues for Florida adults to be included in the story: 1) cost, 2) fear and 3) inconvenience, location and time.
- Dr. Manning stated that the value of oral health is not apparent. How can we make this a value driven service? 60% of Florida’s adults stated they do not see a dentist because of cost.
- Dr. Ford stated that for lower socioeconomic groups, it takes longer to get treatment but it is not because it is not available. The lack of value is with all incomes and populations.
- Juliette stated that there is a correlation between parent behavior and child visit – if there is no value – children’s visit won’t be prioritized.
- Tampa partners observed the intergenerational nature of oral health difficulties. 79% of lower income adults think they will lose teeth.
Update to story behind the baseline: Scope of practice and Medicaid payment
Erica Floyd-Thomas, Florida Medicaid, answered questions from previous meeting:

- AHCA will pay for a dental hygienist to apply fluoride varnish in a health access setting in accordance with Florida statute. If it is in accordance with Florida statute and licensure, AHCA will pay. However, supervision and scope of practice questions must be directed elsewhere: Board of Dentistry, Board of Nursing.
- Questions that must be answered according to professional licensure include: What is the supervision requirement for school nurses around applying fluoride varnish with no physician on site?
- Does the nurse require prescription to provide fluoride varnish? This should be directed to the board of medicine/nursing issue. Bob Reifinger will provide contacts at the Florida Department of Health to answer these questions.

What works: Review of working group activity since the May meeting

- One group researched required oral health exams for school entry
- Interprofessional training: Dr. Ford spoke with Dr. Pedro Greer FIU med school and Nova School of Dental Medicine; researched tools: Smiles4Life and Northeastern University toolkit. The key is to start small because these professionals have a lot to do.
- Next step: Strategy development

Tampa small group discussion:

- Strategies fell into two strategies: Education and services to meet needs of population
- There is still a level of awareness needed.
- The larger group decided to prioritize strategies according to level of importance and feasibility.
- Work groups:
  - Oral health education: Tampa group: Carrie Hepburn, Erin Sclar, Terence Truax, Christina V., Allison Rapp, Debora Foote
  - Barriers and oral health education strategies: Dr. Ford, Dr. Peralta, Krista Wagner
  - Policy: Tallahassee: Ben Browning Bob Reifinger, Casey Stoutamire, Anne Swerlick, Amy Guinan
  - School oral health exam policy: Juliette, Doug, Dr. Staten, Dr. Bilger, Sabine Dulcio

What do we propose to do? Strategy refinement:

Group condensed 5 strategies around school based into 2

1) Advocate for mandatory OH exams for school entry
   a. Promote use of existing school health form to suggest oral health exams prior to entry
2) Expand school based programs through sharing best practices such as mobile units by providing best practices already in place

Interprofessional – pages 16 and 17 on plan – strategies added and refined

- Intersect at academic levels: Use Smiles4Life and Northeastern educational oral health toolkit – they have templates for letters – to academic centers. Northeastern toolkit addresses all three levels of education.
- Understand value of oral health – no best practice but could use some of the existing

Both funding and data collection focus area are associated with policy. Focus areas can be condensed.

Oral health education as a strategy is too broad. Strategy can be developed around one group: policymakers, medical providers

- Dr. Ford: Add strategy to survey different provider groups to assess their level of knowledge and interest. We need to know what they need before we build education/awareness

Next steps and commitments to action:

1. Christine will connect Juliette and Bob.
2. Dr. Bilger will send Christine information from ASTDD on screening programs in schools
3. Dr. Manning will send Christine information on
4. Dr. Staten will send links to Palm Beach County FQHC mobile dental units
5. Ben Browning will send links to statewide FQHC mobile dental units

Next meeting
Friday, July 22, 2016;
10 am – 3 pm
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