

Arizona Oral Health Virtual Town Hall

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<p><i>Policy and Issue Updates in Arizona:</i></p> <p>Arizona Office of Oral Health - Julia Wacloff Julia.Wacloff@azdhs.gov</p> <p>Arizona Public Health Association – Will Humble willhumble@azpha.org</p> <p>Arizona Dental Association – Kevin Earle Kevin@azda.org</p> <p>Arizona Dental Hygiene Association – Deb Kappes dkappes@zullophoto.com</p> <p>What's New On:</p> <p><i>Medical/Dental Integration</i> Jan Grutzius jang@aachc.org</p> <p><i>Indian Healthcare Dental Therapy</i> Jennifer Dangremond j.dangremond@nativeconnections.org</p>	<p><i>Updates from Arizona Regional Oral Health Coalitions</i></p> <p>AAIOHI Arizona American Indian Oral Health Initiative</p> <p>sAZOHC Southern Arizona Oral Health Coalition</p> <p>La Paz/Mohave County Regional Coalition</p> <p><i>Community Spotlight:</i> Black Nurses Association Greater Phoenix Area: Dorothy Golida dgolida1@cox.net</p> <p><i>Call to Action:</i></p> <p><i>Arizona Oral Health Coalition Work Groups</i> https://azohc.org/membership/</p> <p><i>OPEN's Online Community</i> Sign Up: http://www.oralhealth.network//pw/rs/ How to Use Socious: http://www.oralhealth.network/page/how-to-navigate-socious Join the Arizona page: http://www.oralhealth.network/p/co/ly/gid=1063</p>
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Policy and Issue Updates in Arizona:

- Arizona Office of Oral Health - **Julia Wacloff**
 - Health Improvement Plan for 2019 has been updated:
 - Reported out on OH strategies: expanding access to childhood oral disease prevention increasing utilization of OH system, integrating OH & whole person health, & expanding water fluoridation.
 - 2019-2020 school year, Maternal & Child Health Bureau updating needs assessment for the state of Arizona, conducting listening sessions across the state. People can make their voices heard. Julia will share the details when they are scheduled. Will set health priorities for next 5 years.
 - Healthy Smiles Healthy Bodies Survey 2020 in partnership with First Things First & Arizona

Department of Education, surveying kindergarten & 3rd grade children. Survey completed by EOM January 2020; report out EOM June 2020. Information to be shared with national oral health surveillance system.

- **Arizona Public Health Association – Will Humble**
 - Legislative Advocacy: Comprehensive oral health coverage for pregnant medicaid recipients coming up again and will need everyone on board.
 - AHCCCS advocacy around the policy manual updates surrounding children’s oral health. Centered around expanded services and integration.
 - Kevin Earle highlighted the need for an additional comment period and that the AHCCCS public comment structure isn’t open enough to allow enough time for the public to review their process and make recommendations.

- **Arizona Dental Association – Kevin Earle**
 - Teledentistry: 2015 - law imposed a requirement on AHCCCS to develop policies for the use of teledentistry. Hasn’t been implemented and restrictions were imposed via AHCCCS policies. The issue depends on what is considered billable as a dental exam, the new law is specific on this but the AHCCCS implementation unfortunately hasn’t reflected it. In 2017, the word “examination” was added to assist AHCCCS in correctly defining dental examinations done through teledentistry. More advocacy needed to ensure that AHCCCS properly implements the law.
 - Medicaid benefits for pregnant medicaid recipients needs two great actions: Put a bill forward & have legislators to put this benefit on their list of asks for the budget.

- **Arizona Dental Hygiene Association – Deb Kappes**
 - Strengthen Dental Hygienist expanded practice. Hindered by not having a DH be able to supervise an assistant, this was changed.
 - Allowed for physician supervision for a DH in an in-patient hospital setting, in order to address growing concern over hospital acquired infections, specifically aspiration pneumonia (pneumonia that occurs as a result of inhaling food or drink). A couple of pilot projects are currently happening to do this.
 - Kevin brought attention to the harm reduction group that meets, that by implementing oral health strategies into their hospitals, healthcare costs are also greatly reduced. Webinar is in the works to educate hospitals on this. Most likely in the 2nd week of November.

What's new on Medical/Dental Integration - Jan Grutzus

- Significant grant from HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) for maternal child oral health, about looking at integration of the 0-2 population in the safetynet for FQHCs (Federally Qualified Health Center). AACHC (Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers) was awarded with Colorado as a lead and other states were Montana and Wyoming. 5 year grant and it’s targeting medical community about the importance of oral health and how they can incorporate it.

Indian Healthcare Dental Therapy - Jennifer Dangremond

- The Tribal Dental Therapy Work Group is meeting every other month to continue work on: development of training programs, rulemaking for licensure, Medicaid reimbursement, and the potential impact of CHAP within Indian Health Services. Pivotal Consulting remains involved in the process and is currently working with the Governor’s Office on assistance to help dental therapy through the administrative advocacy process. The next meeting is October 11th at ITCA.

Updates from *Arizona Regional Oral Health Coalitions*

AAIOHI Arizona American Indian Oral Health Initiative - presenting Regional Smiles for Life Training targeting Community Health Representatives. Currently working on finalizing a children's oral health campaign to help raise awareness of the importance of oral health in children. Campaign seeks to help decrease the caries rate in American Indian children while improving the utilization rate of services available for children 0-5 years of age.

sAZOHC Southern Arizona Oral Health Coalition

- Began the year by providing community education about Senate Bill 1088 which sought to provide oral health care to pregnant medicaid recipients.
- SAzOHC is in the beginning stages of conducting an Oral Health Community Health Assessment, and are currently in the community input phase.
- SAzOHC held a variety educational presentations oral health providers including:
 - Infection Control in the dental operatory
 - Silver Diamine Fluoride
 - SDF, is a medicine that is a blue liquid. The liquid is painted onto tooth decay. The liquid has silver, to help stop cavity causing bacteria, and fluoride to help strengthen the teeth.
 - SMART
 - SMART stands for "Silver Modified Atraumatic Restorative Treatment." SMART combines the use of SDF to stop tooth decay and the use of Glass Ionomer Cement to fill cavities (holes in teeth) in a minimally invasive way.
 - Hall Techniques
 - A minimally invasive way to treat primary molars with advanced tooth decay that has been used in Europe since the 1980's. Primary molars are the baby teeth in the back of the mouth.
 - Motivational Interviewing Training

La Paz/Mohave County Regional Coalition

- At this time meetings have gone on pause as we have been reaching out to recruit participants at local health fair events, school open houses, and when talking to businesses as we do campaigns through River Cities United Way.
- We have partnered with Mohave Community College to offer adults free teeth cleanings and exams through special Oral Health Days hosted at the college campus in Bullhead City. The first day in April was such a huge success and the 2nd date during the summer filled up with a waiting list and the 3rd is about to happen on October 18th.
- We will be working a fall fun fair and handing out oral health samples while the kiddos get to bounce to their heart's content.
- In December the girl scouts will be assisting with preparing the smile bags for our Happy Healthy Smiles Day in February.

Community Spotlight:

- [Black Nurses Association Greater Phoenix Area:](#)
Dorothy Golida RN, MS, CNOR

Dorothy discussed her experience utilizing Oral Health Colorado's [Developing a Practical Theology of Oral](#)

[Health: An Inter-Religious Study Guide for African-American Congregations](#) in her community. Drawing a connection from faith-based outreach to working with community members to share stories. Individual experiences are important for providers and policy makers to hear. Personal experiences reveal systemic barriers. Dorothy also shared that community members also discussed how their stories and their voices have a role in changing policy when they come together. It was also noticed that the methodical approach to providing this type of community education can be adapted to different community settings.

Dorothy and a coalition of other organizations will be holding an Open-Mic event as part of the **It's Not Just Teeth** series. Sing, Draw, Paint, Tell your story, Dance, Rap, Sign, All Languages & People Welcome! 10/15/19 OPEN MIC, 12/10/19 STORY CIRCLE, 02/11/20 ART SHOW. Please register here to attend: <http://bit.ly/notjustteeth19>

Enter a piece for the December art show! For questions: layal@apcaaz.org or 602-492-2302
 Event is child-friendly, wheelchair accessible, close to lightrail. If there are any other accommodations needed, please ask. <https://www.facebook.com/events/738464046624418/>

Calls to Action:

- Arizona Oral Health Coalition Work Groups
 - a. Info: <https://azohc.org/workgroups/>
 - b. Sign Up: <https://azohc.org/membership/> (even if you're already a member, fill this out to choose a workgroup for this year's work!)
- OPEN's Online Community

 <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 5px;">Join OPEN!</p>	
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