A NH Policy Summit: Exploring Pathways for Adult Oral Health
January 12, 2017
Concord, NH

The NH Policy Summit will define the impact of NH's oral health policy on healthcare spending, employee readiness, community prescribing practices, and the justice system.

Summit Agenda:

❖ Welcome – Helen Taft, Chair, NH Oral Health Coalition
❖ Framing Remarks – Gail T. Brown, Director, NH Oral Health Coalition
❖ Update on the National Scene – Melissa Burroughs, Families USA
❖ NH’s Adult Oral Health Landscape: Who, What and Where?
  o Judith Nicholson, Project Coordinator, NH Oral Health Coalition
  o John P. Ahern, DDS, President, NH Dental Society
  o Francine Morgan, Program Director, North Country Health Consortium
  o Annette Cole, CPHDH, North Country Health Consortium
  o Hope Saltmarsh, CPHDH, Oral Health Program Director, NH Division of Public Health Services, NH DHHS
❖ Policy Matters – Donna Soucy, NH State Senator, District 18
❖ Featured Presentation: “Making the Case for Oral Health: What the Numbers Say,” Marko Vujicic, Chief Economist and Vice-President, Health Policy Institute, American Dental Association, Chicago, Ill.
❖ Featured Presentation: “A Socio-economic Return on Investment Analysis of Medicaid Adult Dental Benefits,” Marty Dellapenna, Director, Center for Quality, Policy and Financing, Medicaid/Medicare/CHIP Services Dental Association, WA, DC.
❖ Shaping NH’s Future Together – Next Steps

5 Dental Continuing Education (CDE) credits will be available for this program.

Summit Objectives:
1. To increase understanding of the role between oral health and overall health both clinically and in policy;
2. To identify the relationships between oral health expenditures and the overall state budget;
3. To define the current oral health delivery system for adults within NH; and
4. To explore public health oral health delivery models within the U.S.; and
5. To link individuals and programs for future collaboration.

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