

Leading Change for Oral Health in Pennsylvania

Our Mission

PCOH advances policies and practices that increase access to oral health services and prevention education especially for our most vulnerable Pennsylvanians.

Spring 2016

We are thankful for the many oral health advocates and PCOH members who participated at our April 1st meeting. The workforce input and feedback for the state oral health plan objectives provided valuable insight as we seek new ways to improve oral health in PA.

Recently, many of our PCOH members and Pennsylvania oral health colleagues had the opportunity to attend the National Oral Health Conference, a nationally recognized meeting highlighting dental public health. Sessions included the newest information about dental public health. The conference exceeded expectations and renewed our commitment to improving oral health for all. After the meeting Suzanne Cronin (Keystone First) sums up the experience in her words – *"the conference provided great opportunities to learn about the great amount of work happening throughout the country."*

During the conference PCOH participated in the annual meeting of the American Network of Oral Health Coalitions (ANOHC). Together, 43 ANOHC members are advocating for equity and improving oral health education. It is exciting that PCOH can network with this dynamic group of coalitions from around the country! Don't forget that our spring and summer meetings provide opportunities for you to network and provide input into the 2016-2020 state oral health plan and our workforce summit planning. Enjoy the weather and hope to see you at our meetings!

About our Workforce Initiative

Our vision is to ensure a workforce that is sufficient and effective so that every child and adult receives quality oral healthcare regardless of where they live in Pennsylvania. To address this critical issue, we are facilitating a two-day Workforce Summit on Tuesday, November 15th and Wednesday, November 16th.

The Workforce Summit and the high engagement approach leading up to the Summit will elevate the oral health agenda and address the issues by:

1. defining the need for an adequate oral health workforce
2. learning about work model initiatives from PA and across our country; and
3. identifying workforce prototypes

As a goal for the Summit, we will identify long-term solutions for our workforce problem.

Our core team is currently learning about workforce models in PA. Are you interested in a learning journey? For information, please contact Holly Cheek at paoralhealthinfo@gmail.com

Opportunities to provide input for the State Oral Health Plan

A state oral health plan serves as a roadmap for accomplishing the goals, objectives and strategies to improve and advance improved oral health. Your input is important! See details below and confirm your attendance

Join us for one of the following dates and locations!

RSVP: paoralhealthsvp@gmail.com Reference the venue you will be attending.

Thursday, May 26, 2016 (Allentown)

1520 Hanover Ave, Allentown, PA 18109
2:00 pm-4:00 pm

Wednesday, June 29, 2016 (Harrisburg)

The Crowne Plaza: 23 South Second Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101
3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Friday, July 29, 2016 * (Pittsburgh)

475 E. Waterfront Drive
Homestead, PA 15120
2:00 pm-4:00 pm

**PCOH meeting on Friday, July 29th is from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. The State Plan Input Session is from 2:00 to 4:00 pm*

News: Hot off the press!

Older Americans Act Includes Oral Health Provisions

President Obama has signed into law the **Older Americans Reauthorization Act of 2016**, which includes, for the first time, oral health provisions.

The reauthorization redefines the term "disease prevention and health promotion services" to specifically include "oral health."

The law also allocates funds to oral health, enabling state agencies and Area Agencies on Aging to use funds to improve oral health in older adults.

This funding has the potential to impact 12 million seniors in the U.S. who receive services from state and area agencies.



Did you know?

Eight Managed Care Organizations awarded contracts to deliver services to the state's Medicaid HealthChoices, Pennsylvania's managed care programs

Secretary Ted Dallas stated "Over the next three years, MCO's will be investing billions of dollars in innovative approaches that reward high quality care rather than just providing services for fee. The result will be higher level of quality care for the 2.1 million Pennsylvanians served by Medicaid."

New Managed Care Organizations:

REGION	MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION	3RD PARTY DENTAL ADMIN
Southeast Region	Centene (Pennsylvania Health and Wellness)	Envolve Dental
	Health Partners Plan	Avesis
	United Healthcare of Pennsylvania, Inc	Scion
	UPMC for You, Inc	Avesis
	Vista-Keystone First Health Plan	Scion
Lehigh Capital Region	Centene (Pennsylvania Health and Wellness)	Envolve Dental
	Gateway Health	N/A
	United Healthcare of Pennsylvania, Inc	Scion
	UPMC for You, Inc	Avesis
	Vista-AmeriHealth Caritas Health Plan	Scion
Southwest Region	Centene (Pennsylvania Health and Wellness)	Envolve Dental
	Gateway Health	N/A
	United Healthcare of Pennsylvania, Inc	Scion
	UPMC for You, Inc	Avesis
	Vista-AmeriHealth Caritas Health Plan	Scion
Northwest Region	Aetna Better Health of Pennsylvania	DentaQuest
	United Healthcare of Pennsylvania, Inc	Scion
	UPMC for You, Inc	Avesis
	Vista-AmeriHealth Caritas Health Plan	Scion
Northeast Region	Geisinger Health Plan	Avesis
	United Healthcare of Pennsylvania, Inc	Scion
	UPMC for You , Inc	Avesis
	Vista-Amerihealth Caritas Health Plan	Scion

Join PCOH in Pittsburgh

Friday, July 29th, 2016, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Allegheny Intermediate Unit,
475 East Waterfront Drive, Homestead, PA 15120

- Engage in oral health workforce discussions to prepare for Workforce Summit
- Network with our partners, members and supporters
- Update the membership of coalition activities
- Provide input for our State Oral Health Plan

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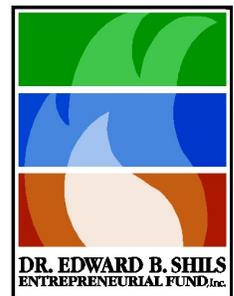
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