2015 New Hampshire Oral Health Plan: The time is now!

A 5-year plan for improving and enhancing the oral health – and overall health – of everyone living in New Hampshire.
Readiness – Why now?

- Strong, active and committed interdisciplinary statewide oral health network
- A common vision of optimal oral health for all
- Well-used 2003 NH Oral Health Plan: A Framework for Action that is *ready for updating*
- Committed funding and in-kind donation from the network
Oral Health Plan: Purpose and Design

- Provides a framework for achieving optimal oral health
- Functions as a roadmap for diverse stakeholders
- Reflects the stakeholders’ deep commitment to
  - increasing access to oral health services;
  - promoting prevention of oral health pain and disease; and
  - integrating oral health with overall health to reduce significant disparities in oral health for New Hampshire’s most vulnerable populations
- Is designed to be
  - broad and strategic,
  - easily modifiable,
  - conducive to engaging multiple perspectives
  - reflective of the commitment of partners to take action
The Plan Seeks to

- Increase visibility around the importance of oral health
- Galvanize a range of health around the role of oral health in overall health
- Offers stakeholders an opportunity to work collectively and collaboratively toward a shared vision and goals; and
- Provides a platform for advocating on behalf of greater oral health access, programs, and funding.
Guiding Documents and Data – National

- A Call to Action – U.S. Surgeon General’s Report
- Healthy People 2020 Objectives
- The U.S. National Oral Health Alliance: Framework for Action
- The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
- New Hampshire’s Dental Health Shortage Areas Designations – USDHHS/HRSA
- The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System – NH Data; CDC
The Human Process

Planning Team
Key Informant Interviews
Focus Groups
Planning Sessions
Subject Matter Experts
## Planning Team Members

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Working Values and Operating Principles

- Honoring and Enhancing Successes
- Transparency
- Collaboration and Partnership
- Positive Support and Reinforcement for Action
- Innovation

*Creating a useful, living tool...a functional roadmap for all stakeholders to use!*
Sifting through the Themes

- Relevance – How important is it?
- Appropriateness – Should we do it?
- Impact – What will be achieved from it?
- Feasibility – Can we do it?
The Priorities Emerge

- Access to Oral Health Care
- Oral Health Care Prevention and Timely Intervention
  - Fluoridation
  - Prevention and Early Intervention
- Integration of Oral Health with Health Care
Cross-Cutting Considerations

- Data, Surveillance, and Evaluation
- Vulnerable Populations and Health Equity
- Policy, Advocacy, and Planning
- Oral Health Literacy
- Workforce
- Funding
## Organizing Structure

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Current Status

- Acceptance by the Planning Committee individuals and organizations;
- NH Oral Health Coalition designated to steward and oversee the Implementation Plan
- Funding designated for Implementation Planning and Initiation
- *Kick-off scheduled for the October 30, NH Oral Health Fall Forum*
  - Plan to be posted on the NH Oral Health Coalition by November 7

[www.nhoralhealth.org](http://www.nhoralhealth.org)
Next Steps

- Posting on the NH Oral Health Coalition website by Nov. 7
  [www.nhoralhealth.org](http://www.nhoralhealth.org)

- Convene an Implementation Committee: interested Planners and others from the statewide oral health network

- Develop the dissemination and implementation plans; anticipate a continued roll-out throughout the state

Is there an upcoming meeting in your area?
More Info

- [www.nhoralhealth.org](http://www.nhoralhealth.org) for the full-plan and latest info, and to join the Implementation Team. You can download and print from this location. [November 7]

- NH Oral Health Coalition 603-415-5550 or email to: [gbrown@nhoralhealth.org](mailto:gbrown@nhoralhealth.org) or [info@nhoralhealth.org](mailto:info@nhoralhealth.org)

*Watch for upcoming local/regional mini-kickoffs and work sessions in your area or through your professional association!*