

Northern Virginia Oral Health Alliance Joint Workgroup Meeting
Friday, July 13, 2018, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Fairfax County Government Center

Participants

Sherry	Basham	RDH
Melissa	DeAngelo	Fairfax County Public Schools
Andrea	Lomrantz	Fairfax County Department of Family Services
Ondrea	McIntyre-Hall	Northern Virginia Family Service
Barbara	Nowak	Alexandria City Public Schools
Betty	Peebles	Jon C. Burr Foundation
Carmen	Regan	Northern Virginia Dental Clinic
Tricia	Rodgers	Northern Virginia Health Foundation
Eva	Starrak	Medical Care for Children Partnership Foundation

VaOHC Staff:

Lauren Gray, Program and Engagement Manager
Lauren Sawyer, Communications Manager

Action Items:

- Pre-Register for the workshop **Collaboration and Leadership to Improve Oral Health on Tuesday, August 21 and Wednesday, August 22** at <http://bit.ly/VaOHCAug2018>. Registration closes on August 14. Alliance and other community-based partners from around the state will participate in this capacity-building workshop to strengthen the work of the existing alliances, ensure sustainability and leadership, and become grounded in core principles of collaborative system change. **Out-of-town partners will receive reimbursement for mileage expenses.**
- Ondrea McIntyre-Hall: Check with Senator Barker about his availability during the week of September 3-7 to participate in an alliance convening around adult dental benefits in Medicaid.
- All Alliance members: Identify community champions to participate in home office legislative visits with state legislators in mid September (week of the 17th or 24th). Identify who their legislators (and your own, if you wish to participate) at <https://whosmy.virginiageneralassembly.gov/> and email to Lauren as soon as possible.
- Adult Workgroup Members: determine next steps at August workgroup convening (details below).
- Children's Workgroup Members:
 - Week of Sept. 10: VaOHC will mail/email pediatrician intro letters and a couple of materials. (See list attached to email for assignments, or email Lauren for the list at lgray@vaoralhealth.org).
 - Week of Sept. 17 or 14: Workgroup members will call their assigned practices and set up time for a phone call with pediatricians.
 - Next full alliance mtg (TBD): Once pediatrician interview are complete, VaOHC will send out full resource packets to the pediatricians. Workgroup members will report out on any data they were able to collect.

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Upcoming Meetings:

- Adult Oral Health Workgroup: Tuesday, August 7, 2018, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm | Northern Virginia Dental Clinic, 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Suite 450, Fairfax, VA 22031 ([directions](#))
- Children’s Oral Health Workgroup: Friday, September 14, 2018, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm | Pennino Building, Virginia Room, 10th Floor 12011 Government Ctr Pkwy, Fairfax, VA 22305

Additional Resources & Information:

- DMAS is hosting town halls for the community, both patients and providers about the rollout of the Medallion 4.0 managed care program for children and pregnant women. More information available at <http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/#/med4meetings>.

Proceedings – Joint Workgroup Meeting on Advocacy:

Brief Updates

- Lauren Gray provided a recap of the [May full alliance meeting](#) in Manassas
 - Good attendance from several new partners particularly from Prince William County.
 - Lots of discussion about the oral health landscape in Virginia, policy context (including Medicaid managed care value-add dental benefits and advocacy for adult dental in Medicaid).
 - At the time, Medicaid expansion had not been decided on – now we know it will take effect on January 1, 2019!
 - VaOHC received feedback that the new participants would have liked more time to network and learn about what folks in the room were working on.
 - As a result, Lauren G. coordinated a “new member orientation” webinar attended by folks from Manassas Department of Social Services and Inova Health System’s Juniper program (for individuals with HIV/AIDS).
 - Still need to find a way to enable more people from farther away to participate in workgroup meetings.
- Lauren Gray provided an overview of the 2-day workshop on August 21-22 in Richmond: Collaboration and Leadership to Improve Oral Health (<http://bit.ly/VaOHCAug2018>). Mileage reimbursement will be provided to alliance members who travel from out of town to participate.
- Lauren Gray highlighted the upcoming [2018 Annual Oral Health Summit](#) and shared resources from [CoverVa.org](#) (postcards) to hand out to patients/clients about Medicaid expansion.
- Meeting began with brief updates section – no questions or comments were added

Discussion: NOVA Oral Health Advocacy Opportunities

- Lauren Gray shared that one opportunity to advocate is to organize home office visits with legislators to promote the addition of a comprehensive adult dental benefit in Medicaid. She

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shared a draft of talking points for meeting with legislators, as well as a leave-behind fact sheet about the need for comprehensive adult dental benefits in Medicaid (included below). Even though there is no specific legislation or budget amendment we are promoting since the General Assembly is not in session, now is a good time to start getting the issue on legislators' radar.

- Tricia Rodgers shared background on VaOHC's legislative committee and past advocacy outreach with legislators.
- Question: Can county and school employees participate in legislative visits?
 - [Fairfax] County has rules in place that don't allow employees to take part in political activities.
 - In the Richmond groups members have gotten around this by attending as a private citizen and not in their professional capacity.
 - Some group members feel unsure/uncomfortable going to legislators. The recommendation was made to have groups go with possible a family or client who has been impacted to share personal stories.
- **Event with Senator George Barker**
 - **It was suggested to invite Senator Barker to come to an alliance meeting in early-mid September to share insights and tips on meeting with legislators.** Delegate Sickles, who also sponsored a 2018 budget amendment to add adult dental to Medicaid, would also be invited. **Ondrea said she could reach out to Barker regarding timing for him attending. Tentative date for meeting early September (week of Sept. 3-7).**
 - **Following the meeting with Sen. Barker and Del. Sickles, the group would coordinate home office visits to legislators taking place week of September 17 or 24.**

Proceedings – Children's Oral Health Workgroup Meeting:

- Letter will go out (week of September 10), then members will call (week of September 17 or September 24), then set up a time for questions (September 17 or 24), then full folder of materials delivered. Data will be compiled at an alliance meeting where workgroup members can talk through the responses they received.
- It was proposed that the Coalition would send the letter out the week of September 10.
- Request made to remove second question in question list (regarding specialties) and Pediatric Associates of Alexandria added to the grid. Melissa DeAngelo added them to the list and group split out rest of assigned targets. **Melissa to send the assigned list around to the work group.**
- Discussion led by Barbara Nowak on what should be sent to pediatricians when, concern that if they only receive a letter they won't open it. Suggestion made to send a slimmed down version of folder materials, including an article on importance of oral health for children, integration toolkit (Barbara suggested expanding the size of the current post card), oral health report card, and resource list for pediatricians (where to get free tooth brushes etc.) and then full folder with all materials shared after the questions are answered.

Proceedings – Adult Oral Health Workgroup Meeting:

- Turnout for the adult workgroup meeting was low, so the proceedings mainly involved updates to those who were there.

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- Tricia Rodgers & Lauren Gray provided a recap of the proposal/survey discussion they had at a June executive committee meeting of the Northern Virginia Dental Society (NVDS). NVDS is not interested in moving forward with the survey proposal, so **the data group will need to discuss an alternative action step.**
- Allen Lomax reached out to Lauren Gray to let her know that he has the community resource guide, but he couldn't attend today's meeting. **Lauren will follow up with Allen.**
- The community resource guide needs a home to ensure the information well utilized. Tricia mentioned that she connected Allen to Donny John at NOVA Scripts Central to see if they might be interested in hosting it.
- Betty Peebles is working with DentaQuest Foundation (as a part of the [Oral Health 2020 national network](#)) to create a brief documentary highlighting the importance of oral health and the need for policy change.
 - Lauren Gray suggested reaching out to experts at the Am. Dental Association Health Policy Institute.
- The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) will hopefully be conducting another elder basic screening survey soon and Oral Health America is going to release a report on older adult oral health.

Adjourned at 3:00 pm when the workgroups were done meeting.