

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.

Summer/Fall 2016

Thanks to all of our Pittsburgh advocates who participated at the July 29th coalition meeting. Participants learned about the newest initiatives in the Pittsburgh region; networked with our partners, members and supporters; and most importantly provided input on our PA State Oral Health Plan and the PA Oral Health Workforce Innovation Summit.

We received great feedback, such as, *"Enjoyed the innovative format of the meeting. It allowed for learning, new perspectives and increased awareness and new ideas."*

The PA Oral Health Workforce INNOVATION Summit



REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW

www.pcohevents.com

November 15 and 16

Best Western Premier, The Central Hotel and
Conference Center

800 East Park Drive Harrisburg, PA 17112

This two-day summit is designed to broaden everyone's understanding of the whole system, crystallize possibilities of a common workforce agenda, and launch scale-able prototypes that will **ensure our goal of a sufficient and effective oral health workforce.**

This unique two-day meeting will focus on participant interaction where conversations build on each other and lead to launching meaningful action.

- Connect with oral health advocates, managed care organizations, dental professionals, government officials, representatives from healthcare industries, and oral health educators.

- Collaborate across sectors to develop innovative approaches for everyone's best interest
- Explore leading-edge workforce models
- Learn from highly regarded thought leaders in oral health
- Launch promising, scalable model prototypes

The four themes to explore are:

- The Changing Economics Impacting the Oral Health Workforce
- Building a System for Successful Recruitment/Retention - Focus on Dentists
- Development and Utilization of Human Capital
- Innovative Delivery Models

Meet some of our speakers:

National Perspective

- ◆ *Ralph Fuccillo, President - DentaQuest Foundation*
- ◆ *Marko Vujcic, Chief Economics and Vice President - Health Policy Institute*
- ◆ *Dr. Paul Glassman, University of Pacific*
- ◆ *Dr. Bob Russell, Iowa State Dental Director*

Pennsylvania State-Wide Perspective

- ◆ *Dr. Lauren Hughes, Deputy Secretary of Innovation - PA Department of Health*
- ◆ *Dr. David Kelley, Chief Medical Officer – PA Department of Human Services, Office of Medical Assistance Programs*
- ◆ *Michael Brunelle - Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor*

Enhancing Adult Dental Medicaid Benefits: *Collaboration at its best!*

PCOH has partnered with ACHIEVA, Pennsylvania Dental Association, the Pennsylvania Dental Hygienists' Association, the Pennsylvania Health Access Network, Put People First PA and the Pennsylvania Association of Community Health Centers to advocate for ***Enhancing the Adult Dental Medicaid Benefit.***

The partners have developed a policy brief and have met with key policy makers to advocate for increased funding, changes of the adult dental Medicaid benefit, and increased coverage for preventive services. Further recommendations are included in the brief. You can find the policy brief on the PCOH website at: www.paoralhealth.org.

Moving forward on our PA State Oral Health Plan

Thanks to the many oral health advocates who provided input for the state oral health plan. Your perspectives were invaluable.

The PA Department of Health is currently compiling and organizing the comments to develop a draft of the state oral health plan.

You will have an opportunity to comment on the draft at our 12/2/16 Quarterly Coalition Meeting.

The PA Oral Health Collective Impact Initiative

A collective grant with PCOH, PA Academy of Pediatrics, Pennsylvania Head Start Association and PA Association of Community Health Centers

Several professional development courses for ECE (Early Childhood Education) practitioners are available to help you learn more about the oral health of children in your care, including:

Cavity Free Kids (1-2-3 hour workshop): educates early learning practitioners, children, and families about oral health through hands-on activities, songs, and lesson plans. Contact Amy Requa amyrequa@paheadstart.org for more information.

ECELS/Healthy Child Care PA: available at www.ecels-healthychildcarepa.org:

- Listen to and complete the [ECELS Oral Health Webinar](#) (1.5 hours)
- Complete the [ECELS Oral Health Basics Self-Learning Module](#) (1 hour)
- Complete the [ECELS Oral Health Self-Learning Module](#) (2 hours)

For more information about our Oral Health Collective Impact Initiative, please watch our informational video: <https://vimeo.com/149015009>.

"On-Site Age One Connect the Dots" program:

Over the last two years, more than 1,000 dental providers and staff have been trained on the importance of the age one dental visit at community CE events and conferences. We are pleased to now offer that same training in your office as a 1-hour free CE course.

This valuable course will help providers and staff to become more comfortable seeing younger patients as well as generate more revenue and a larger patient base for your practice. Offices that are eligible at this time will have 2 or more dentists on staff who will attend the training, and all providers and staff are encouraged to attend.

To find out more about scheduling your own event this fall, please contact Helen Hawkey, PHSA Training Coordinator, at helenhawkeyrdh@gmail.com.

Next meetings:

A Virtual Meeting: Coalition update

Friday, October 14th, 2016

3:00-4:00

More information will be sent out soon

Full day PCOH Meeting

Please hold the date!

Friday, December 2nd, 2016

The PA child Welfare Training Resource Center

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Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

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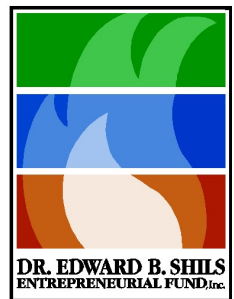
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