North Dakota Oral Health Coalition Meeting
Friday, November 14, 2008
North Dakota Department of Health—Bismarck
Judicial Wing AV Room 212 or 1-866-867-2740
9:00 am to 11:00 am

Proposed Meeting Goals:
• To review and discuss progress made by the three Oral Health Coalition sub-committees;
• To provide an opportunity for sub-committee meeting time and report back to the full Coalition;
• To identify and discuss the next steps in planning and implementation.

Proposed Meeting Products:
• A shared knowledge base regarding the progress made by the three Oral Health Coalition sub-committees;
• Agreement on the next steps in planning and implementation.

Members in Attendance:
JoAnn Braeger, Joe Cichy, Colleen Ebach, Gary Garland, Marlene Hulm, Kathy Keiser, Karen Larson, Sue Burns, Katie Luther, Kathy Mangskau, Cheryle Masset-Martz, Kathy Moum, Jeanne Prom, Kim Senn, Fred Larson, Dr. Richard Rathge, Paula Flanders, Linda Rorman, and Kimberlie Yineman.

Joining by Phone:
Hollie Harrington, Carla Kelly, Bev Marsh, and Debbie Swanson.

Welcome: Joe Cichy.
Review of September Meeting Minutes:
There was a suggestion to clarify the donated dental statement on the September minutes.

Presentation: Richard Rathge-Evaluation Specialist
He spoke about the process that needs to be followed to comply with CDC criteria and standards. As models are created regarding the steps to be completed and also results of data already received, they will be posted for use by the coalition members. The Frameworks format for messages to be used by the coalition will be applied so that it is uniformly presented.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Integration: Cheryle Masset-Martz
Kathy Mangskau developed oral health materials for pregnant women and sent them to BC/BS. They are waiting for a reply. The committee will meet again on Nov. 20th.

Prevention: Kimberlie Yineman
The city of Leeds has decided not to fluoridate their water. On December 1, JoAnn Braeger and Kimberlie Yineman will be on the agenda with the city council. They will find out if a lack of money was the reason not to fluoridate or if there is an attitude against fluoride in the Leeds community. They will also give testimony for fluoridation and give other sources of information to the council members.
A Montana dentist sent a letter to a Crosby patient telling them not to use fluoride rinses or be in the fluoride mouthrinse program. Kimberlie will send a letter to the MT dental director regarding this issue.

The new initiative is dental homes for all Head Start children. Dr. Holman (a pediatric dentist from Fargo) is the chairman of this committee. Linda Rorman, JoAnn Braeger, and Kimberlie Yineman are co-chairs. The project includes finding a dental home for all Head Start children. The Head Start definition must be considered when implementing this change. A survey of ND Head Starts and Health Coordinators will be done soon. Copies were handed out at the Prevention meeting.

Access: Jeanne Prom
A grant to fund the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile was submitted. They will find out in March 2009. Presently they are in the second stage of strategic planning and will meet again on November 24.

Data Advisory Committee: Kathy Moum
There has been work on the surveillance plan. The “Burden” document needs to be updated also.

Sustainability: Kathy Mangskau
The Sustainability Committee completed revision of the bylaws and filed the Articles of Incorporation. This committee shares policy and legislative members so they will be very busy during the legislative session and will not have the opportunity to work on the 501c3 status until after the session.

Optional Budget Request Update: Kim Senn
There are 33 initiatives and 29 FTE’s. Any general fund requests are prioritized by Dr. Dwelle, and Arvy before being submitted to the Governor’s office. One goal is to educate the governor’s office and legislators about the requests.

- Initiative #8: Healthy Living Initiative-money available for funding early childhood health, school health, school nurses, community wellness and nutrition.
- Initiative #10: Dental Loan Repayment-$195,000 in the existing program from the Community Trust/Health Fund. Movement is towards the General Fund and increase to $485,000 per biennium.
- Initiative #14: Priority of the heart disease program to include stroke prevention.
- Initiative #21: Funding for the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile-$200,000.
- Initiative #28: Medical Home-for specific health care needs.

Loan Repayment Program: Gary Garland
A budget was submitted and later withdrawn for dentist at clinics with a sliding fee schedule. Urban dentists usually do not receive funding since the program originally was for rural areas. The NDDA and Oral Coalition will introduce a similar bill.

Measure 3: Kathy Mangskau
The passage of Measure 3 allocates money from the Master Tobacco Settlement Agreement Strategic Contribution funds to a Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund. The funds are to be used to develop a plan for a comprehensive CDC based statewide tobacco prevention and control program. The implementation of a Best Practice approach will also address the integration of tobacco control with other chronic disease programs. The measure takes effect on December 4. The Governor will appoint a nine member advisory committee to develop a state plan.
Joe Cichy, Kathy Mangskau, Kimberlie Yineman, Karen Larson, Fred Larson and Dave Zentner (Policy Committee) met and drafted bills:

- **Health Grant Program**: One Time Funding will provide money to three dental clinics on a sliding fee basis ($150,000 each).
- **Dental Loan Repayment**: ($180,000) Dentist must take MA patients for three years and will receive the payment yearly.
- **Donated Dental**: $52,000-130 dentists have donated services. More money would increase the number of people they could treat. This is funded by a MCH grant and is for patients not on MA.
- **Dental Sealants-Oral Health Program**: The bill drafted will allow dental hygienists in public health settings without the direct supervision of a dentist.
- **Care Mobile Bill**: pays for start up costs.
- **Increase in Medicaid Reimbursement**.

When the Policy Committee meets, they will keep the Oral Health Coalition informed about their progress.

Cheryle reported on the “Frameworks” Training held on October 30. There were eight attendees. The message that is sent to others should have value and be effective to get attention and motivate the person to better action or behavior. They picked “Watch Your Mouth” as a catchy statement to bring attention to oral health. They meet again on December 10, 2008.

The next Oral Health Coalition meeting is January 9, 2009. Communication is crucial and must be done outside of the state government. There was a suggestion to write up a “fact sheet” or “talking points” to present to the legislature before a bill is introduced. Another suggestion was to have a booth on oral health at the Public Health Day at the Legislature. That would increase the exposure of oral health and bring the issues out front. Information about the Care Mobile could also be included. Family Health already has booth space reserved in February or March. The registered lobbyists on the Coalition are Janelle, Joe, and Dave. State employees must use annual leave to attend legislative meetings.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Hollie Harrington