

## **Dental Health Solutions 10-3-08**

Present: Jessica Minahan, Jeff Phillips, Elisa Scofield, Nancy Halhouli, Bill Dalton, Catherine Pederson, Stephanie Whetzel, Debbie Doran.

Jessica is now located at the Student Services office, rather than Elementary Education. Because of this change, Michele Fletchall will no longer be the committee's note taker. Michele came for the start of the meeting. All in attendance thanked Michele for her help and commitment to the program for the past five years. The committee welcomed Debbie Doran who will be attending the meetings as the new clerical support.

Stephanie Wetzal (Coordinator of the Salem-Keizer School District's Head Start and Even Start Preschool programs) reported that Even Start is now housed at McKinley Elementary rather than at the old Baker site. Even Start serves children six months to three years, and their parents receive adult education at the same time.

In Head Start, children brush their teeth after the first meal at school each day. They are not served any sugary treats, chocolate milk, or juice.

Nancy Halhouli, from the Marion County Health Department, reported Hayden Dental will provide dental treatment for preschool aged children at the Oregon Health Plan rates. Hayden Dental received \$5,100.00 from Marion County for the service. Vouchers will be given to patients for up to \$200.00. This program will begin next week.

Dr. Jeff said that families should apply for OHP, and if they qualify, that resource should be used first for dental services. He said Hayden Dental, Capitol Dental and ODS some of the insurance providers for OHP. When a student has a chronic medical issue, they are almost always eligible for OHP. He asked, "Is there a way to tell if a family has applied for OHP?" The school based health assistant can refer families to Marion County, who can assist with the OHP enrollment process.

Catherine would like to see a flow chart showing available resources and the process for the child to receive services.

Jessica provided a tracking sheet of the dental health program services. The tracking shows that the programs are working. A suggestion is to add a column showing state benchmarks.

Jessica shared several awards and certificates received by the dental program.

North Lancaster Kaiser Permanente Dental Clinic will have a "Give Kids a Smile Clinic" on October 24, 2008. Students are being referred from Hoover and McKay, as well as a few other students.

The BGC-SKSD 2<sup>nd</sup> grade dental sealant project is off to a good start. Jessica has coordinated all second graders from Yoshikai, Swegle and Eyre to be screened by hygienists for sealants. Upcoming schools scheduled are: Hoover, Lamb, Grant and Washington. Jodi has arranged for Pacific University hygiene students to come to the BGC Health Center every Tuesday this fall to place sealants. Each Tuesday 20 students receive sealants. BGC arranges and covers the cost of transportation. Keeping up with screening forms and parent consent paperwork is keeping them very busy!

This school year Jessica is keeping more detailed Treatment Referral tracking, which includes: Student, School, Dental Issue, DHS/C Recommendation, Referral Date, Appt. Date, Dentist, and Outcome.

WOU professor Dave Foster completed the Dental Health Solutions Program Evaluation! Bill brought the Evaluation's recommendations to our attention for discussion. Bill spoke on the importance of this Evaluation for our sustainable funding, which we will soon begin working on. First, however, the DHS/C Committee needs to establish updated goals and strategic direction.

A brainstorming meeting is needed to discuss future plans, funding, and sustainability for the dental health program. Bill would like to facilitate the meeting, which will have a specific focus on planning. Some possible dates for the meeting were discussed and Jessica will follow-up to find the best time for the meeting. Jessica will meet with Bill, and also discuss with Dr. Jeff, to develop an outline for the meeting which members could read ahead of time in preparation for discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.