

NH Oral Health 2014

*“Defining the Public Health Dental Hygienist
Under NH Statute”*



Colloquium

- *noun* \kə-'lō-kwē-əm\
 - *plural* **col-lo-qui-ums** or **-quia** \-kwē-ə\
 - **Origin of COLLOQUIUM:** Latin, colloquy

Definition: a usually academic meeting at which specialists deliver addresses on a topic or on related topics and then answer questions relating to them

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First Known Use: 1844

Purpose

- Begin the stakeholder meeting process to explore the potential of using an in-state infra-structure to systematically deploy public health dental hygienists into underserved areas.

1st in a series of educational and decisional meetings – colloquia.

Objectives for Today

- Broaden the Scope of Oral Health Stakeholder Engagement – *new suspects*
- Expand Knowledge on the Definition of Public Health Hygienists in NH
- Initiate Early Visioning of Future Roles for Public Health Hygienists - *imagine*

NH Oral Health Coalition

Collaboratively convened in 2002 by
DHHS and the Endowment for Health

- Broad, multidisciplinary group of organizations/individuals
- Explore the oral health status and needs of NH residents
- Develop a plan of action to guide oral health advancement within the state

NH State Oral Health Plan

- Published *New Hampshire Oral Health Plan: A Framework for Action* in 2003



- Serves as a roadmap for oral health for policy and practice – *time to update.*

Mission

***To promote optimal oral health for the
the people of New Hampshire.***

Vision

To assure the people of New Hampshire
attain optimal oral health...
through access
to integrated and comprehensive
health services

Coalition Steering Committee

- **Helen Taft, Chair**
Community Dental Program
 - **James Williamson, Vice-Chair**
NH Dental Society
 - **Kirsten Platte, Treasurer**
Community Health Access Network
 - **Margaret Ray, RDH, Secretary**
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NH Dental Hygienists' Association
 - **Patrick Capozzi, DDS**
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- Catrina Watson**
NH Medical Society
- Suzanne Boulter, MD (temporary contact)**
NH Pediatric Society
- Nancy Frank – N. Country Health Consortium**
NH Area Health Education Center
- Mary Vallier-Kaplan**
Member-at-Large
- Shannon Mills, DDS, Secretary**
Northeast Delta Dental (Insurance)

Funders

- Endowment for Health (operating/advocacy)
- HNHfoundation (operating)
- DentaQuest Foundation (OH 2014 Initiative)



DentaQuest Foundation

- Established in 2002. MA-based.
- Affiliate of DentaQuest, one of America's leading oral health companies, offering prevention-focused dental benefits and program administration to 18 million individuals across the United States.
- Supports and promotes optimal oral health as mission.
- Collaborates with partners in communities across the US connecting key stakeholders, raising awareness, and supporting solutions.
- Seek to achieve their mission by investing efforts in four systems -- Policy, Funding, Care and Community.
- Ten major programs including the Oral Health 2014 Initiative and the US National Oral Health Alliance (USNOHA).

Investment

- Provide a national platform for forging common ground and building trust in the oral health community
- Speak with a unified voice to address urgent need for access to oral health care
- Support individual and collective actions for better oral health through prevention and treatment for vulnerable populations

Common agreement, common vision, common voice.

Normative Underpinnings

Values

- **Integrity and Transparency**
- **Respectful relationships**
- **Creativity and innovation**
- **Comprehensive approaches**
- **Forward-looking solutions**

Core Principles

- **Trust-building**
- **Diverse and effective partnerships**
- **Shared leadership without expectations of ownership**

Priorities – National Colloquia

- **Prevention and Public Health Infrastructure***
- **Oral Health Literacy**
- **Medical and Dental Collaboration**
- **Metrics for Improving Oral Health**
- **Financing Models**
- **Strengthening the Dental Care Delivery System***

Prevention and Public Health Infrastructure Colloquium

- Create an expectation of wellness and health
- Assure a system that is equitable and just
- Engage the public and increase awareness about oral health
- Implement a financing strategy to support prevention

Unifying Messages – Common Agreement

NH Oral Health 2014 Project Overview

To engage a broad-spectrum oral health stakeholder group to examine, analyze and identify an infrastructure system to deploy public health dental hygienists into underserved areas.

Key Points

- NH has no systemic state or county-based framework for public health service delivery.
- *However*, existing infrastructure systems that are used for other purposes might support PHDH deployment including the Public Health Networks (PHNS), community health centers (CHCs), counties, and other systems that may be identified during the project.

Key Strengths

- NH public health supervision in the dental rules – See Rule 302.02(d) and 402.01(c)
- NH Certified Public Health Hygienist (RSA 317-A:21-e)
<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/XXX/317-A/317-A-21-e.htm>
- Adequate numbers of dentists and hygienists but a maldistribution of service into rural areas and specialty populations
- Common support and value of the public hygienist role
- Interested and innovative stakeholders

Resources

NH Oral Health Coalition

[Www.nhoralhealth.org](http://www.nhoralhealth.org)

DentaQuest

Foundation www.dentaquestfoundation.org

US National Oral Health Alliance

www.usnoha.org

NH Revised Statutes Annotated for Dentistry and Dental Hygiene

<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/XXX/317-A/317-A-mrg.htm>

Rules – Board of Dental

Examiners http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/state_agencies/den.html

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