

**Oral Health Strategic Plan**  
**Integration of Dental & Medical Care**  
1725 W. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, WIC Trailer, Santa Ana  
July 2, 2019  
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
**Meeting Highlights**



**In Attendance:**

Claudia Hernandez, David Nunez, MD, Ivonne Magallanes, Lucy Hernandez, Melitza Chinchilla, Ria Berger, Ronilyn Ricaforte, Susan Johnson, Tamarra Jones, Thomas Nakatsuchi, DDS, Vanessa Montano

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Tamarra welcomed all in attendance to first workgroup meeting for Integration of Medical and Dental. Dr. Thomas Nakatsuchi, County of Orange Dental Officer, was introduced. He went to School of Dentistry in Loma Linda and has previously worked with Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC). Dr. Nakatsuchi will be providing assistance to the Family Health Dental Clinics and the Local Oral Health Program.

**Review of Strategic Plan and Action Plan**

Tamarra discussed the Workgroup Action Plan. The left column are the strategies for Integration of Dental and Medical Care. The section in green are objectives of the Local Oral Health Program (LOHP) work plan as it pertains to integration of medical and dental. The section noted in purple are workgroup tasks identified by workgroup to be implemented. The group reviewed the workgroup action plan and provided following recommendations:

- Dr. Nunez requested to add human papillomavirus (HPV) similar to Tobacco Use Prevention Program (TUPP) and Rethink Your Drink (RYD). *Action Item*
- Ria shared CalOptima looking into dental component carve in. Claudia informed CalOptima received letters of support and will be presenting to the Orange County Dental Society in late July.

**Brainstorm Activities for Action Plan**

Group discussed opportunities to promote integration of dental and medical care.

Curricula of Medical and Dental

- Group discussed curriculum that integrates both medical and dental including smoking cessation, HPV (ex. USC rotation residents at CHOC). Possible schools to involve and work with UCI, Loma Linda, USC, and UCLA.
- Melitza shared LA AltaMed has MD residents rotation and incorporates a chapter in oral hygiene.
- Group suggested identifying available resources to promote training.
  - Lucy to contact LA LOHP to identify if USC/UCLA has a residency training program or curriculum to increase knowledge about importance of oral health for medical students. *Action Item*
  - Ria will connect and invite Dr. Marc Lerner to next workgroup.

Integration of Dental into Different Systems

- Group discussed integrating care with other systems such as urgent cares, community sites, teledentistry to coordinate care. This will allow to see dental as part of a medical screening.
- Also suggested promoting oral care along with vision screening/program.
- Group discussed possibility of school-based program and synchronized system of medical/dental screenings
  - A pilot could be a possibility and develop how to orchestrate
    - Challenges include permission from schools and consent forms

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Integration of Dental into Different Systems (continued)

- Health fairs to include medical and dental
  - Develop process for health fair participation to ensure all medical and dental services are located in same area
  - Health fair information can be placed on
    - <https://myhealthoc.org/>
    - <https://smilehabitsoc.org/>
- Ivonne informed they are looking for grant to fund a Registered Dental Assistance to do training with medical assistants (IGT Funds)
  - Claudia shared IGT (Intergovernmental Transfer) 8 and 9 have to be used for Medi-Cal

Trainings for Providers

- Incorporating a talk about information on importance of oral health and resources for coordination of care
- Identify opportunities to inform medical providers. Possible promotion during CalOptima Developmental Screening Day, Kids Visions for Life, and Clinic in the Park events
- Claudia suggested for a training to be provided at a CalOptima Community Network Lunch n' Learn

HPV & Dental

- Dr. Nunez shared that the Orange County Immunization Coalition (OCIC) is interested in establishing a workgroup on Integration of Medical and Dental with focus on HPV. Dr. Jasjit Singh, Dr. Zahn and Dr. Nunez met with the American Cancer Society in May 2019. There are many resources available for Oral Health care providers on HPV counseling.
- OCIC wanted to wait until the Integration of Dental & Medical Workgroup to meet to align efforts.

**Evaluation**

No Update

**Next Steps**

- Discuss existing curriculum that incorporates dental
- Development of provider survey
- Coordination of efforts (ex. health fairs, community sites, teledentistry)

**Next Meeting:** August 20, 2019, 9:00-10:30am