

**Kindergarten Dental Policy Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 7, 2015 | 1:30-3:30**

Attendees:  
Sarah Holland  
Katherine Libby  
Carrie Wampler  
Bridget Brown  
Jeff Laughlin  
Julie Duregger  
Jo Ann Burkholder  
Janet Wright  
Susan Motley  
Bill Murray  
Marge Green

Chris Harman  
Vicki Brett  
Kristen Gilliam  
Kathleen Eastman  
Frank luorno  
Tonya Adiches  
Tricia Rodgers\*\*  
Jackie Wake\*\*  
Lynn Wilkes\*\*

\*\*Participated via conference call

**Meeting Summary**

Sarah Holland opened the meeting with an overview of the Virginia Oral Health Coalition. Introductions took place and a brief discussion of “what are we trying to accomplish” commenced which naturally segued into Katherine Libby presenting a “National Snapshot” with detailed slides of twelve states that are implementing some type of mandate or regulation for an oral health screening/exam. This presentation was to give the audience an idea of what other states are doing and the effectiveness of the mandate/regulation. Discussion after the presentation was vibrant. Several voiced that passing a mandate would most likely be difficult, as mandates have proven to be difficult to pass in Virginia. There was some discussion about a mandate for specific populations such as Medicaid recipients, middle school/high school kids who want to participate in athletics, etc.

Meeting attendees determined that the focus of the group, moving forward, will be to explore policy strategies (most likely regulatory) to ensure all children in Virginia have a dental home. Folks in the room were also quite vocal that no strategy should overburden school nurses and that dental providers are a key participant in any future program. The group will work to create strategies to help achieve the above goal, with an emphasis on school age children and to dive deeper into the school physical exam form that Virginia currently uses to see where it needs to be strengthened in regards to oral health.

Items for follow up:

- Bridget Brown- Please send the helpful overview regarding the Illinois statistics
- Marge Green- Volunteered to research South Carolina’s mandates/regulations on oral health screenings/exams
- Sarah Holland- Will reach out to our lobbyist and ask her opinion on the regulatory process
- Everyone- Continue to think of potential strategies to reach the broad goal. Also, if there are others who would be a benefit to the group email Carrie Wampler their full name and email address to be added to further communications