



Meeting Minutes:

Participants:

Karen Hodge (Facilitator, Co-Chair), Dr. Johnny Johnson (Co-Chair) , Dr. Frank Carberry, Casey Stoutemire (FDA), Matt Jacob (CDHP), Dr. Eric Jump (Putnam County), Christy Hom (FIHI), Susan Gorman

Welcome and introduction of new members by Karen Hodge: Karen Gerum, DDS (President, Palm Beach Dental Association); Lauren Andreolas, DMD (Orlando)

Dr. Johnson reported on national announcements:

1. Level of fluoride for CWF in the U.S. is now 0.7ppm instead of a range from 0.7-1.2 ppm (old range based upon climate)
2. Cochrane Oral Health Group: Systematic Review of Effectiveness of Fluoride in Water found that that CWF reduces caries in deciduous teeth by 35% and permanent teeth by 26%, also increased percentage of children with no decay by 15%. Dr. Johnson discussed that there are some faults with the Cochrane review which does not accurately represent the findings. CWF is effective and safe as is has always been.

Karen discussed the upcoming Oral Health Florida/ Florida Public Health Association Conference in Orlando august 19-21 at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center. The deadline for the discount was midnight on July 24<sup>th</sup>. She also mentioned the upcoming Florida Dental Hygiene Association meeting October 1-4 at the Hilton Lake Buena Vista in Orlando. The FDHA meeting will include a 4 hour free CE on Community Water Fluoridation on Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> from 8-12.

Johnny reported on the American Academy of Pediatrics meeting in Chicago that was attended by him and Karen Hodge. The meeting focused on effective communication and tailoring messages in communities about CWF.

#### **Partner Reports:**

**Public Health Dental Program (PHDP)** –Sean Isaac was absent from the meeting but sent an email report:

DOH helped 4 communities to purchase equipment to increase or maintain access to CWF including Toho Water Community, City of Tampa, Manatee County and Hillsborough County.

DOH has \$150,000 from CDC available to help fund new water system-available October 1<sup>st</sup>. Let him know if any communities are interested in the grant funding.

DOH has \$40,000 from HRSA Oral Health Workforce grant in Partnership with UF to help fund upgrades to existing systems.

DOH would like updated CWF advocates list to help when issues arise in local communities.

DOH looking forward to providing funding for CWF trainings again this year.

Dr. Donna Solovan-Gleason accepted new position in DOH with Bureau of Tobacco and Jennifer Wahby is new team member for DOH-PHDP.

**Florida Dental Association (FDA)**- Casey Stoutemire stated that FDA has funding for new updated CWF video. They are working on getting that together soon. She also mentioned a CWF in Eustis that was taking place on August 20<sup>th</sup>. It is in Senator Hays' district. She also discussed Ordinance Watch which is a software program that notifies FDA on anything pertaining to CWF with city or county commissions. They pass along any information that they receive to Dr. Johnson and Sean Isaac.

**Florida Dental Hygiene Association (FDHA)**-Karen mentioned the upcoming meeting and free CE on CWF in October.

**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 planning on doing a pilot study with Medicaid parents on barriers with access to care. Looking for IRB certification, want to do 500 surveys throughout the state. Their next Oral Health Alliance meeting will be July 31<sup>st</sup>, their focus is that “All children, youth and families have optimal oral health and well being.” She reported that the alliance is not doing anything specifically with CWF but they do support it.

**Oral Health Florida (OHF)** - Johnny Johnson- DOH grant completed and submitted as of June 30, 2015. Helped to fund travel and expenses for CWF trainings, local advocacy efforts, and distribution of CDC water fluoridation awards. Another grant will be submitted for the upcoming year.

**HRSA Grant**- Steering committee convened and submitted an outline for a 2, 4 hour CWF advocacy trainings to be held at the Florida Dental Hygiene Association meeting October 4<sup>th</sup> 2015 in Orlando and Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup> 2016 at the Florida Dental Association meeting in Orlando.

The next FAT conference call will be Friday October 16, 2015.

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