

NH Oral Health 2014

**“Exploring NH's Public Health Infrastructure:
Community Health Centers (CHCs) and
Community Action Programs (CAPs)”**



Objectives for Today

- Broaden the Scope of Oral Health Stake-holder Engagement – *new suspects*
- Expand Knowledge on the Definition of Public Health Hygienists, and the existing in-state Public Health Infrastructure
- Progress 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

Mission

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

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.*

Coalition Steering Committee

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Community Dental Program
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NH Dental Society
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Funders

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



DentaQuest Foundation

- 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).

www.dentaquestfoundation.org

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.

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.

3rd in a series of educational & decisional meetings – colloquia.

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

Prevention and Public Health Infrastructure From National Colloquium

Unifying Messages – Common Agreement

- 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

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, CAPs and other systems that may be identified during the project.

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>

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