

Early Dental Home Action Team / PIOHQIE Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 10, 2018, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Virginia Oral Health Coalition Offices, Glen Allen, VA

Participants:

Tonya Adiches	Sharon Logue
Cornelia Deagle	Myra Shook
Jane Glasgow	Rachelle Vo
Lauren Gray	JoAnn Wells
Sarah Holland	Ally Singer Wright
Matt Jones	

Action Items

- VaOHC will share information from Cornelia Deagle about another state's case example of a program providing dental care to women with substance use disorder at community services boards (CSBs)
- VaOHC will work with VDH to focus on promoting the [Smiles for Life](#), develop a complementary training with Virginia-specific coverage and referral system information.
- VaOHC will work with VDH to engage several new potential audiences for oral health integration trainings.
- [Registration](#) is open for the Spring Appalachian Oral Health Forum in Abingdon, VA on Thursday, May 3. Registration is \$15, lunch provided.

Next Meeting

- TBA, June 2018

Welcome – Sarah Holland, VaOHC

- Please share how you think Blue Jeans video conference is going
- This workgroup's purpose has evolved
- Currently primary goal is to determine what type of oral health integration is training and for whom around the state

Introductions

- Cornelia Deagle, VDH Division of Child and Family Health, MCH/Title V Director – oral health is one of our performance measures for Title V.
- JoAnn Wells, VDH PIOHQIE Consultant – we are submitting our Y4 progress report this week for the PIOHQIE grant. There is a lot of great work summarized in this report.
- Sharon Logue, VDH Dental Health Program – I coordinate our school-based dental health services and public health dental hygiene teams
- Jane Glasgow, Minus 9 to 5 – we recently became part of the Initiative for Global Health at EVMS. We're focused on early childhood and early learning; one of our focuses is health and opportunities to integrate oral health.
- Rachelle Vo, Hampton Healthy Families we still have our oral health project going on
- Ally Singer Wright, Virginia Health Care Foundation – we're the largest funder of the dental safety net in VA. I work with our dental grantees.

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Policy Update – Sarah Holland, VaOHC

- Even though there is not a comprehensive adult dental benefit, there is at least some access to emergency care. We feel that if Medicaid were to expand, we would like a comprehensive benefit extended to the existing and expansion Medicaid adult populations.
- During General Assembly's special session, the same Medicaid expansion budget amendments will be submitted and the same conferees will consider them.
- Two Senate conferees are now in support of expansion with work requirements (stronger work requirements than the House budget amendment proposed).
- Governor Northam had until midnight last night to veto any bills; interestingly he amended the bills he said he was going to veto that have to do with the health care exchange.
- I think it may be several more weeks before we get a final decision on Medicaid expansion. I expect we likely will expand with work requirements.
- The adult dental benefit budget amendment is not likely to be resubmitted for the special session this year – but our hope is to achieve an adult dental benefit in Medicaid in the Governor's budget for next year.
- The benefit has a \$25 million price tag, so we will have to justify that cost. We'll be asking our partners to write letters to support the benefit – not just from those who serve adults, but also those who serve kids and families.
- They'll be in session until they have the budget. If we don't have a budget by July 1, the state government has to shut down, but that is believed to be unlikely.

Overview of Training Activities – Matthew Jones, VaOHC

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- Role of the EDH/PAB
 - o The priority for this group is shifting to include more of an advisory role than it has been previously
 - o Incorporate “train the trainer” opportunities to ensure that folks retain information despite turnover; improve sustainability of the training information.
- Training Considerations
 - o Hampton Healthy Families: The experience with the trainings has been positive and has helped families to incorporate oral health
 - o VDH TRAIN video does not include a voiceover
 - Faculty will travel to train, but it is hoped to have some folks do train-the-trainers
 - There may be someone at ODU who would be great to get involved
 - The *Smiles for Life* curriculum is also available online
 - o A module training for CHWs in the certification process would be great
 - o MIECHV curriculum at JMU
 - Allows for more “non-traditional” touchpoints with families

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- Embedded oral health program in CSBs for women with substance use disorder
 - More easily access pregnant women at the CSBs than at their prenatal appointments where they felt judged
 - Dental was provided as an add-on benefit and also got them into prenatal care
- Some groups we might want to touch more could be
 - Other medical provider groups
 - Home visitors
 - Church ministries
 - Lay health promoters
 - Baby Care programs
 - May be inconsistent
 - Chesapeake Health Department could be a good starting place
 - Baptist General Convention
 - blood pressure control programs with VDH
 - work with stylists and salons to promote women's health programs
 - African American sororities
 - The Hispanic Liaison Office and other ethnic associations
 - Refugee resettlement offices
 - Incorporate Community Health Workers and Lay Health Promoters in Head Start programs

Case in Review: Oral Health and Pregnancy Curriculum

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- Rather than update this training, it is suggested that the Smiles for Life curriculum be used
 - www.smilesforlifeoralhealth.org
 - It is free and available to everyone and offers free Continuing Education credits
 - Anecdotally, providers in Northern Virginia feel that Smiles for Life is a great curriculum
 - It needs supplementary information specific to Virginia
 - There is always going to be a need for in-person training; maybe we could crosswalk in-person trainings with Smiles for Life to make sure nothing is left out.
 - New course specifically for CHWs
 - Train-the-trainer info for folks to teach the curriculum themselves
 - List of state prevention programs and Virginia's info is missing
 - VaOHC is creating a factsheet that will be included on their site
- Not covered
 - Dental needs for individuals with special needs
 - VA specific data
- May be able to track specific users

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Other:

- Cover Virginia has an info flyer on how to access their materials. VCHF also has a FAMIS webinar for school professionals on connecting students to health care coverage. Info sheets will be shared with the EDH/PAB group

Plus/Delta

- Open exchange, everyone's very comfortable with sharing information
- Shared some different ideas
- Video conferencing is a plus for those who cannot attend in person
- Some difficulty hearing other speakers [online], but Matt came through pretty well

Wrap-Up

- Next time
 - o Duties as an advisory board
 - o How to recruit new members
 - o Getting beyond Richmond
- Next meeting will be sometime in June
- How does the early dental home concept fit with the PIOHQIE advisory mission?
 - o The work of the EDH group and the PAB is bidirectional. Those working on getting more children into early dental homes are a great resource to advise the direction of the PIOHQI work. The PAB board is a place to bring various partners together to be a resource.
 - o EDH started as a grant that was focused on interprofessional collaboration; then it evolved to be mainly about information sharing and relationship-building; then we added on the PIOHQIE advisory group component.
 - o Emily Keenum at VECF should be invited to join the workgroup
 - o May 3rd – Spring Appalachian forum in Abingdon registration is now open:
<http://bit.ly/May3Forum>