



# VaOHC

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2014 Legislative Preview

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# Virginia Oral Health Coalition

We are an alliance of committed individuals and organizations striving to integrate oral health into all aspects of health care. Through policy change, public awareness and key initiatives, we:

- Drive the Virginia Oral Health Plan, a living document of 19 objectives designed to improve health by increasing access to and awareness about the importance of oral health services;
- Educate policy makers and other constituents about the importance of oral health, the state of oral health access in Virginia and the nation, and;
- Communicate as a unified voice for the many organizations and people who care about oral health care in Virginia.



# Virginia Oral Health Coalition

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# Virginia Oral Health Coalition Partners

## Founding Partners

### DentaQuest Foundation

Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation

DentaQuest, LLC

Northern Virginia Health Foundation

VCU School of Dentistry

VCU Office of Health Innovation

Virginia Dental Association

Virginia Department of Health

### Virginia Health Care Foundation

## Supporting Partners

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# Virginia Oral Health Coalition Partners

## **Supporting Partners Cont.**

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Northern Virginia Dental Clinic  
Northern Virginia Family Service  
Northern Virginia Health Foundation  
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Olde Towne Medical Center  
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Mimi Park  
Judith Parker-Falzoi  
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Virginia Association of Dental Hygienists  
Virginia Association of Free and  
Charitable Clinics  
Virginia Board for People with Disabilities  
Virginia Community Healthcare  
Association  
Virginia Chapter, American Academy of  
Pediatrics  
Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association  
Virginia Diabetes Council  
Virginia Health Care Foundation  
Virginia Poverty Law Center  
Virginia Rural Health Association  
Gloria Ward, DDS, MS, MIS, PC  
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John Wittrock  
Jane Woods  
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## **Advisors**

Alexandria Health Department  
Arlington Health Department  
Fairfax Health Department  
Hiram W Davis Medical Center  
Joint Commission on Health  
Care  
Northern Virginia Community  
College Restorative Clinic  
Prince William Health  
Department  
Rappahannock Area Health  
District  
Virginia Department of Health  
Virginia Department of Medical  
Assistance Services

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# Legislative Process Overview

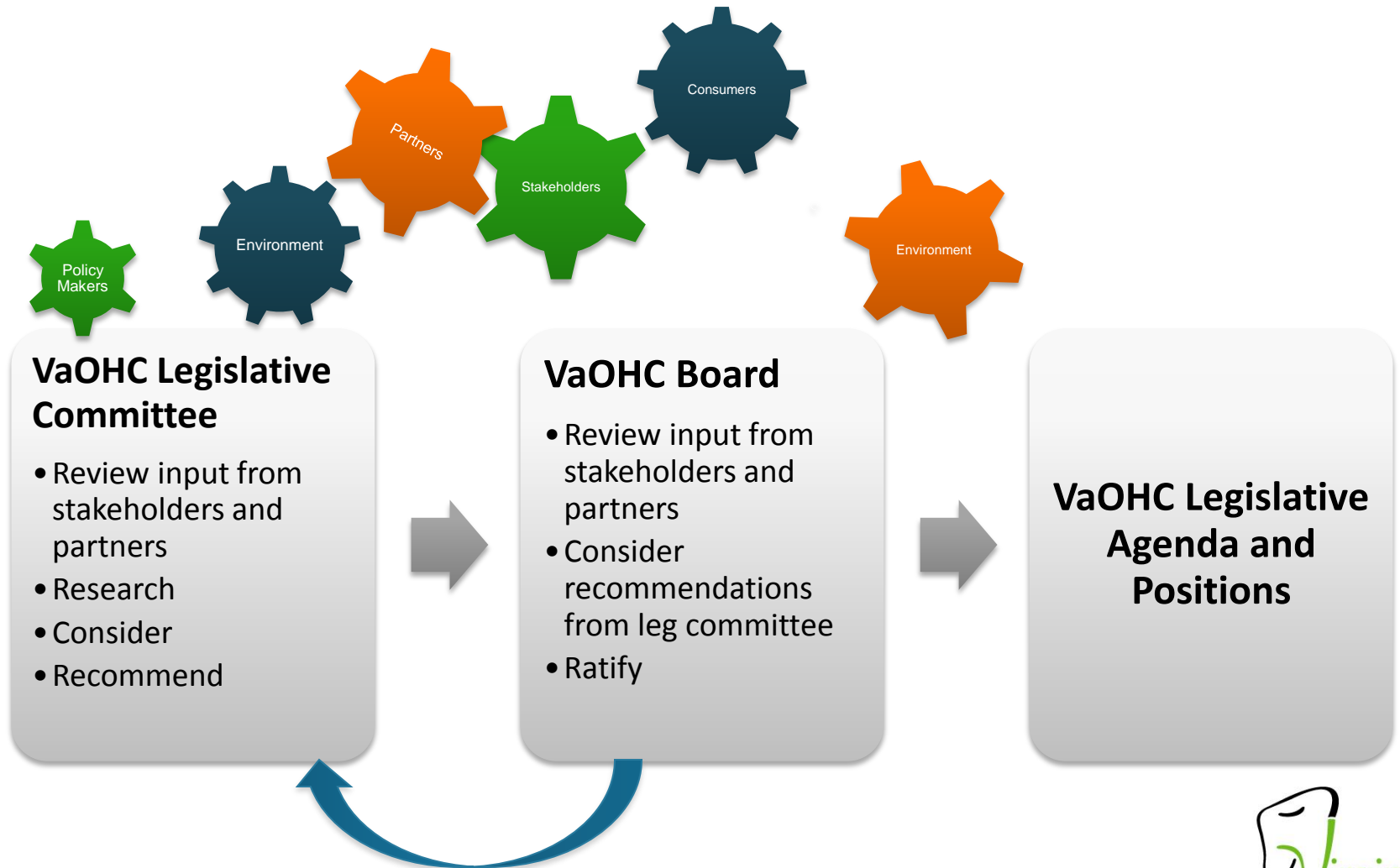
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# Two- Part Decision Process





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# ELECTION UPDATE

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- Virginia held elections for three statewide offices and all 100 seats of the House of Delegates.
  - Statewide winners:
    - Governor: Terry McAuliffe (D)
    - Lt. Governor: Ralph Northam (D)
    - Attorney General: Mark Herring (D)???
  - House of Delegates
    - 2011: 59 Rs, 39 Ds, 2 I
    - 2012: 67 Rs, 32 Ds, 1 I
    - 2013: 67 Rs, 32 Ds, 1 I
    - 2014: 66 Rs, 33 Ds, 1 open seat (and potentially more)
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# Senate

- Senate is currently divided 20 – 20 with Lt. Governor Bill Bolling with the tie vote. This will change with a new Democratic LG.
  - There are two open seats and the outcome of these special elections will determine party control
    - Ralph Northam's seat (Likely Dem)
    - Mark Herring's seat (Toss Up) or
    - Mark Obenshain's seat (Republican)
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# BUDGET UPDATE

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# House and Senate Retreats

- Differences in perspectives
  - Medicaid Expansion is a divisive issue
  - Mental Health and Medicaid Expansion will be the most prominent issues
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# VaOHC Legislative Priorities

## **Lead:**

Budget Amendment adding dental benefits for pregnant women enrolled in Medicaid (\$3.5 million GF):

- Providing Oral Health Benefits for Pregnant Women Enrolled in Medicaid Saves Money, Improves Birth Outcomes and Increases Utilization of Preventive Dental Services by Children.
  - Virginia Dental Hygienist's Association, Medical Society of Virginia, March of Dimes, Nurse Midwives, American Academy of Pediatricians, Virginia Dental Association, Virginia American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
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# VaOHC Legislative Priorities

## **Support:**

- Deferred Compensation for Medicaid Dental Providers
- HB 33 – Pediatric Dental Benefit Reasonable Assurance Provision

## **Monitor:**

- Medicaid legislation

## **Potential Defense:**

- Budget issues related to Medicaid reimbursement, funding of dental safety net,

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# Stay Involved



# Legislative Day

## Legislative Day:

- January 29
- Talking points
- Meetings with elected officials



## Weekly Legislative Updates:

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