

Virginia Oral Health Coalition - Early Dental Home Workgroup
Wednesday, March 2, 2016
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
VaOHC Office | Richmond, Virginia

Thank you so much for your time and brain power at the Early Dental Home (EDH) meeting on Wednesday. The Coalition has two new employees: Lauren Gray, Program and Engagement Manager (She was unable to attend the meeting) and Regina Potis, Office and Programs Assistant. Workgroup members in attendance: Julie Duregger (via phone), Kristen Gilliam, Heidi Hertz, Aleta Lawson, Tara Quinn, Rich Schultz, Myra Shook, Michelle Tran, Jackie Wake, Sarah Holland, Katherine Libby and Regina Potis.

A recap of the meeting follows.

Of note – there are several activities you may want to participate in that are detailed below:

- Smart Beginnings Greater Richmond is convening partners to update its School Readiness Plan
- Rev your Bev (reduce the use of sugar sweetened beverages)
- Virginia Oral Health Report Card

Please continue to help identify perinatal (OB/GYN and nurse midwife) and pediatric oral health champions! VaOHC will provide training as needed.

Legislative Update

- **SB712** (*Dental hygienists; remote supervision. Authorizes dental hygienists to practice, with certain requirements and restrictions, under the remote supervision of a licensed dentist. The bill directs the Board of Dentistry to promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of the act within 280 days of its enactment.*) passed both the House and the Senate. The Governor has until April 11th to sign the bill. This bill will enable dental hygienists employed at a Safety Net location the ability to practice under remote supervision. For more information click [here](#).
- **HB1348** (*An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-112.1, relating to smoking in motor vehicles; presence of minor under age eight; civil penalty.*) passed both the House and the Senate. The Governor has until April 11th to sign the bill. This bill will make it illegal to smoke in a car with a child under the age of 8 - Del. Todd Pillion, a pediatric dentist, said the measure would help protect the developing lungs of children. Drivers could not be pulled over for smoking in cars with children, but could be assessed a \$100 civil fine if they are pulled over for other reasons. For more information click [here](#).

Virginia Oral Health Report Card Overview – Sarah Holland

VaOHC will convene partners to develop a Virginia Oral Health Report Card The report card will assign metrics to the goals of the Virginia oral health plan - to gauge progress in Virginia on oral health issues related to Coverage, Workforce, Prevention, Collaboration and Awareness (The five areas of the Virginia Oral Health Plan).

Of Note:

PEW produced a 50-state report card yearly for three years (2010-2013). The report card generated significant media attention, specifically around use of sealants and alternative workforce models, which were the focus of the grade. To my knowledge no other state has done an independent oral health report card.

Details:

- Diverse workgroup will identify existing metrics to create a baseline measurement of where Virginia falls within the goals of the plan
- Workgroup will determine grading scale
- Workgroup will strive to identify metrics that can be aggregated by a multitude of demographic information (race/age/gender/locality)
- Report Card will roll out at the Oral Health Summit
- Five facilitated regional meetings will occur post summit based on health planning district (Central/Nova/Tidewater/Southern/SW)
- Report Card metrics aggregated to local level when possible

Virginia Oral Health Summit – Sarah Holland

- November 10, 2016 at the Westin in Richmond, Virginia

Virginia Department of Health PIOHQIE Grant Update – Sarah Holland

VDH was one of seven states to receive the Perinatal Infant Oral Health Quality Improvement Expansion (PIOHQIE) grant. The mission of the grant is to increase access to oral health services and education for pregnant women and infants. Each awardee will develop models to connect pregnant women with dental providers. The VDH will continue to update the group as grant implementation begins.

VDH will hire a full time grant manager for the PIOHQIE grant, however the position description is currently going through the VDH hiring approval process. As soon as the job is posted, VaOHC will circulate. VDH will also be hiring someone to replace Susan Pharr. While we await full staffing on the grant, VaOHC is providing perinatal oral health training and we will be offering a perinatal integration toolkit on our website.

EDH members – please help identify OBGYN/nurse midwife champions to help get the word out.

Medicaid Oral Health Learning Collaborative Overview – Jackie Wake (DentaQuest, LLC)

Virginia DMAS participated in an Oral Health Learning Collaborative, supported by CMS, to increase dental utilization among children 1-20 enrolled in Medicaid. DMAS, DentQuest (Smiles for Children's program), VaOHC and VDH partnered together to focus on incorporating oral health prevention and age one referrals into medical primary care, and targeted community member outreach.

Activities included (and are still ongoing!)

- establishing pediatric oral health champions in various regions to support peer to peer oral health education and training for medical providers about oral health prevention and dental referrals
- member and provider outreach through MCOs, medical provider association conferences, health fairs, headstart conferences, social work conferences, etc.
- WIC pilot program -- Jake Wake visited a WIC clinic weekly to provide oral health and dental benefit information and education to moms and young children. As a next step, they will be examining dental utilization data to see if her visits to the clinic resulted in visits to a dentist.

How EDH members can collaborate:

share information about opportunities for education and outreach to healthcare providers, childcare workers and early childhood educators, social workers, parents and families (general community!). Could be health fairs, education workshops/conferences, community events, etc,

Rev your Bev – Heidi Hertz (Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth)

Rev Your Bev Day is a statewide day of action to raise awareness about the health effects of sugary drinks.

On May 18, 2016, students, teachers, and health advocates across the state will come together to continue changing the way Virginians think about their drinks for the 4th Annual Rev Your Bev Day. Since 2013, more than 420 events have taken place throughout Virginia. In the last two years, more than 15,000 surveys have been collected at Rev Your Bev events across the state to gauge Virginians' perceptions and knowledge about sugary drinks: 33% of 5-19 year olds drink at least one sugar-sweetened beverage every day. 69% of respondents did NOT know they can gain 25 LBS from drinking just one 20oz soda per day for a year. 86% of all Rev Your Bev Day respondents said they learned something NEW about sugary drinks.

This year, Rev Your Bev Day will focus on the amount of sugar hidden in popular beverages and empower Virginians to make the healthiest choices for themselves and their families. To host your own 2015 Rev Your Bev Day event, visit the "Host an Event" page at www.revyourbev.com.

Smart Beginnings Greater Richmond – Rich Schultz

Smart Beginnings Greater Richmond is a partnership among public and private agencies, businesses, and individuals serving the cities of Richmond, Colonial Heights and Petersburg as well as Chesterfield, Charles City, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent and Powhatan counties. The partnership works to enhance the quality of early childhood care and learning for young children. From Rich:

We are currently in the process of kicking off our School Readiness Plan. This will be a regional plan for school readiness that will involve input from numerous stakeholder groups. If anyone is interested in getting involved, contact rich.schultz@smartbeginningsrva.org and we can loop you into one of our standing meetings. All of this will be taking place over the next few months as we set these engagement meetings and gather data. If you'd like to take a look at the plan that we are updating, here is the link.

http://smartbeginnings.org/Portals/5/PDFs/School_Readiness_Plan.pdf

For the sixth year in a row, Smart Beginnings Greater Richmond is coordinating awareness of kindergarten registration and school readiness. It will be held on April 14th. Please do what you can to help reach parents who need to know about this important date. You can visit our website at <http://smartbeginningsrva.org/> for more information and promotional resources.

Next meeting: September 7, 2016 at 1:00pm
VaOHC Offices – Jefferson Room