



November 2015

We hope to see/hear you at the November 18 meeting!

In an effort to streamline our time together for our Nov. 18 meeting, the Health Me is Cavity-Free Steering Committee has created the following report on work of our standing committees. Please read through the information and bring any questions you might have to the meeting.

The in-person/by phone meeting is Nov. 18, 9-10:30 a.m., at the Central District Health Department.

Standing Committee Reports – Activities since the August 2015 Newsletter

Branding/Messaging

- The HMCF Branding/Messaging Committee will work with Dr. Sarah Toevs (Boise State professor and director of the Department of Community and Environmental Health and director for the Center for the Study of Aging) during the spring 2016 semester to develop an assessment tool to help us determine how better to utilize our collaborative. One likely project will include a survey that will help us determine needs of collaborative partners (YOU!) and help the HMCF Steering Committee to determine next steps to help us move forward with our vision.

Pre-Dental Home Project: *First Teeth Matter* - Carolyn Brammer, RDH-EA, chair

- At the Central District Health Department, the *First Teeth Matter* pre-dental home project is taking off! We allow 2 days a month for appointments and they are filling up. November and December are booked, and one of the January dates is also filled. We are being supported primarily through our WIC client base but are really hoping to get more interest from the rest of the community. We are participating in a practicum offered by the DentaQuest Institute on Early Childhood Caries and are learning so much that directly applies to our project. It is exciting. Our next focus is increasing referrals throughout the community. The clinic project offers preventive care, targeted education, and individualized assessments that will enable the child to reach age 3 without cavities. Services are FREE to children with Medicaid cards and there is a nominal cost to others. Everyone is welcome! First Teeth Matter clinics are available: **Ada County at Central District Health, 707 N. Armstrong Pl., Boise, ID 83704**. Call for appointment: 208-327-7450.

If your organization or any organization/group you know of could use promotional materials or a write-up for their correspondences/newsletters etc., please contact Carolyn. Central District Health: Carolyn Brammer, RDH-EA, (208) 327-8612 cbrammer@cdhd.idaho.gov

Medical-Dental Collaboration – Angie Bailey, RDH-EA, MSDH, chair

- After the formation of the Idaho Oral Health Alliance (IOHA) Statewide Healthcare Innovation Plan (SHIP) Oral Health Advisory Group in July, it was determined that there could potentially be a duplication of efforts with this new committee and the HMCF Medical-Dental Collaboration Committee. The overlap encompasses ensuring that oral health is included in the Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Model and including a potential oral health goal for

primary care providers providing fluoride varnish applications, oral health screenings and caries risk assessments during well-child visits. Later in November, the IOHA SHIP Oral Health Advisory Group will meet to determine its specific oral health goals in relation to the 7 SHIP goals. After these goals have been determined, the IOHA SHIP Oral Health Advisory Group will invite members of the HMCF Medical-Dental Collaboration Committee to join in developing specific tactics to help accomplish the oral health goals set by the advisory group.

Caregiver and Early Education – Samantha Kenney, RDH-EA, chair

- The former BEST committee has changed its name and more clearly defined its mission over the last few months. The name *Caregiver and Early Education Committee* was adopted in July. The purpose is to find creative solutions in providing varied and effective oral health education and resources to the caregivers of young children – whether parents, pregnant mother, home-visitors, or child care providers.

To that end, the committee is working closely with Delta Dental of Idaho’s Community Outreach program which has entered into a partnership with the state’s Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program to offer oral health training to home visitors in four different regions of the state. DDID has contracted with Brandi Hooker, RDH, to create and present the trainings and a follow-up via web. The state will support the project by funding accommodations and promotion of the trainings. Training will be held in January and February in Coeur D’Alene, Lewiston, Pocatello, and Boise in conjunction with nutrition and exercise trainings.

The committee is overseeing the training content and looking for ways to broaden the audience and make the content adaptable for care givers across the state – especially those who accept Idaho Child Care Program assistance. The committee is asking the HMCF Collaborative for information on resources in their area, as well as any products such as finger brushes, mouth wipes, board books, pamphlets and booklets to give to home visitors in their area.

Committee members include:

- Kellie Kohler, Friends of Children and Families, Inc.
- Melissa Crist, The IdahoSTARS Project
- Jennifer Tripp, Southwest District Health
- Omair Shamim, Head Start Collaboration
- Deborah Drain, MIECHV
- Lisa Reed, DDID Community Outreach
- Samantha Kenney, DDID Community Outreach
- Brandi Hooker, RDH

Dental Home – NaDene Palmer, MBA, chair

- NaDene Palmer, executive director DentaQuest/Idaho Smiles, reported that the Idaho Smiles Early Dental Home Program is working hard on its DentaQuest Outreach program for Nov-Dec 2015. The project is using an automated calling system that:
 - Encourages all Idaho Smiles members 0-20 to see a dentist
 - Lets listeners select English or Spanish for the information
 - Gives Customer Service number for assistance
 - If no one listens to call, postcard will be mailed

A few other important updates from the Idaho Oral Health Program (Angie Bailey, Program Manager)

▪ **IOHAP (Idaho Oral Health Action Plan)**

The updated 2015-2020 Idaho Oral Health Action Plan has officially been published and will be distributed to all partners of the Idaho Oral Health Program in the upcoming months. This plan serves as a roadmap for any individuals, organizations, or oral health champions that are working to improve the oral health of our fellow Idahoans. If any organizations or individuals are interested in working towards any of the goals or strategies within the plan, please contact Angie Bailey at baileya@dhw.idaho.gov. You can also contact Angie if you, your organization, or someone you know would like either a hard or electronic copy of the plan.

▪ **IOHN (Idaho Oral Health Network)**

The inaugural meetings of the Idaho Oral Health Network concluded the end of October and the second round of meetings started the beginning of November. A total of 140 people attended the inaugural meetings throughout the state. Meeting participants were extremely appreciative to have this network development taking place in their individual communities. At the second round of meetings, each region will come to a consensus on “What success looks like around oral health in their community”. A third meeting is scheduled to take place in spring 2016 and a conference call/webinar will occur in late winter 2016. *For more information on how you can become involved in your regions Idaho Oral Health Network please contact Catina Tharp at tharpc@dhw.idaho.gov.*

Just a few reminders from the Steering Committee:

Our Collaborative Problem Statement: *Although dental caries has been declining for most age groups, according to the CDD, the prevalence of dental caries for pre-school children is significantly increasing. Of the Idaho Medicaid recipients who seek care, 1 out of 5 three-year-olds require restorative care.*

Our Collaboration Purpose: *Prevention of caries for children 0-3 with educated caregivers*

Our 2015 Collaborative Message: *Fluoride helps prevent cavities*

Who to contact if you plan to use the Collaborative Logo: Jennifer Wheeler, executive director, Idaho Oral Health Alliance, jwheeler@idahooralhealth.org 208-994-9058

Funding: While expenses are minimal for the Collaborative, costs are covered either by donation or by the Idaho Oral Health Alliance budget. To join the Idaho Oral Health Alliance, visit http://idahooralhealth.org/Join_IOHA.html

The Steering Committee Members:

Carolyn Brammer, RDH-EA, Chair, IOHA board member
Angie Bailey, RDH-EA, MSDH, IOHA board member
NaDene Palmer, MBA, IOHA board member
Lisa Reed, IOHA board member
Linda Swanstrom, MBA, IOHA board member
Jennifer Wheeler, IOHA executive director

Any questions or concerns?

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