

## **Northern Nevada Dental Coalition for Underserved Populations (CUSP)**

Meeting Minutes for Friday, September 11, 2015

**In Attendance:** Syd McKenzie, CUSP Chair/Oral Health NV; Lynn Bethel, Oral Health NV; Blanca Valero-Herrera, Community Health Alliance; Christine Garvey, AC4OH Chair/Oral Health NV (on phone); Julie Stage-Rosenberg, TMCC; Kathy Secrist, Compassion Community Clinic; Wendy Madson, Healthy Communities Coalition, Pam Straley. Incline Village.

The meeting was held at the Community Health Alliance Administration Office at 680 South Rock Blvd., Reno.

Syd McKenzie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:36 am

Ms. McKenzie announced that Leah Sallas recently moved to Idaho and welcomed Blanco Valero who will represent Community Health Alliance.

The June 2015 minutes were approved with corrections.

### **The following organizational members provided updates and information:**

#### **1. Christine Garvey – AC4OH**

- Position descriptions and infrastructure will need to be addressed soon for the dental director and public health dental hygiene position at the state level.
- Look at workforce opportunities to integrate oral health e.g. community health workers.
- On September 18<sup>th</sup> the Dental Board will be hearing and reviewing comments on the proposed changes to the scope of practice for dental hygienists.
- Chris shared her experience visit rural areas in the state and not finding the public health clinics as described by the state health department
  - Wendy Madson will provide Chris the locations of the public health medical clinics that she works with.

#### **2. Wendy Madson – Healthy Communities Coalition**

- See report on page 6.
- Wendy discussed the Healthy Communities Coalition's oral health mission – to connect the dots and connect dentists in the community with schools to increase the number of children with dental sealants. In January 2016, they will be targeting students in Silver Spring and providing follow-up care for

those students who need restorative care. The transportation to get the children to the dentist is provided with grant funding.

**3. Julie Stage-Rosenberg- Truckee Meadows Community College**

- Julie provided information on the public health sites that the dental hygiene students will be visiting this semester including Head Start, geriatric facilities, and adult daycare facilities. Oral health education will be provided to the students, seniors, their families and caregivers.
- 12 second year students with 3-4 faculty will be participating in the Carson City RAM event.
- November 7<sup>th</sup> is the next Incline Village Fluoride Varnish clinic.
- Second year students are selecting their target populations for the Community Dental Health projects – they are required to do a needs assessment, design lesson plans and activities to implement the project during the spring semester.
- Julie and Kathy Secrist from Compassion Community Clinic (CCC) will discuss a partnership with TMCC to reduce the wait time for preventive care at CCC.
- Julie announced that she has requested a sabbatical for the spring 2017 semester. During the sabbatical she will be researching a BS degree program for dental hygiene.

**4. Kathy Secrist- Compassion Community Clinic**

- Compassion Community Clinic completed its second fiscal year. Their annual report is available on request. The Treasurer's position on their Board is now filled and there are open positions for those interested in serving. They have provided dental care to 164 individual patients with 326 patient visits with a value of \$144, 078.
- The clinic has been struggling with volunteers and had to cancel a clinic in August. Currently they have 3 "active" dental hygienists and 5-6 "active dentists" that are available to provide dental care. Kathy noted that the time to credential a licensed dental professional to volunteer at the clinic is several months. The CUSP members noted that this could be a barrier to getting new volunteers.
- The clinic currently has over 200 patients waiting for dental care. Wait times range from 3 months to 15 months depending on pain level.
- CCC's goal is to add a half-day clinic in 2016; they currently operate 2 Saturdays/month.
- The CCC IT grant/equipment (4 pc's, server and battery back-up) have been installed and we are anxiously waiting for our Dentrix software training so that we can begin using it for patients.

Minutes were approved by CUSP organization members on Thursday, March 3, 2016.

**5. Blanco Valero-Herrera - Community Health Alliance**

- Community Health Alliance (CHA) is scheduling fluoride varnish applications at local Head Start programs
- CHA's school-based sealant program will be serving 25 schools this year, last year they served 24 schools.
- The Adopt-A-Vet Program has seen 173 patients this year; they now have a 2 month waiting list.
- On September 9<sup>th</sup>, CHA participated in a health fair at Trainer Middle School.

**6. Lynn Bethel-Oral Health Nevada**

- See report on page 4.
- The summer edition of Oral Health Nevada's newsletter was distributed to the members in attendance.

**7. Pam Straley**

- See report on page 5.

The next CUSP meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 22, 2016 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The tentative location is the Twisted Fork restaurant. The CUSP meeting will begin the evening and will offer time for networking and socializing with invited guests.

Ms. McKenzie adjourned the meeting at 10:16am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adriana Perry, Secretary

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September 8, 2015

To: CUSP Members

Re: Update on Oral Health Nevada Inc. activities from June 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015

**Reno Rodeo:** Oral Health Nevada hosted an Oral Health Roundup at the Reno Rodeo's Kids' Day and Special Kids' Rodeo on June 20 and 21, 2015. In addition to each child and youth receiving a Buckeroo Bag with a new toothbrush and fluoride toothpaste, oral health education stations were set-up where they could learn proper tooth brushing and flossing techniques, the importance of dental sealants and the risks related to tobacco use. Parents and guardians also learned about the risk of oral cancer with tobacco use and how to prevent early childhood caries. Two new resources were released at the Reno Rodeo: 1) Tips for a Healthy Mouth; and 2) Tips for a Healthy Mouth for Someone with Special Needs; which are available for download on our website. The Oral Health Roundup was supported through a grant provided by the American Dental Association Foundation.

**Nevada Disabilities Conference:** Oral Health Nevada was an accepted speaker at the Nevada Disabilities Conference held in northern Nevada on July 21 and July 22, 2015. The presentation, "Connecting Every Child with Oral Health," focused on five key areas to assure good dental health for children and youth.

**Newsletter:** The summer edition of the Oral Health Nevada newsletter was released in August and is available on our website, [www.oralhealthnevada.com](http://www.oralhealthnevada.com)

**Upcoming Events/Activities:** On September 24, 2015, Oral Health Nevada will be presenting "Oral Health: A Neglected Public Health Problem," at the Nevada Public Health Association's annual meeting.

Submitted by Lynn Ann Bethel, RDH, MPH, Consultant

### **Incline Village Dental Activities:**

**September 15:** Oral health and the Fluoride Varnishing event will be promoted by volunteers of Incline Village Community Hospital (IVCH) and Tahoe Forest Hospital(TFH) during Back to School Night at Incline Elementary School (IES).

**October 16:** Volunteer Tessie Vukovich, RDH of Incline Dental, will provide oral health education to pre-K and Kindergarten students and their teachers at Incline Elementary School.

**October 29:** Tessie Vukovich and other IVCH/TFH volunteers will hold a fluoride varnish event at IES for pre-K and Kindergarten pupils whose parents signed consent. The next oral health education/fluoride varnishing event at IES will be held in April 2016.

**November 7:** Dr. Matthew Gustafsson and other IVCH/TFH volunteers will offer the Incline Dental Screening for children at IVCH from 10AM to Noon.

**November 14:** IVCH/TFH volunteers will collaborate with the Dental Screening for kids in Kings Beach, CA.

#### **Note:**

1. IVCH has a new Outreach Coordinator: Karli Epstein, replacing Shelia Leijon, who will move over to IVGID to head its Health Wellness and Fitness program for IVGID employees.
2. We will begin investigating ways to 1) expand the fluoride varnishing project at Incline Elementary from only pre-K and K-garten kids to include all enrolled students, and 2) initiate a sealant program for those of 2nd grade age.

Submitted by: Pam Straley, IVCH/TFH Volunteer Coordinator

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**Healthy Communities Coalition Report**  
**Submitted by Wendy Madson**

1. RAM, Remote Area Medical will be offering clinics in Las Vegas October 2,3,4 Yerington October 9, 10, 11 and Carson City October 16,17, 18. Last Year our Reno RAM dental volunteers served 335 patients.
2. Healthy Communities will be partnering again this year with Robbi White at Cottonwood Elementary School in Fernley. Robbi will be offering oral health education and together we will distribute donated toothpaste, floss and toothbrush to the pre K-4 student. HCC will coordinate with volunteer providers in providing exam, varnish or sealant in the classroom. We are shooting for February for this event.
3. HCC will be partnering with Fallon Family Dental and our Community Health Nurses in January to provide exam, varnish and sealants in the classroom at Silver Stage Elementary. Last year we served 135 students with screenings, 107 children received varnish and 20 children received sealants, 39 children received follow up care.
4. HCC will continue it's partnership with Fallon Family Dental for follow up care for those students identified with the greatest need.