



Meeting Minutes:

Participants:

Dr. Johnny Johnson (Facilitator, Co-Chair), Karen Hodge (Co-Chair), Sean Isaac (FL-DOH), Dr. Frank Carberry, Alexandra Abboud (FDA), Matt Jacob (CDHP), Charles Walther, Dr. Frank Catalanotto (UF), Dr. Pedro Lense (Hernando County), Dr. Eric Jump (Putnam County), Dr. Rani Gereige (FIU), Christy Hom (FIHI), Paula Schad (FDHA)

Welcome and introduction of new members by Dr. Johnson: Rani Gereige, MD, MPH, FAAP-Director of Medical Education, Miami Children's Hospital-Clinical Professor, Dept. of Pediatrics, FIU; Eric Jump, DO, MPH-Private Practice Pediatrician, Palatka, FL; and Michele Lossius, MD, FAAP-Pediatrician and Clinical Professor UF Health Shands Children's Hospital.

Special guest Matt Jacob of the Children's Dental Health Project (CDHP) spoke about a coordinated social media storm effort the following Friday January 23rd at 1:00 pm EST to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of CWF. He provided a link that was forwarded to members with a social media kit that had 60 messages, video, and fact sheets that could be used on Facebook and/or Twitter. He asked that organizations or individuals use #factsforfluoridation to keep the thread continuous on Twitter. The CWF social media kit can be found on the ilikemyteeth.org website, then click the "Act Now" link.

Dr. Jump wanted to know if FL-DOH is able to access FB and Twitter. Currently that is not allowed on State computers. That decision would need to come from Tallahassee, Dr. Johnson stated that he would look into it.

Dr. Carberry was concerned about the lack of information on dental benefits of CWF for adults with messaging. Matt Jacob assured him that there is some messaging on adult benefits on the CDHP toolkit.

Dr. Johnson suggested that a future open forum for topics such as Adult Population and CWF be conducted for interested parties in between the Fluoride Action Team Conference Calls.

Karen Hodge reported on upcoming state and national meetings, conference calls webinars and events. The OHF website is the best place to keep track of information regarding conferences.

Partner Reports:

Public Health Dental Program (PHDP) –Sean Isaac stated that TOHO in Osceola County was getting a Fluoridation Award

HRSA funding was used to upgrade CWF systems in Tampa and Manatee County.

The FL-DOH would like to award CWF grant monies to 1 NEW system per year. The monies will be coming from a CDC Block Grant and HRSA Grant (Federal Funding), no earmarked funds on a state level.

The Office of Communications in Tallahassee is making sure that CWF is more in the limelight.

Florida Dental Association (FDA)- Alexandra Abboud reported that FDA was sending letter of support for CWF to Putnam County and Palatka. Their priorities for CWF include promoting for general revenue funding from the state for dedicated recurring money.

Florida Dental Hygiene Association (FDHA)-Paula Schad had nothing specific to report, however FDHA also sent letters of support to Putnam County and Palatka.

Florida Public Health Association (FPHA)- Karen Hodge –looking for more interest and participation with the Oral Health Section at FPHA, would like the focus to be on CWF.

Florida Institute for Health Innovation- (FIHI)- Christy Hom reported about the DentaQuest Grant, FIHI is ramping up consumer engagement by having focus groups of parents with children on Medicaid to discuss barriers to access to care as a network building strategy.

Oral Health Florida (OHF) - Johnny Johnson- grant submitted to FL-DOH from the OHF Fluoride Action Team for Educational Models, CDC Travel, and local training efforts. Waiting to hear back from FL-DOH for approval of the grant.

CDC Fluoridation Awards- Sean Isaac –The CDC Fluoridation Awards recognizes any community that consistently keeps optimal levels of fluoridation. FL-DOH is hoping that the OHF-FAT can come up with a way to recognize communities that have been awarded. Johnny Johnson asked if anyone had any ideas for reaching out to the communities.

HRSA Grant- Frank Catalanotto- OHF recently awarded a grant from HRSA for community water fluoridation advocacy training. The grant is for \$15,000 a year for three years. He is requesting that an advisory committee be set up to discuss and put together the trainings. He is hoping for representation from OHF, FDA, FDHA, PEW, CDHP, and possibly Family Physicians Group. He would like a 4-5 hours intensive training session with printed material and education for water fluoridation advocates.

Community Issues (County) Dr. Johnson recognized Dr. Eric Jump as getting the discussion of restarting CWF in the city of Palatka in Putman County. Hernando County is in limbo right now. DOH and private dentists reached out to Avon Park to get CWF discussion going. No response from Avon Park officials as of yet. Discussions with the Palm Beach Oral Health Coalition to resume CWF in Wellington are ongoing at this time.

Focus areas to target CWF efforts were discussed. Sean Isaac stated that the TOHO water Authority in Osceola County may install 4 new fluoridation systems this year.

Final Comments-Karen Hodge asked if everyone was fine with the FAT conference calls on Friday's and asked for input if anyone objected.

The next FAT conference call will be Friday April 17, 2015 from 12:30-1:30.

If anyone has any comments or questions please don't hesitate to contact Karen Hodge at Karen.hodge@flhealth.gov or Dr. Johnny Johnson at drjohnnyjohnson@gmail.com.