

**NOVA Oral Health Subcommittee on Adults – Data Subgroup**  
**Thursday, October 12, 2017, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**  
**Northern Virginia Dental Clinic**

**Participants**

Tom Fonseca, The Fenwick Foundation

Tricia Rodgers, Northern Virginia Health Foundation

Connie Simmons, Freedom Family Dentistry

**Action Items**

- Determine initial focus (tentative): nursing homes and assisted living residences (tentative)
- Assess the completeness of dental records at long-term care facilities
- Prepare script for informal survey of several facilities – with initial set of questions - Tricia
- Contact facilities to gather initial information: Connie to contact Birmingham Green and Virginia Hygiene Society; Connie to discuss potential Dental Society survey with Carmen Regan at NVDC; Tricia to contact Goodwin House and possibly Virginia Dental Society; Tom to contact Culpepper, Manor Care, Terri Lynch at AAA/Alexandria

**Upcoming Meetings**

- Full Steering Committee: ~~Tuesday, November 7, 2pm-4pm at Fairfax County Pennino Bldg~~  
**(UPDATE: Meeting Canceled. Next full committee meeting: Thursday, January 11, 10 am – 12 pm at Northern Virginia Family Service)**
- Subcommittee on Adults: Monday, December 11, 2 pm – 4 pm at Northern Virginia Dental Clinic
- State & Regional Oral Health Partners Meeting: Wednesday, December 13, 1 pm – 3 pm, Richmond, VA (exact location TBA)
  - Opportunity for state agency partners who contributed to the Virginia Oral Health Report Card to connect and exchange ideas with regional partners from NOVA, Greater Richmond, and South Hampton Roads.

**Notes**

- Group discussion on initial focus of effort- tentative decision to focus on nursing homes and assisted living residences in Northern VA jurisdictions.
- Uncertainty about completeness of dental records at facilities; e.g., when relatives take residents to dentist, are records kept at facilities and discussion about need to understand this condition better.
- Tricia to develop a script for discussion with facility ED's - Specifically, group interested in learning if facilities track any oral health information about its residents such as frequency of dental visits, type of visit (routine or emergency), and how that care is paid for (Medicaid or private pay). Do facilities keep that kind of data? If so, would ED's be willing to help us with our study as our plans for it evolve?
- Members to contact select facilities/AAA director – see “Action Items” above.
- Group discussed conference call Tom and Lauren had with Eileen Caulfield, faculty leader at Marymount University. Professor Caulfield suggested we define the goals, objectives and scope of data study. Marymount very interested in assisting wherever it makes sense.
- Tom to keep in touch with Professor Caulfield as study profile is developed.
- Group members discussed a range of issues regarding efforts and challenges to providing dental care to long-term care residents. Paying for care is the number one issue but logistical

accessibility also presents considerable challenges. Issues include getting to the dentist, chair time requirements and its impact on fees, treatment issues for dementia and other patients, etc.

- Group members discussed the potential value of studying these issues, even from an anecdotal perspective.

**Subcommittee on Adults Sub-Groups**

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