

Greater Richmond and Petersburg Oral Health - School Age Workgroup

Conference Call

Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 12:30 pm

Participants

Lauren Gray

Teresa Isom

Sharon Logue

Eric Tolkin

Dearsley Vernon

First Meeting Scheduled with RPS Reps

- Meeting scheduled with Angela Jones and Candace Aud - Richmond Student Services
 - Thurs., March 22, 3 pm - 4 pm
 - Attending: Lauren, Dearsley, Eric, Sharon
 - Angela can't mandate that schools do something, but can let us know what's going on
 - Candace is a school social worker

Meeting Purpose

- Introduce the alliance and workgroup
 - Lauren
 - Intro Coalition, the alliance and workgroup
 - Joint initiative of state-based and community-based partners - VaOHC provides the backbone while alliance participants drive the work
 - Overview of Coalition's interest in school-based health
 - Describe how oral health affects overall health and academic performance
 - CDC has some good factsheets on oral health and learning
 - [PEW oral health school report card 2015](#), sealant grade
 - Every year 51 million school hours are lost
- Describe the problem we'd like to address
 - Sharon and Eric
 - Improve consent rates for school-based dental care
 - Share consent rates for each school
 - Ensure kids who need care get access to it, and are referred to a dental home
 - Reinforce the workgroup's goals to increase participation and reach high-risk children
 - The workgroup's aspiration is to use the pilot project to determine best practices which can benefit schools around the region
- Outline the specific strategies we would like to pilot test in their schools
 - Sharon and Eric
 - Present her with the strategies outlined in the work plan
 - School agree to put permission forms in back-to school packets
 - Send out some kind of parent communication (robo call, text, email that dentist is coming and link to online enrollment portal)
 - Post on school's website/social media that dentist is coming to school
 - Principal usually designates who handles this (typically school nurses) - need to discuss with them when they will need that info by to put in packets

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- Explain what each of our roles/expectations are in the process
 - Dearsley
 - Don't need to get too into the weeds of exact responsibilities, just get a sense from Angela of
 - What's already happening in the schools
 - What our expectations should be of the nurses and other support staff
 - Figure out the communication process with the schools (i.e., should contact come from VaOHC, workgroup members, from Angela?)
 - Reinforce that our goal is to avoid increasing work for the schools - rather, seeking to enhance utilization of existing programs

Other

- Are there already oral health curriculums that we can piggyback with? And who teaches it?
 - Only in lower grades usually (oral hygiene like tooth brushing) - particularly in Feb.
 - Interspersed with older graders (connected with sports, etc) - usually PE teachers
 - VDH has been working with DOE to try and integrate oral health curriculum more regularly
- Parent letters from VDH and Smile VA do say that kids will get toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. for participating
- Chesterfield meeting
 - Teresa has been in contact with Tia Campbell, school services coordinator - she is checking with her supervisors to determine if there's an interest among the principals

Potential Contacts for Future Meetings

Bellevue Elementary, Richmond

- Principal: Mrs. Regina Farr (Dearsley knows)
- Nurse(s): *Couldn't identify*

John B. Cary Elementary, Richmond

- Principal: Mr. Michael Powell
- Nurse(s): Donna Morris & Katherine White
- Sharon's hygienist may know

Petersburg: School nurse coordinator - Robin Cox, 586-0946

- Lauren will reach out after meeting with Angela Jones

JEB Stuart, Petersburg

- Principal: Mrs. Jennifer Moore
- Nurses: Lisa McNamara & Mary Harris

Walnut Hill, Petersburg

- Principal: Belinda Urquhart

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- Nurses: Tamika Green, Eva Jones, Melinda Mays, Melody Roda, Katrina Shands, Peggy White
- Sharon's hygienist may know

Workgroup Members

- Who would like to attend what meeting(s)?
- Before May 31