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## *Oral Health Florida*

### *Sealant Action Team Minutes*

*Thursday, January 23, 2014 12-1 pm*

#### **Agenda and Action Items:**

**I. Welcome and Introductions** – Elizabeth Orr welcomed all members to the call.

Existing Members: Elizabeth Orr, Kim Herremans, Kim McCarren, Kim Poon, Kelli Johnson, Jo Ann Weatherwax, Elizabeth Lense

New Members: Johnny Johnson from Pinellas County, Carlene LeMaster from More Health, Donna Solovan-Gleason and Christina Vracar from DOH in Tallahassee

Welcome new members!

**II. Old Business-**

- a. Summary of Dr. Fontana’s presentation from November call: No comments from members.
- b. Summary from Leadership Council meeting: Kim gave an overview of the Results Based Accountability exercise that was given at the Leadership Council meeting in December. Kim stated that this is based on Mark Friedman’s book “Trying Hard Is Not Good Enough.” The 2 issues identified are water fluoridation and Access to Care which is where the Sealant Action Team falls under. Please see minutes from this meeting on the OHF website for further details.
- c. List of Sealant Programs in Florida: Elizabeth Orr gave an overview of the current statistics that have been collected. If any member is interested in seeing the spreadsheet, please email Elizabeth Orr.

**III. New Business-**

- a. SEALS Program Data Collection question: Jo Ann Weatherwax asked about

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recording Yes or No for referrals on SEALS software. JoAnn wanted clarification if they will always refer because our state law currently requires all children to be referred. Elizabeth Orr clarified that Jo Ann was referring to Question #16 on the SEALS Child Level Data Collection form which asks if the child was referred for dental treatment. The only 2 answers that SEALS recognizes are Yes or No. If the child is provided a referral letter for follow up care, then the answer should be yes. Since all children are provided a referral, Jo Ann said that the percentage of Yes replies should be 100%. Kim Herremans stated the SEALS program was created so that the state can interface with the data collection tool hosted within the CDC and that we, as a state, should first agree that this is the tool that all sealant programs will adopt and utilize for their sealant program reporting. JoAnne Weatherwax thought Donna Solovan Gleason should be making that decision. Kim Herremans explained that guidelines are written by the ASTDD and the CDC for data collection and we cannot elect to change any data sets required to interface with the CDC and the decision to adopt should be collectively agreed upon from all partners. Kelli Johnson explained that question #15 in SEALS clarifies children needing urgent care vs. care within 6 weeks and/or children that require no care is in SEALS. Donna Solovan Gleason stated the DOH is collecting data through the Basic Screening Surveillance of the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders which is ongoing.

- b. Turn the Curve: Sealants: Kim Herremans – Kim explained that the OH FL Leadership council has tasked the sealant action team to adopt leading indicators to improve access to dental care through dental sealants. Kim explained factors that influence sealants. She gave examples that reduce or prohibit sealants and asked for input from the group. i.e. Low # of dental providers in the state. Kim gave examples that would enhance sealants across the state and asked for input from group. Hindering factors included: challenges with reimbursement, accessibility to schools, low oral health literacy, low participation despite access, lack of education, perceived low value of sealants. Contributing factors included: school nurses as advocates for programs, no cost to school district for programs

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to operate. Kelli Johnson said that a one page white paper on how managed care has affected the sustainability of sealant programs may help increase awareness. Jo Ann Weatherwax suggested if the programs were opt-out versus opt-in then there would be greater participation by default.

- c. Evidence Based School Based Sealant Programs versus School Based Preventive Programs: This is to be discussed on a follow up call that will be scheduled prior to March.

### IV.

Next Call: Follow up call 12-1pm: TBA. Time needed to collect action items from members on improving the number of dental sealants placed. Survey Monkey will follow to all members to get their feedback.

Scheduled Call:

March 20, 2014 12-1pm

### V.

Adjournment: Elizabeth Orr adjourned the call at 1:05pm.