

State Innovation Model Oral Health Committee Goals and Milestones

Overview

The Oral Health Committee is charged with addressing strategies for the prevention of dental caries for children and improved access to dental care generally as part of the overall plan for healthcare transformation. The goal of this committee is to contribute strategies to target underserved children for preventive check-ups and application of timely varnishes and sealants using whatever workforce and settings are most appropriate. This may include amending scope of practice restrictions for dental hygienists for sealants and identifying practical sites for widespread application, encouraging and reimbursing pediatricians for applying varnishes, and developing the capacity to report on indicators. The effect of widespread preventive services would reduce costs for the Medicaid program for treatment and for transportation from neighbor islands to Honolulu for care due to insufficient access in rural areas.

A second goal of the Committee is to develop strategies to increase coverage for dental services for Medicaid-covered adults, which may entail identifying priority populations and/or services if full benefits cannot yet be provided to all adults in the near term.

Goals

- ✓ **Identify strategies that improve access to dental care and address prevention of dental caries in children**
- ✓ **Review current practice restrictions on applying sealants/varnishes for underserved children and the settings in which the practice would be permitted**
- ✓ **Identify strategies to provide dental coverage to low-income adults.**

Guiding Principles and Objectives

The recommendations in the innovation plan shall include the following:

- ✓ Shall be patient-centered, i.e., related to patient needs and preferences.
- ✓ Shall focus on overcoming access barriers by being more convenient, affordable, and integrated into routine primary and preventive services.
- ✓ Shall emphasize improving care or health status while bending the cost curve.
- ✓ Shall be amenable to standardized metrics and appropriate and achievable outcomes.
- ✓ Shall be linked to Patient-Centered Medical Homes (PCMH) and Community Care Networks (CCN).
- ✓ Shall improve health equity, and reduce health and geographic disparities.
- ✓ Shall be culturally appropriate and effective, increase patient awareness and understanding of the social determinants of health.
- ✓ Shall include an evaluation plan to measure the impact of intervention in terms of better health, quality of care, and cost.
- ✓ Shall include recommendations to streamline administrative functions and reduce waste and duplicative services.

Action Plan

Mtg	Action	Due Date
1	Agree on project purpose, goals, and guiding principles. Determine if other stakeholders are missing and need to be involved. Identify target populations and barriers. Discuss potential strategies to include in implementation plan.	Jun 12
2	Discuss strategies to increase access to dental care for adults.	Jul 10
3	Discuss strategies and plan to increase access to dental care for children, and to address prevention of dental caries.	Aug 14
4	Discuss workforce strategies.	Sep 11
5	Review and refine plan. Determine evaluation process. Identify baseline data. Agree on metrics: number and kinds of services provided, cost. How will measures be reported? Start to work on strategies.	Oct 9
6	Review and refine final plan.	Nov 13
7	Identify strategies for budget/legislature. Celebrate!	Dec 11

Membership

1. *Dani Wong Tomiyasu, Co-Chair*
2. *Beth Giesting, Office of the Governor, Co-Chair*
3. Mary Brogan, DOH, Developmental Disabilities Division
4. Kathy Fay, Hawaii Dental Service
5. Brendon Friedman, Hawaii Keiki Director
6. Dan Fujii, DDS, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center
7. Lynn Fujimoto, HDA President
8. Ellie Kelley-Miyashiro/Noelani Greene, HDHA
9. Deb Mattheus, UH School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene
10. Kathy Suzuki-Kitagawa, Hawaii Primary Care Association
11. Curtis Toma, Med-QUEST

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Friday of every month starting June 12th, 8:30 – 10:00. DOH, Room 329.