



SOUTH CAROLINA
ORAL HEALTH
COALITION

Quarterly Meeting

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Welcome

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Introductions...

Please introduce yourself...

❖ Name

❖ Organization/role

❖ Favorite thing you did this summer

Special Recognition

Programmatic Updates

- **Division of Oral Health**
- **SC Oral Health Coalition/ SC Oral Health Institute**

CHAI Institute


Membership Discussion/Updates

Next Steps/Wrap up!

What we will
cover today...

Special Recognition

ORAL HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT VOLUNTEERS

A heart shape is formed by a collection of smooth, multi-colored stones (including shades of blue, grey, brown, and white) arranged on a sandy beach. The stones are of various sizes and are laid out to create a clear heart outline. The background is a light-colored, textured sand surface.

**"Volunteers do not necessarily have the
time; they just have the heart."**

- Elizabeth Andrew

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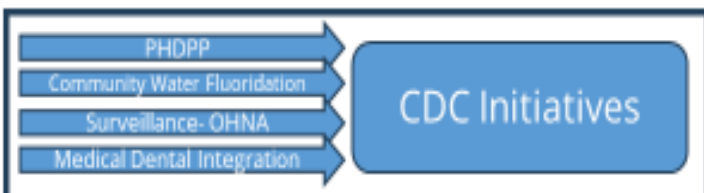
A word cloud featuring various adjectives and nouns associated with volunteers. The words are arranged in a roughly circular shape, with 'Volunteers' being the largest and most central word. Other prominent words include 'Thanks', 'Charitable', 'Generous', 'Helpful', 'Thoughtful', 'Unselfish', 'Caring', 'Involved', 'Humble', 'Vibrant', 'Selfless', 'Wonderful', 'Fun', 'Prosperous', 'Great', 'Respectable', 'Amazing', 'Loving', 'Friendly', 'Passionate', 'Devoted', and 'Humble'. The colors used for the words are primarily teal, yellow, and brown.

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Division of Oral Health Updates

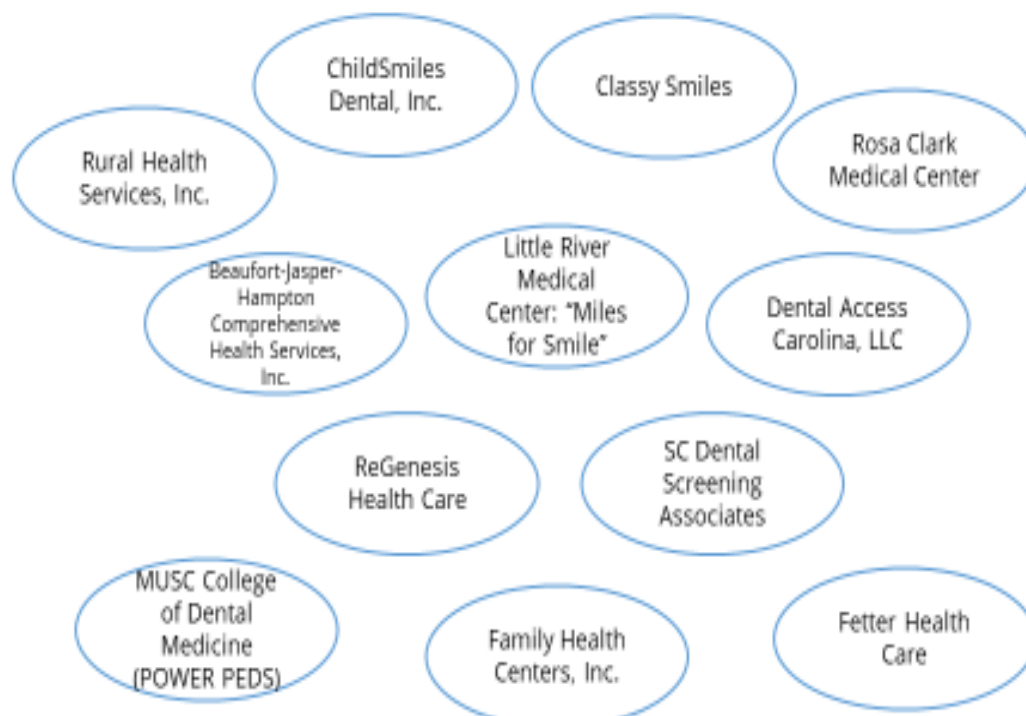
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Impacting Schools and Communities



DHEC Public Health Dental Prevention Program (PHDPP):

- The Division of Oral Health's Public Health Dental Prevention Program (PHDPP) is a school-based dental sealant program.
- Delivered by private providers in public health settings
- Children receive evidence-based preventive services including sealants and fluoride varnish
- Currently **12 school-based dental providers** operate under the MOA
- Making these services available at schools saves parents and children unnecessary absences from work and school to receive dental care.



Challenges:

- Covid surges throughout both the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years led to school closures and limited access to outside services. This limited the ability of school-based programs to enter schools.
- The need for more Providers to participate in the PHDPP to serve more underserved students across the state of South Carolina
- Shortage of Dental Providers nationally



School Nurse Training

Oral Health Module

- information on conducting a screening , oral health prevention education, establishing a referral process/network, responding to dental emergencies etc.
- **AHEC virtual training**
- **135** school nurses trained in 2023

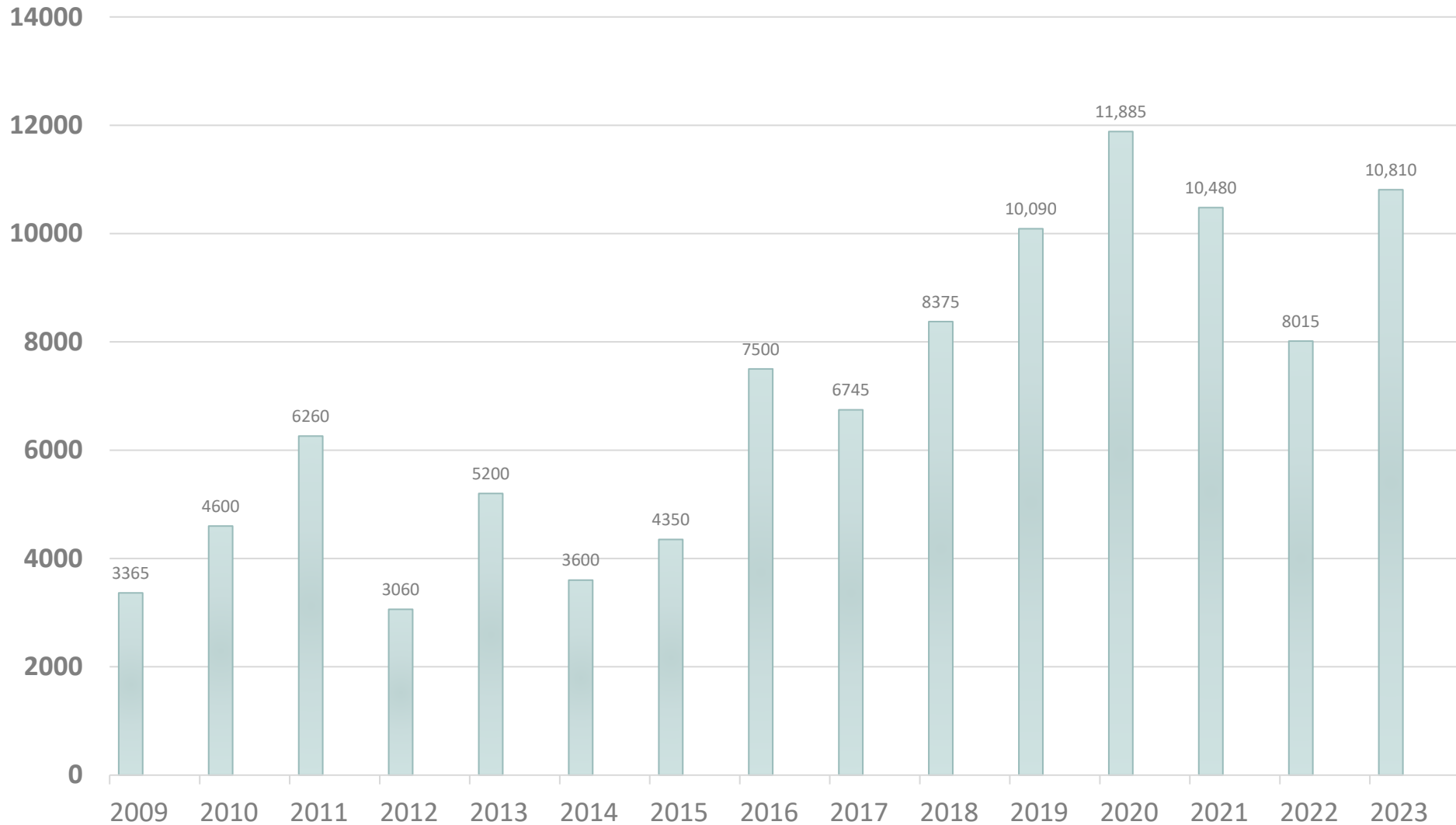
Columbia Marionette Theater

- The show was shared **56** (49) times across the state. This is a record # of shows!!
- **40** (39) SCDA sponsored shows reaching 7,535
- **15** (5) shows were sponsored in various schools by **local dentists**.
- **1** show sponsored by a local chapter of the **Chapin Women's Club**
- **1** show was performed at **EdVenture**



Approximately **10,810** students total saw the show in 2023!

Flora and Floppy Puppet Show Tour



SC Oral Health Needs Assessment Report

Kindergarten and **3rd grade** students.

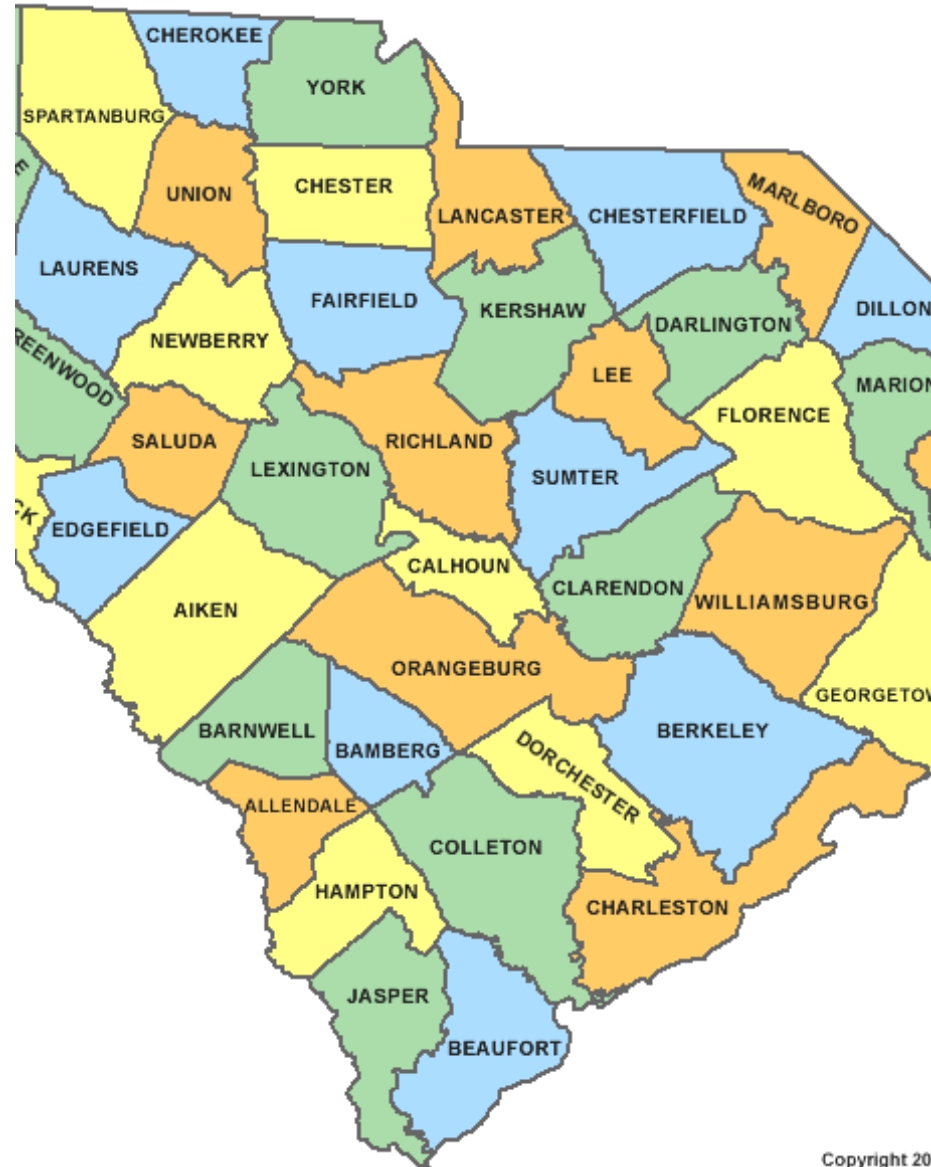
What was collected?

- Treated decay
- Untreated decay
- Dental sealants
- Treatment Urgency

How will this information used?

- To get a snapshot of the oral health status of SC's children. Helps determine where additional resources, outreach and support are needed to improve the oral health status of students.

Statewide report with county level data will be compiled and released **January 2024**.





\$40,000 mini-grant awarded to **Sumter** in 2023.



Over **\$197,000** awarded through mini-grants to **7 water systems** to support **community water fluoridation mini-grants** since 2021.



Mini-grants support **equipment upgrades** and **repairs** so communities can continue fluoridation.



Drinking **fluoridated water** strengthens teeth against decay.



Community Water Fluoridation

DIABETES



ORAL HEALTH



Medical Dental Integration

Pilot with New Horizons to test screening tools and preventative messages for patients with diabetes in an oral health setting.

Regional outreach efforts

MDI Leadership Team met on May 19th and August 18th

Site visit in August.

Coming in Fall 2023 **AHEC Provider Training**

Goal for 2023-24...establish another pilot site!

Opioid OD2A Oral Health Project

OD2A is a CDC-funded cooperative agreement

OD2A highlights the need for seamless **integration of data** into prevention strategies.

Division of Oral Health (DOH) is working to **expand** the reach of the OD2A project to the **dental community** with a focus on **trainings** for clinical staff and **prevention information** for patients.

This will take place by working with **dental providers, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and community-based entities.**



In South Carolina there were over **3.5 million prescriptions written for opioids** adding to over **8,000 opioid related overdose hospitalizations** and over 1,700 deaths.*



Americans make up 5% of the world's population, but take over 80% of all prescription opioids.*

*Stats from Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services.



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- Opioids increase your risk of accidental overdose and death. This risk increases opioids are mixed with alcohol or other drugs.
- The misuse of opioids can lead to illegal drug use and accidental contact with fentanyl, which can cause death.

*2021 Stats from Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services.





OPIOIDS & ORAL HEALTH
Identifying overdose risk and alternative pain management options

Oral Health Presentations

SC Primary Health Care Association, Clinical Network Retreat

July 7, 2023

Medical Dental Integration: Oral Health and Diabetes

RHIP-TIDES Learning Collaborative August 25, 2023

Rural Health Improvement for Pediatric Treatment in Dental Essential Services

MUSC, in partnership with DHEC and SCDHHS is hosting a new continuing education learning collaborative designed for general dentists who serve rural communities and wish to improve their skills in caring for early childhood populations.

Oral Health Literacy & Goal Setting Presentation

- Dental Information that Surprises Parents
- A Barrier to Care: Parental Guilt and Shame
- Reducing Anxiety in the Dental Setting

Questions/Comments...





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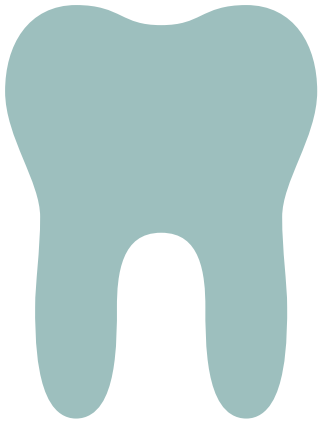
Coalition Update

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A look back...



2000 First Oral Health Policy Academy held in Charleston in December 2000. Work began on a **State Oral Health Plan**. Areas included: policy and advocacy; prevention and education; dental public health infrastructure development; dental workforce enhancement; and, access to oral health services.

2001 April and November, **State Oral Health Summits** were held on Columbia to define potential strategies and action steps towards an evolving oral health plan for the state.

2003 Third **Annual Oral Health Forum**. This was a **joint conference** with **Head Start**. Participants were divided into work groups that addressed: 1) Access to Oral Health Service Providers; 2) Transportation for access to Oral Health Services; and, 3) Funding for access to oral health services.

2004 Fourth Annual Oral Health Forum. Focused on **building and sustaining effective oral health coalitions** in South Carolina. It showcased successful programs in the state that addressed critical oral health issues for children, adolescents, adults, and older adults. Members of the SCOH Coalition presented their action plan to raise awareness and develop needed oral health programs over the next 2 years.

Significant Turning Points...

In November 2003 the **South Carolina Oral Health Coalition** was established.

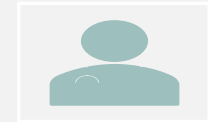
The purpose of this group was to develop oral health **promotion and disease prevention activities** at the state and community levels.

The planned activities were **oral health problems across the lifespan** and were to be consistent with the **State Oral Health Plan**.

Coalition work groups that represented children, adolescents, adults and older adults were established and drafted specific work plans that would become the Coalition's Action Plan.



South Carolina Healthy Schools Children's Oral Health Coalition to become a work group of the South Carolina Oral Health Coalition.

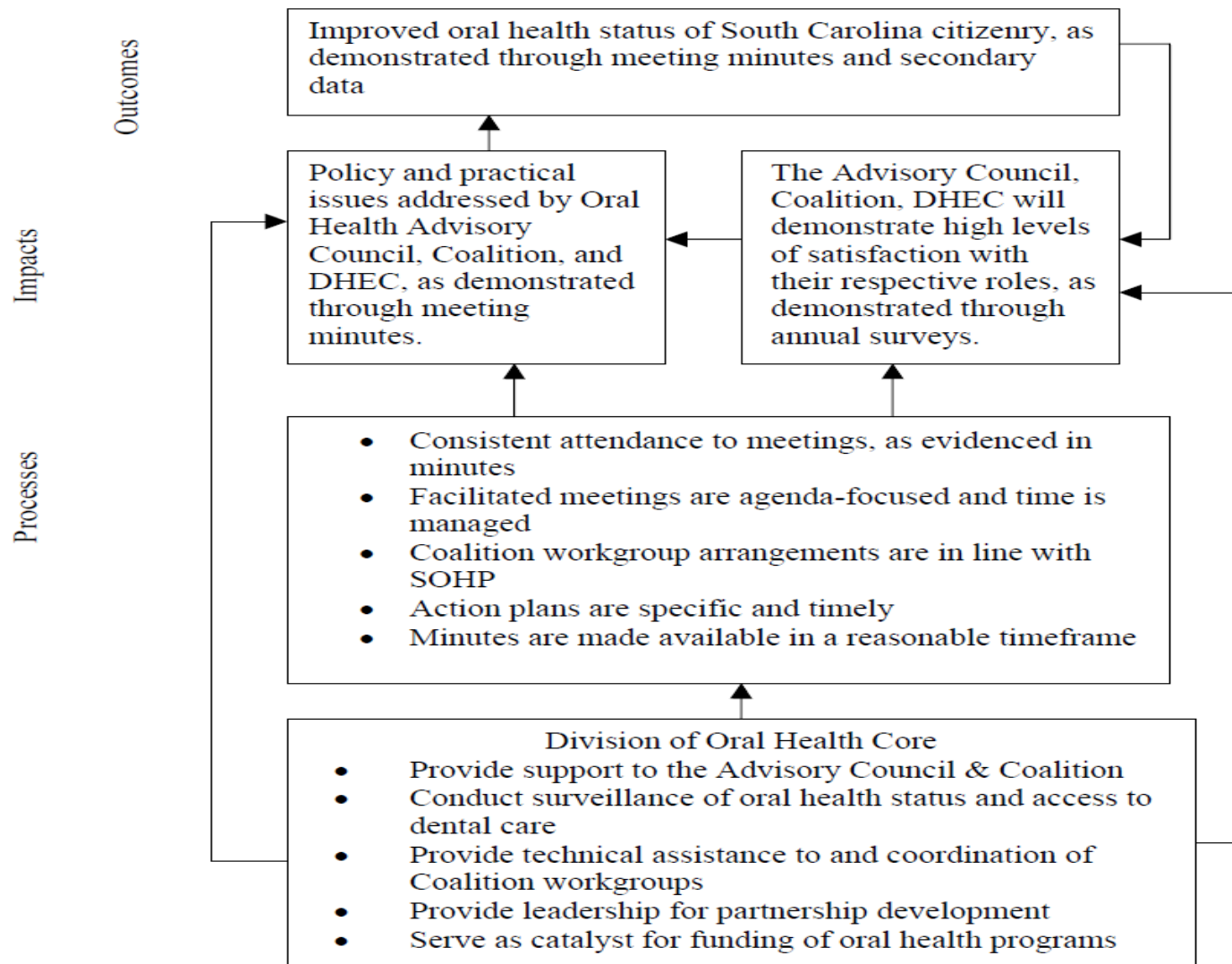


Sought grant funding for expansion of the Coalition through DHEC's Oral Health Division.



Establish the membership and work groups for the Coalition.

Logic Model –



Along the way...where we are now...

Coalition has stayed intact; Advisory Council structure was dissolved.

Annual Oral Health Forums featuring national speakers continued, but downsized from two-day events to a one-day event.

Forum sponsors: SC Dental Association, DentaQuest and Head Start Collaboration Office.

In-person Forums haven't taken place since Covid, virtual Forum held in 2021.

Coalition meetings have transitioned to virtual and in-person meetings since Covid.

Secured funding to revise the State Oral Health Plan, reexamine structure of Coalition and establish an additional entity to support the work that has been done and needs to continue to be done.

Robust planning process that resulted in a revised State Oral Health Plan.

Thoughtful dialogue around the roles of the three different entities.

Where we are now....

Finding the best path forward.

Questions/Thoughts

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Membership Discussions/Updates

COALITION MEMBERS



Next
Steps/Wrap
up

Before the next meeting...

Take and share a copy of the State Oral Health Plan

Update your **Coalition Membership information**

Mark your calendars for our next Coalition meetings

December 1st Virtual

February 23rd In-person

May 17th In-person



To Do...



Stay Connected

Connecting Smiles SC

<https://www.connectingsmilessc.org/>

Oral Health website in collaboration with
DHEC and the SC Oral Health Coalition



SC Oral Health Coalition Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/SCORALHEALTH>
Add as a Friend: SC Improve OH

Send along
information
to share!



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