Oral Health 2020

Our mission is to improve the oral health of all.
When Systems Fail
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“Because pain was so great she took ‘excessive doses’ (Tylenol) resulting in toxicity to her and her baby. At the time she was approximately 29 weeks pregnant. The baby died from liver toxicity. My patient suffered acute liver failure and was flown to Pittsburgh expecting a liver transplant.”
We Believe...

• Everyone should have the same opportunities to live a healthy life
• A person in poor oral health is not healthy
• It’s our responsibility to advocate for and mobilize the many of us who don’t have access to oral health care and prevention
• Nobody should suffer from a chronic disease that is completely preventable
• Until we all have an equal opportunity to live happy and healthy lives, we will live in an unjust society
Building a National Network for Oral Health

1999: Early days in Massachusetts

2001 & 2003: Surgeon General calls oral disease a “silent epidemic”

2007: 12-year old Maryland boy dies from untreated dental abscess

2008-2009: Moving beyond Massachusetts

2009: ADA Access to Care Summit

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2009-2010: Systems-Change Framework adopted
US National Oral Health Alliance founded

2009-2010: National Interprofessional Initiative on Oral Health builds momentum

2011: Oral Health 2014 and Strengthening the Oral Health Safety Net initiatives launched

2012-2013: Innovation Fund launched
Also launched:
- National Community Committee/PRC
- Community Response Fund

2013: Oral Health 2014 and Strengthening the Oral Health Safety Net initiatives expanded
Formative Initiatives

- US National Oral Health Alliance
- Oral Health 2014
- Strengthening the Oral Health Safety Net
- National Interprofessional Initiative on Oral Health
- Innovation Fund for Oral Health
- Funders Oral Health Policy Group
- Community Water Fluoridation Initiative
- National Community Committee
- Community Response Fund
- President’s Fund
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Committed to Systems

**POLICY**
- Oral health is a key component of health policy
- Oral health policy consistent at local, state and federal levels
- Oral health measurement systems in place
- Policy to allow expanded workforce

**FINANCING**
- Sufficient funding to support care, prevention and training
- Alignment of payment with evidence, prevention, disease management and outcomes

**CARE**
- Dental workforce sufficient to meet needs efficiently & effectively
- Care based on evidence, prevention, disease management and outcomes
- Oral health integrated into all aspects of health care
- Consumer focused care delivery

**COMMUNITY**
- Oral health integrated into education and social services
- Optimal oral health literacy
- Strong community prevention and care infrastructure
- Provider base representative of community
Weave \(\text{ˈwēv}\) to unite in a coherent whole
CHANGING SYSTEMS IS LIKE MOVING A MOUNTAIN
Criteria for Oral Health 2020
Goal Selection

• Environmental context and possibility
• Grantee work, progress, and input
• Time-appropriate and dynamic
• Balance inspiration and viability
• Conditions clear and achievable
Our goal is to end dental disease in children and improve lifelong oral health.

**Eradicate dental disease in young children**

**TARGETS**
- 75% of children reach age 5 without a cavity.

**Incorporate oral health into the primary education system**

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- 10 largest school districts have incorporated oral health into their systems.

**Make an adult dental benefit in publicly funded health insurance mandatory**

**TARGETS**
- At least 30 states have a comprehensive Medicaid adult dental benefit and no states that currently have a Medicaid adult dental benefit roll back or eliminate that coverage.
- Medicare includes a comprehensive adult dental benefit.
- Oral health is a component of patient-centered care models.

Implement a comprehensive national oral health measurement system.
Eradicate Dental Disease in Children

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1. **Empowered/engaged community**
   - Providers representative of community
   - Community awareness and information
   - Community support services

2. **Early risk/protective assessment**
   - Adoption of validated assessment tools

3. **Financing mechanisms**
   - Financing for early assessment
   - Financing for provider role in oral health tied to quality metrics

4. **Family engagement (knowledge & behavior)**
   - Increase oral health literacy
   - Promote optimal home health practices, including brushing, diet, and nutrition

5. **Care provider engagement (access, knowledge & behavior)**
   - Care provider training and practice uptake
   - Leadership development
   - Build adequate oral health workforce capacity

6. **Access to optimal levels of fluoride**
   - Access to community water fluoridation
   - Access to professionally applied fluoride
   - Access to individually applied fluoride

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Questions and Discussion

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