

**School-Age Oral Health Workgroup**  
**Monday, May 15, 2017 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. | Richmond, Virginia**

**Attendees:**

Brooke Crouch  
Regina Stevens-Smith  
Svetlana Kochany  
Bridget Brown  
Myra Shook  
Julie Duregger

Jeanette Bowman  
Sharon Logue  
Kristen Gilliam  
Sarah Holland  
Lauren Gray

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Overview of Workgroup – How did we get here?

This workgroup is an extension of the Kindergarten Dental Policy Workgroup. The goal of the kindergarten dental policy workgroup is to provide policy recommendations to increase the number of children with a dental home at kindergarten enrollment. Several potential strategies emerged from this group:

- A mandated dental visit prior to enrollment (like vaccinations)
- A mandated dental assessment prior to enrollment (conducted by school nurse or hygienists)
- Revision of the medical form completed by a child's pediatric provider's office (in many cases the nurse or office staff, with MD signing off) to better reflect the importance of oral health.

Each strategy has numerous pros and cons (you can access comprehensive notes from the group here), with the two mandates also including a likely fiscal impact on the commonwealth.

This workgroup will continue with the work of the kindergarten group (there is clear passion and motivation about harnessing the period of kindergarten enrollment to spur a connection with a dental home), and will also focus on some more expedient strategies. To that end, the workgroup members proposed the following purpose and identified several next steps,

A purpose/vision for the school-age workgroup:

*To identify systemic barriers to care and potential solutions to improve utilization of oral health services and oral health outcomes for school age children.*

**Next Steps:**

- Convene subcommittee to continue to study/work through policy recommendations related to a dental visit/assessment and kindergarten enrollment
- Invite additional critical stakeholders to be part of this workgroup:
  - Tia Campbell's replacement at VDH (Sharon Logue)
  - PTA representative (Sarah)