

NH Oral Health 2014

Enhancing the Role of
the Public Health Dental
Hygienist in 2015



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 people of New Hampshire.***



Vision

To assure the people of New Hampshire
attain optimal oral health...

*through access
to integrated and comprehensive
health services*

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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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

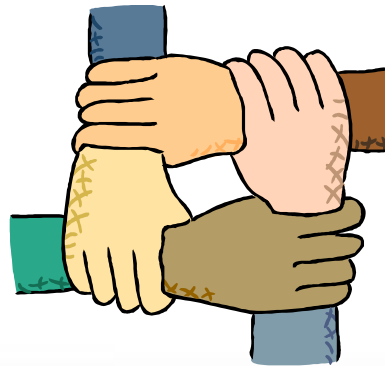
Priorities – National Colloquia

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

Prevention and Public Health Infrastructure From National Colloquium

Unifying Messages – Common Agreement

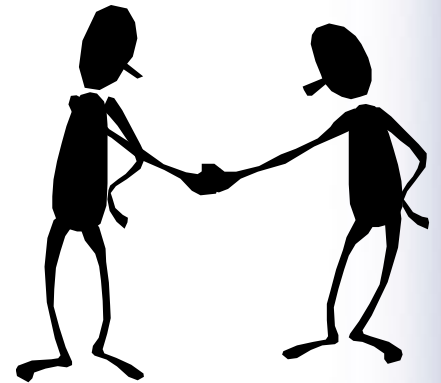
- Create an expectation of wellness and health
- Assure a system that is equitable and just
- Engage the public and increase awareness about oral health
- Implement a financing strategy to support prevention



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

Normative Underpinnings...

- **Blame Free:** does not matter who is to blame for problem – focus on “how it gets fixed.”
- **Gossip Free** – talk to people in the room, not about them.

Colloquium

- *noun* \kə-'lō-kwē-əm\
 - *plural* **col·lo·qui·ums** or **-quia** \-kwē-ə\
 - **Definition:** a usually academic meeting at which specialists deliver addresses on a topic or on related topics and then answer questions relating to them

- Origin of *COLLOQUIUM*: Latin, colloquy
First Known Use: 1844

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.

4th in a series of educational & decisional meetings – colloquia.



Starting 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.

Events to date:

- Three mini-colloquia throughout the State of NH (Portsmouth, Keene, & Littleton)
 - Focused learning about the various public health infrastructures
 - Visioning: brainstorming and discussion around role of PHDH in New Hampshire

Objectives for Today

- Firm up our collective understanding of the role of the public health dental hygienists (PHDH)
 - Where do they work?
 - What services do they provide?
 - Who do they serve?
 - How many are there?
- Progress Visioning of Future Roles for Public Health Hygienists
- Compare Public Health Infrastructure in the state

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