

**Northern Virginia Oral Health Steering Committee – Subcommittee on Children Meeting  
Monday, June 12, 2017, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm | Northern Virginia Family Service, Oakton, VA**

**Desired Outcomes**

1. Consensus on our subcommittee objectives and measurement approach, using the [Virginia Oral Health Report Card](#) & [full steering committee objectives](#) as a framework.
2. Consensus on immediate next steps/action items to meet subcommittee objectives.

**Agenda**

- 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm (OPTIONAL)* VaOHC staff (Lauren) available to orient new subcommittee members
- 1:00 pm - 1:10 pm Introductions
- 1:10 pm - 1:25 pm Review of regionally-identified priority and strategy areas for children and parents, and framework of statewide Report Card
  - Lauren Gray, Virginia Oral Health Coalition
- 1:25 pm - 2:15 pm Discussion: Subcommittee objectives within the scope of regionally-identified priorities and statewide Report Card metrics
  - Barbara Nowak, ACPS - Facilitator
  - What are our focus populations and issues, given the assessment we've already done?
  - How will we define and measure "success"?
  - Are there clear, immediate opportunities for action?
- 2:15 pm - 2:30 pm Brief partner updates
  - Barbara Nowak, ACPS, & Monte Upshaw, Neighborhood Health - WOW Bus
  - Barbara Nowak, ACPS, & La'Toya Spencer - Mandated School Entry Form Research
  - Others?
- 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm Discussion: Next steps and immediate opportunities
  - Monte Upshaw, Neighborhood Health - Facilitator

**Participants**

Lydia Allen, Northern Virginia Family Service	Barbara Nowak, ACPS Health Services Coordinator
Jesse Ellis, Fairfax County NCS	Gretchen O'Donnell, FCPS FECEP/HS
Lauren Gray, Virginia Oral Health Coalition	Leah Park, FCPS FECEP/HS
Andrea Lomrantz, Fairfax County Department of Family Services	Marcia Twomey, M CCP Foundation
	Dr. Monte Upshaw, Neighborhood Health

**Action Items**

- Subcommittee members will [edit list of objectives and activities](#)
- Subcommittee members will reach out to contacts at local health departments (including WIC offices), clinicians (NVDS, AAP, residents), parent liaison groups at schools, and academic

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institutions (e.g., Howard dental school, GMU, etc.) to get involved in the Steering Committee or Subcommittee(s)

**PROCEEDINGS**

**Introductions**

- Lauren Gray (VaOHC) led brief introductions

**Review of Regionally-Identified Priority and Strategy Areas for Children and Parents**

- Recap of previous full steering committee meeting, which decided the [mission, objectives, and structure](#) - Subcommittee members confirmed the structure and overarching mission and objectives
- Reviewed the framework of the [Virginia Oral Health Report Card](#) and the [priorities and strategies identified at the NOVA Oral Health Forum](#), emphasizing the need to identify objectives and activities that can produce a measurable impact

**Discussion**

- How do we improve the C+ grade on the Report Card?
  - Need to identify how many kids have poor oral health and no one to treat them
    - Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) project to use mandated school physical forms to assess number of children receiving dental visit and have a need
    - Head Start programs have a more extensive form that indicates need for treatment as well as: education provided; appointment scheduled; etc.
  - Training physicians to do oral health assessment and referral
- How do we measure our progress?
  - % of children who have a documented dental visit/home
  - School mandated entry form data
    - DNP student La'Toya Spencer working with ACPS to collect their data and analyze - timeline is to have some analysis complete by early 2018
    - Currently there is no statewide database capturing this information
- Partner updates
  - MCCP Foundation establishing pilot project with Bailey's Elementary School (Fairfax - title I school) and NOVA Community College to screen all kids
    - Suggestion made to have school nurses look at their forms and correlate children to providers
    - Complicating factor: different school districts have different models. Some schools (e.g. Fairfax) utilize public health school nurses, whereas others (e.g., Alexandria) have RNs embedded in the school. The latter model tends to result in better relationships with children and improved outcomes. Reg almost passed through GA this year that would have required RNs in every school.
  - Across the board, parent liaison groups are strong advocates and partners - could leverage partnerships with school-based parent liaisons to expand awareness

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- Parents need tools to educate themselves and each other - oral hygiene as well as resources available for care
- Finding Medicaid dentists is a challenge - Lauren mentioned [DentaQuest's Smiles for Children search engine for Medicaid dentists](#)
- Early childhood: [DSS created a required, 10-hour web-based pre-service course that includes an oral health module](#). All Virginia child care providers must take it - up to 23,000 completions so far.
  - Are similar tools/resources already available for other childcare providers, educators, etc. that we could leverage? No need to reinvent the wheel.

### **Subcommittee Work Plan**

Timeframe: Spring 2017 - Spring 2019 (tentative)

Objective 1: Increase the number of children who have a dental homes.

- Activity 1: Mine existing data on oral assessments of children ages Pre-K through 5th grade.
  - Virginia Physical Form
  - Head Start
- Activity 2: Educate school nurses, child care providers, and pediatricians on OH assessment and referral.

Objective 2: Increase oral health literacy/improve educational opportunities for families with children

- Activity 1: Develop innovative approaches and opportunities for dental education of parents and children in schools.
- Activity 2: Create oral health toolkit to help schools and parent liaisons to educate parents group and children.
- Activity 3: Identify pediatric dental champions in the Northern Virginia region.
- Activity 4: Talk to the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) about including oral health in chronic conditions.

Objective 3: Increase awareness of safety net services.

- Activity 1: Promote awareness of existing dental safety net and donated dental services (e.g., Advertise work by Northern VA Dental Society like Give Kids a Smile, or expand awareness around use of portable dental services)

Objective 4: Increase general public awareness of Subcommittee activities

- Activity 1: Identify story hook and outlets for an article; reach out to the author of the recent Washington Post article.

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