

Oral Health Nevada Inc. Work Plan

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Mission: <i>Improve the oral health of all Nevadans - especially those who are the most vulnerable, by expanding access to affordable preventive and restorative services, promoting oral health education, and expanding communication and support through diverse partnerships.</i>			
Objective 1: Expand partnerships that support Oral Health Nevada’s mission as a statewide oral health coalition.			
Strategies/Action Steps	Timeframe	Accountability <i>(who is responsible?)</i>	Measure of Success
Develop a list of potential statewide partner organizations, institutions and agencies. Send an email introduction, like/follow using social media.	June 2016		30 potential partners identified contacted.
Assess needs, assess resources, collect data and develop and prioritize recommendations for 2017 legislative session.	September 2016		
Plan oral health day at the legislature for 2017	December 2016		Secure date for legislative day, etc.
Convene coalition members and oral health champions (January 2017)	2016		Meeting is scheduled/invitations sent

Objective 2. To promote and support the expansion of community water fluoridation in Nevada.			
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Develop an organizational policy statement in support of community water fluoridation	January 2016		Board approved and posted statement on website

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Promote community water fluoridation with partner organizations	Ongoing		Include links to CWF (OHN) resources on partner websites
Promote and educate public on the importance of community water fluoridation	Ongoing		Promote in bi-monthly newsletter and social media
Develop collaboration with the Truckee Meadows Water Authority and the Nevada Rural Water Association	December 2016		Develop article(s) on oral health benefits of drinking water for organizational newsletters.

Objective 3. Promote available oral health resources with residents, stakeholders and partners, and policy makers.			
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Expand OHN partnerships and collaborations	October 2016		Attend/participate in 4 or more new health fairs/meetings
Translate relevant fact sheets and other documents into Spanish and other languages, as needed	Ongoing		Post/promote in newsletter and through partners
Develop, collect and share relevant messaging and resources to promote oral health.	Ongoing		Messages and resources posted social media
Write articles for printing in partners/collaborators newsletters	December 2016		4 articles published in partner/collaborator newsletters/blogs, etc.

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Objective 4. Support and expand the healthcare and dental workforce to promote oral health in Nevada.			
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Complete and file application/documents to offer dental CEU	May 2016		Approval from the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners
Support the hiring of licensed dental professionals with public health training to fill dental director and public health dental hygienist positions at the state level	July 1, 2016		Positions are filled by August 1, 2016
Ensure a commitment and sustainability for dental director and public health dental hygienist positions at the state level in FY18/19 state budget (see Objective 1)	July 2016/Ongoing		Funding is included in state budget
Implement continuing education course in collaboration with Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association	December 2016		Present CEU course targeted at dental hygiene professionals
Develop partnerships/collaborations with Nevada State Medical Association, Nevada Association of School Nurses, Nevada Advanced Practice Nurses Association and/or the Nevada School-Based Health Alliance to promote and support the integration of oral health in the primary care setting.	December 2016		Present at a meeting and/or write article for their membership publication Attendance at January 2017 oral health meeting