

**Oral Health Strategic Plan**  
**Access & Utilization of Dental Services**  
1725 W. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, WIC Trailer, Santa Ana  
September 11, 2019  
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
**Meeting Highlights**



**In Attendance**

Sahiti Bhaskara, Lucy Hernandez, Tamarra Jones, Minji Kang, Ivonne Magallanes, Janira Perez, Nicole Rupp, Thomas Nakatsuchi, DDS, Nicole Rupp, Danielle Vicencio

**Welcome and Introductions**

Tamarra welcomed all in attendance.

**Meeting Highlights from 08/14/2019**

Group reviewed meeting highlights from 08/14/2019. No changes were made to the highlights.

**Access to Care for Uninsured**

Dr. Nakatsuchi provided an overview of dental screening provided at the Northgate back to school event. At the Northgate event, 39 individuals were seen, 26 children and 13 adults. A majority (77%) screened (30 of 39) had unhealthy gums. A total of 85% screened, (33 of 39) reported not having a dentist. As a result of the event, Dr. Nakatsuchi led a conversation on access to care options in Orange County.

1. Where do uninsured/undocumented patients go for basic dental services?
  - Lestonnac Free Clinic: Provides basic needs extractions, fillings and cleanings. Scheduling wait time is 6 months in advanced. Dentists are volunteers.
  - Share Ourselves (SOS): Services unknown
2. What is the process for uninsured/undocumented to be seen?
  - Individuals can be referred to/assisted with applying for insurance.
  - Individuals can be referred to dental schools.
  - Individuals can be seen at FQHCs.
3. What happens to children of undocumented patients?
  - Parents do not want to sign children up for Medi-Cal.

Ivonne shared she will inquire with the Coalition of Community Clinics and will have an update.

**Review & Update Workgroup Action Plan**

- Schools of Dentistry & Hygiene
  - The group reviewed and updated the list.
  - The finalized list will be uploaded on the website.
- Process to Share Health Fair Info
  - The group agreed that sending an email reminder to members to share upcoming events during the meeting member announcement section is sufficient for sharing health fair information.
- Other Topics Discussed
  - Sahiti mentioned the upcoming CDA Cares event in San Bernardino is on September 27, 2019 for community.
  - The group reviewed the 211 reports of data; the report shows that 7,232 clicks to request general dentistry.
- Review of Workgroup Action Plan
  - The group will promote Smile, California and distribute the communications calendar.
  - The Healthy Smiles referral line should be active starting in October.
  - The Pedodontist list will be finalized and shared with group for next meeting.

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- There were no updates for promoting Oral health access to the Santa Ana Early Learning Initiative (SAELI) Wellness Centers. Healthy Smiles and Nutrition Services will discuss promoting Oral Health with the Wellness Centers.
- An update on Skilled Nursing Homes for adults will be provided at the next meeting.
- Information will be gathered from Vista Community Clinics (VCC) for the development of an information kit for adults.

### **Evaluation**

Sahiti discussed the school maps. The maps can provide an analysis of where gaps exist in Orange County. More detail will be provided to help target school in the future.

### **Next Steps**

- Smile Connection OC Update
- Finalize Pedodontist list
- Review website specifically for Find a Dentist and How to Pay for Dental Care
- Review of 211 Data Report

**Next Meeting:**           October 9, 2019, 11:00am