Oral Health Strategic Plan Integration of Dental & Medical Care

December 17, 2019 9:00 am – 10:30 pm Meeting Highlights



In Attendance

Frank Canlas, Bianca Garcia, Jo Jass, Susan Johnson, Dr. Tamarra Jones, Ivonne Magallanes, Claudia Magee, Sam Monroy, Dr. Thomas Nakatsuchi, Dr. Jila Nikkhah, Danielle Vicencio

Welcome and Introductions

Tamarra Jones welcomed all in attendance and introductions were conducted.

Meeting Highlights from November 21, 2019

The group reviewed meeting highlights from 11/21/2019 and there were no suggested corrections or changes.

Member Updates/Announcements

• Dr. Thomas Nakatsuchi shared that the County is recruiting for a part-time Dentist. The position is categorized as a contract employee and does not come with benefits. The dentist will be working with children, emergency dental services, and Ryan White funded patients. The recruitment flyer will be sent to workgroup members.

2020 Meeting Schedule

- Sam Monroy reviewed the meeting schedule for 2020, as discussed in previous meetings, a survey was sent out to all members to determine a meeting time and date that would work best for members.
 - There was 12 responses from 11 agencies or programs.
 - Total number of participants in the survey was 20 members.
 - Meetings will be moved from 3rd Tuesday of the month to 1st Thursday of the month. The survey highlighted a 10 am start time; however the group requested an earlier time, if available. Additionally, the January 2nd meeting will be reschedule for January 9th.

Review Oral Health 101 Presentation

- Dr. Thomas Nakatsuchi reviewed an updated version of the Oral Health 101 presentation. The following additional suggested were made:
 - Check formatting to make sure use of periods are consistent.
 - Slide 45, split the two statements into separate bullet points.
 - For insurance coverage slides, remove percentages such as 100% because coverage percentages may be different based on plan.
 - For Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) slide, add information on what typical dental coverage looks like for SDF.
- Dr. Nakatsuchi will pilot the presentation with public health nurses at the end of January.
- Jo Jass shared National Children's Oral Health Foundation has educational materials.

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Review of Strategic Plan and Action Plan

- Sam Monroy shared the updated revised version of Medi-Cal provider survey. The group suggested the following additional changes:
 - Question 11: Revise question to indicate limited supplies as available.
 - o Question 12: Remove this question.

Next Steps

 The group requested that the following topic be discussed at the next meeting: Access to care to care for the elderly who are in hospice, supportive housing, and other housing options where the elderly cannot travel to find dental care.

Next Meeting

Thursday, January 9, 2020, 9:30am-11:00am