

NOVEMBER COALITION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- New Division of Oral Health Staff
- Power Pee Dee Project
- Expanding the View of Oral Health: HPV, Oral Health and Tobacco
- Call to Action: 2020 Oral Health Forum

NEW DIVISION OF ORAL HEALTH STAFF

Yolanda Hiller, BSBA joined the Division of Oral Health team as a Program Coordinator, primarily focusing on Communications and Community Outreach as it relates to the Medical and Dental Integration (MDI) Initiative. She will be working closely with the DHEC Health Regions to integrate oral health and diabetes at the local level. Yolanda received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a Management emphasis from Limestone College.

POWER PEE DEE PROJECT (2018-2020)

Amanda McAlhany from the DHEC Division of Oral Health is the program lead for the Power Pee Dee Project. The goal of this project is to develop a network of school nurses, community-based organizations and dentists dedicated to addressing the oral health needs of school-aged children in the Pee Dee area. Currently, the initial implementation for the project has begun and school nurses in Williamsburg County have received training in basic screening surveys and telehealth skills. Soon, the project will begin to branch out to other neighboring counties by training the school nurses in those areas. A dental referral network will also be created to help assist school nurses who are referring school children to local dentists.

ASSOCIATION AND THE CHILD WELL BEING COALITION

Highlights from Katherine Plunkett, Senior Manager of Clinical Quality Improvement at the SC Primary Health Care Association. Highlights included: HPV Learning Collaborative with the American Cancer Society; DentaQuest Foundation Grant; Choose Well Initiative; BlueCross BlueShield of SC grant and Select Health project. For more information, <https://www.connectingsmilessc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/RCORP-Implementation-Grant.pdf>. The Coalition also had the opportunity to hear from Amy Mosely about the work being done by the Child Well Being Coalition to alleviate the effects of poverty and improve outcomes and opportunity for all children in South Carolina. For more information, <https://scchildren.org/coalitions/south-carolina-child-well-being-coalition/>

EXPANDING THE VIEW OF ORAL HEALTH: HPV, ORAL HEALTH AND TOBACCO

Dr. Teresa Foo, MPH, MBA from the Divisions of Immunization and Acute Disease Epidemiology presented on the important topic of *Collaboration to Prevent Head and Neck Cancers*. Dr. Foo discussed the increasing rates of HPV positive oropharyngeal cancers, and the need to screen for oral cancers. The connection between tobacco use in youths and HPV positive oropharyngeal cancers is concerning. The messaging for head and neck cancer prevention has typically relied on avoiding smoking or smoking cessation, but this can be expanded to include HPV vaccinations and regular dentist visits for oral cancer screenings. DHEC Tobacco Prevention and Control, Immunization and Oral Health Divisions are now collaborating to create prevention campaigns and improve the education about the diseases for both adults and youth. For more information about the South Carolina Adolescent Immunization Task Force please visit: www.scteenvax.com and for a link to Dr. Foo's presentation, <https://www.connectingsmilessc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Oral-Health-Tobacco.pdf>

Did you know?

*Cavities are **five times** more common than asthma. Children with poor dental health are **three times more likely to miss school.***

CALL TO ACTION: 2020 ORAL HEALTH FORUM

NOTE NEW DATE!! JUNE 5, 2020

The 2020 Oral Health Forum will be held on **Friday, June 5, 2020** at the **SC Hospital Association**. Coalition members are asked to complete the Forum Survey/Questionnaire for feedback and suggestions for the 2020 event. Volunteers are needed for the **2020 Forum Planning Committee**. On the survey there is an option to volunteer for the committee. To access the survey please follow this link, download the document and email the completed survey to Taylor Harding:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1os5VAh6Zlud8WEwyO0TpNRuTOFjBz mhGcF2Dy73G4pg/edit?usp=sharing>



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Chronic Disease Symposium

March 13-14, 2020

The purpose of the Annual Chronic Disease Prevention Symposium is to promote interdisciplinary collaboration and partnership in an effort to reduce the burden of chronic disease in South Carolina. This annual event brings together health professionals and community stakeholders not only to educate and inspire each other, but to also embrace unique and innovative approaches to chronic disease prevention and health disparity reduction. <https://www.scchronicdiseasesymposium.org/>

Oral Cancer Summit

May 1, 2020

Smoke Free Summit

May 13, 2020

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MEDICAL DENTAL INTEGRATION CHAMPION AWARD

This award will be presented at the Chronic Disease Symposium in March 2020. It recognizes a medical or dental provider who is effectively integrating oral health and overall health to reduce dental disease, improve chronic disease status and reduce health care costs for people with chronic disease. The nominee must be a licensed health care provider or dentist in SC and be actively engaged in clinical practice for at least three years. To learn more and to nominate a provider, <https://www.scchronicdiseasesymposium.org/award-nominations>

DON'T FORGET:

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<https://www.connectingsmilessc.org/sc-oral-health-coalition/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/SCORALHEALTH> or @SCORALHEALTH

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SC Oral Health Coalition Quarterly Meeting

Friday, February 28, 2020

Location: Select Health of SC

217 Park Terrace Drive, Suite 100

Columbia, SC 29212