Florida Oral Health Alliance
Meeting
Friday, March 29, 2019

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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 Ages 0 - 20 Receiving any Dental Services

Source: Florida Form CMS-416 line 12a data retrieved in July 2018 from the Florida Institute for Health Innovation.
Headline Indicator #2: Percentage of Medicaid-eligible Children Ages 1 - 20 Receiving Preventive Dental Services

Source: Florida Form CMS-416 line 12b minus <1 data retrieved in July 2018 from the Florida Institute for Health Innovation.
Meeting Results

By the end of the meeting, participants will have:

- A greater understanding of the landscape and political environment facing the state of Florida - currently in Legislative Session - following tightly contested Senate and gubernatorial midterm elections.
- Received an update on the Consumer Engagement work being done by FIHI and the Alliance partners with plans on how this information will be presented.
- Discussed how to best update the Oral Health Alliance Strategic Plan to reflect current statewide needs and support for OPEN Network priorities.
Midterm Elections, Florida’s new elected officials, and the ongoing Legislative Session

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Who We Are

Florida Voices for Health is a collaborative of diverse community based organizations.

It is our mission to build a statewide grassroots coalition unified in promoting a consumer driven and equitable health care system for all Floridians.

Our issues include:
• Strengthening Florida Medicaid
• Improving Oral Health
• Protecting Floridian Health Care Consumers
The State of Florida

- **Executive - Governor & Cabinet**
  - After Nov 2018 Elections:
    - Governor: Ron Desantis
    - Lieutenant Governor: Jeanette Núñez
    - Chief Financial Officer: Jimmy Patronis
    - Attorney General: Ashley Moody
    - Commissioner of Agriculture: Nikki Fried (Only Dem in the cabinet; only Dem since 2006)

- **Judicial - Florida Supreme Court**
  - After Nov 2018 Elections: Desantis appointed 3 new judges after retirements.
The Florida Legislature

Composed of 160 State Legislators (120 in the House and 40 in the Senate)

House of Representatives
- Republicans - 73 seats
- Democrats - 47 seats

Senate
- Republicans - 23 seats
- Democrats - 17 seats
The Florida Legislature

Leadership

House of Representatives
- Speaker of the Florida House: José R. Oliva (R)
- Speaker Pro Tempore of the Florida House: MaryLynn Magar (R)
- Majority Leader of the Florida House: Dane Eagle (R)
- Minority Leader of the Florida House: Kionne McGhee (D)

Senate
- President of the Senate: Bill Galvano (R)
- President Pro Tempore of the Florida Senate: David Simmons (R)
- Majority Leader of the Florida Senate: Kathleen Passidomo (R)
- Minority Leader of the Florida Senate: Audrey Gibson (D)
2019 SESSION DATES

- **March 5, 2019**: Regular Session convenes
- **April 20, 2019**: All bills are immediately certified
- **April 23, 2019**: 50th day – Last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings
- **April 28, 2019**: 55th day – No House bills on second reading may be taken up and considered by the House
- **May 3, 2019**: 60th day—last day of Regular Session
Leadership Priorities

- House Speaker Oliva wants to deregulate health care (Certificate of need) and other changes on the provider side of health care.
- Senate President Galvano has advocated for the use of Medicaid block grants.
- Rep. Oliva and Gov. Ron DeSantis have long opposed expanding Medicaid eligibility.

“If you have come here to seek healthcare access and affordability, if that is your main concern, use your power to lift the government-granted monopolies and the market-restricting regulations which have led to widespread price gouging of our citizens”

“[Health care] is a unique animal and doesn’t fit neatly into a free market value [system].”
FVH Legislative Session Issue Priorities

- Strengthening Medicaid
- Prescription Drug Pricing and Transparency
- Oral Health
Medicaid: Threats and Opportunity

**Budget Fight**
- Legislature has cut finding each of last 3 sessions
- With expansion Florida would have saved $501,950,000 in 2018 alone

**Retroactive Eligibility**
- Pregnant women and children are eligible for 90 days of retroactive coverage
- Seniors and adults with disabilities only have coverage going back to the first day of the month that the person applies
- SB 192 would make the change permanent

**Work Requirements**
- Medicaid work requirements and premiums legislation was introduced during the 2017/18 session, but stalled late
- HB 955/SB 1634 would impose work requirements on Florida Medicaid. Reports that 18,000 people lost their coverage under work rules in Arkansas

**School-Based Services**
- **SB 290** would change Florida law to allow schools to be reimbursed for health services provided to Medicaid-enrolled children, regardless of Individual Educational Plan (IEP) status.
- This is a “housekeeping” bill to align the state law with current federal policy (and state policy as per the SPA).
Medicaid Expansion in Florida

- In 2010, Florida was given the opportunity to expand its Medicaid program to cover approx. 800,000 uninsured residents.
- “Coverage Gap” people who earn “too much” to qualify for Medicaid but are still living below the poverty line. (ineligible for ACA Marketplace tax credits).
- There is not a single dollar of assistance for health care to families without dependent children, regardless of how low their income is.

“Without health insurance we cannot take care of our health and stay healthy for the kids who rely on us.”

- Kristen S, Davenport, FL

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Medicaid Expansion in 2019

- Senators Annette Taddeo (D-Miami) and Lori Berman (D-Lantana) filed a resolution calling for Medicaid Expansion

- Passage of SJR 234 in the legislature would put Medicaid expansion on the ballot for FL voters in 2020.

- A Joint Resolution must pass the Legislature with three-fifths (3/5) majority vote (in each Chamber).

- There are currently 2 additional Medicaid expansion bills in the legislature
Bringing Medicaid Expansion to Florida

766,200 petitions must come from at least 14 of Florida’s 27 congressional districts for MedEx to get on the ballot in 2020

How You Can Help

- Commit to collecting 20 petitions by April 2019
- Get your organization to collect a certain number based on your capacity by April 2019
- Recruit 3 people personally, to collect 20 petitions by April 2019
- Continue collecting past Spring 2019

Read & Print the Petition:
www.bit.ly/medexpetition

Volunteer with the Campaign:
www.bit.ly/medexsignup
Prescription Drug Pricing and Transparency

- Prescription drugs = fastest growing category of health care spending
- Nearly ¼ people who take prescription drugs have difficulty affording them
- According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, Floridians spent $246,186,700 on prescription drugs in 2018, the 4\textsuperscript{th} highest total of any state.
- Florida ranked 2\textsuperscript{nd} in the total amount paid with cash ($16,517,829) and 7\textsuperscript{th} in the total amount spent by Medicaid ($24,580,647).
Prescription Drug Importation

- **House Bill 19 / Senate Bill 1452: Prescription Drug Importation Programs** – These companion bills, like SB 1528, would allow the importation of drugs to entities contracted with public programs. However, it also creates a second program that allows any private pharmacist, pharmacy, and wholesaler to import prescription drugs as well.

- HB 19 is moving fast, having passed the Health Quality Subcommittee on a 12-2 vote and the Appropriations Committee on a 20-8 vote. The bill is now likely to be placed on the agenda of the Health and Human Services Committee.

- The companion, Senate Bill 1452, has yet to be placed on the agenda of the first committee of reference. The Senate has instead decided to take up the issue of importation with SB 1528.
Consumer Protection from Nonmedical Changes to Prescription Drug Formularies

- Insurer would generally be prohibited from:
  - Removing a covered prescription drug from its list of covered drugs during the policy year
  - Reclassify a drug to a more restrictive drug tier or increase the amount an insured must pay for a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible for prescription drug benefits, or reclassify a drug to a higher cost-sharing tier during the policy year
- Does not prohibit the addition of prescription drugs to the list of drugs covered under the policy during the policy year
- Current legislation excludes Medicaid managed care plans
Other Health Care Priorities

- Certificate of Need (HB 21 / SB 1712)
- Step Therapy (HB 559)
- Short-term Health Plans (HB 997 / SB 1422)
- Dental Therapy
Thank you!

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Consumer Engagement Report
Katelyn McGlynn & Azam Masood, Florida Institute for Health Innovation
Background

- In 2013, the Institute designed the Oral Health 2014 Consumer Engagement Initiative pilot to better understand the story behind Florida’s oral health statistics.

- The Institute designed a survey and conducted focus groups with parents in Miami-Dade and Broward counties in order to identify barriers to accessing and utilizing children’s oral health care.

- Pilot results showed that while parents of Medicaid-eligible children were aware of the importance of dental health for their children, they were often unable to access services due to the limited number of Medicaid providers in their area and lack of flexibility related to work schedules.

- Beginning in 2016, with support from the DentaQuest Foundation (now the DentaQuest Partnership for Oral Health Advancement), we were able to expand our work to include a larger sample size and to extend data collection beyond those two counties to include a total of 10 counties statewide with the highest number of Medicaid-eligible children.
  - Surveys and focus groups were conducted during this time period within these 10 counties.
Background

- The Florida Institute for Health Innovation presents the Consumer Engagement report as a joint release with our Florida Oral Health Alignment Network partners and their respective work, which champions improved oral health care services and delivery throughout Florida.
  - Catalyst Miami
  - Florida Voices for Health
  - Tampa Bay Healthcare Collaborative
  - Oral Health Florida
- The report aims to serve as a tool to guide the mission of any organization or state agency working to understand or improve oral health care services and delivery in the state of Florida.
Oral Health Alliance Strategic Plan
Executive Summary

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

- **What is the Florida Oral Health Alliance?**
  - An initiative to develop a statewide Oral Health Collaborative comprised of a group of broad-based multi-sector stakeholders with the insight, influence, resources and ability to achieve collective impact and create statewide systems change.

- **Strategic Plan Purpose:**
  - A call to action to improve access to and utilization of dental care for Florida’s most vulnerable children.
  - A toolkit of best practices and community-specific strategies to guide people working at both state and local levels.
  - A resource for identifying partners and community stakeholders that have a role to play in improving the oral health of Florida’s vulnerable children.

- **Strategic Plan Overview:**
  - Florida was ranked first among all 50 states as having the highest percentage of children covered by Medicaid who did not see a dentist in 2011 - 75.5%, over 20 points higher than the national average.
  - Dental-related visits to the ED have increased each year between 2005 and 2014 from 104,642 to 163,900. Dental charges tripled during this period from $47.7 million to $193.4 million.
Executive Summary

Areas of Focus:

1) Oral health education
2) Barriers to dental care
3) Increased funding for oral health
4) Improved data collection
Oral Health Alliance Strategic Plan

- May 2015: Florida Oral Health Alliance held kickoff meeting at Children’s Services Council of Palm Beach County.
- August 2016: Strategic plan finalized
- October 2018: OH2020 Network becomes OPEN Network
Discussion

- How should we approach our strategic plan revisions?
  - Do focus areas need to be updated?
  - What factors should be prioritized?
    - items that drive and restrict progress towards achievement of the result (see Executive Summary PDF for list)
- New best practices/resources/strategy ideas to include?
- What are Alliance members planning in 2019 to address barriers to oral health?
- How can the Alliance collaborate to support these initiatives?
Upcoming Meetings

- Next meeting is currently scheduled for:
  - Friday, May 10
  - How does this timing work for the group?
Learning Opportunities

- **4th Annual Oral Health Equity Summit**
- Today! From 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm at:
  - Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex
  - 3000 Northwest 199th Street
  - Miami Gardens, FL 33056
- Please join the Miami-Dade Oral Health Network and partners to share dental care resources with community members in Miami-Dade County
  - [Eventbrite Link](#)
Learning Opportunities

- OPEN Network-wide Federal Policy Updates Call

- Next meeting Wednesday, April 10th 1:00 EST.

- Meetings held every two weeks.
  - OPEN network-wide federal policy update calls keep network members up-to-date on the latest federal policy developments and create a space where national and state/local partners can ask questions of each other, get input, and share their learning/challenges.
  - Visit oralhealth.network for more information.
Learning Opportunities

- **DentaQuest Partnership Online Learning Center**
  
  A hub of learning and resources for care professionals interested in prevention and disease management protocols.

- The DentaQuest Institute provides free webinars and online learning opportunities throughout the year. New webinars and sessions will be added frequently, so please check back to see what is available.

  - Visit [https://www.dentaquestinstitute.org/learn/online-learning-center](https://www.dentaquestinstitute.org/learn/online-learning-center)
Learning Opportunities

- **2019 Oral Health Progress and Equity Network Meetings**
- Mid-year meeting of the South/Southeast and Northeast/Mid-Atlantic regions - June 4-7, 2019. Location TBD
  - More info coming soon...
Learning Opportunities

The OH2020 Network is now the Oral Health Progress and Equity Network!

Sign up for the OPEN Network’s e-community to get the latest news and updates on impact being made across the country, participate in webinars, access resources and technical assistance from experts and make new connections and share your own learnings with hundreds of others working to make our country healthier.

- Register: [http://www.oralhealth.network](http://www.oralhealth.network)
- Join the Florida State Page!