

**Sierra County Oral Health Program
Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2020**



Present: Jessica Harris, Dr. Lee Walker, Sarah Bracher, Cara Bowling, Teia Miller

New Business:

I. Updates

- a. *National Children's Oral Health Month*
 - i. Provided pictures of the oral health month display in the Public Health lobby as well as the free dental kits offered to all patients, especially those with children. Additionally, the 2x2 campaign information was passed around.
- b. *National Oral Health Conference*
 - i. Details were provided on Kylie and Jessie attending the National Oral Health Conference from April 4th – April 8th. Jessie explained their schedule would have an emphasis on community programming and data analysis.
- c. *Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment (KOHA)*
 - i. Jessie was able to clarify the misinformation on OHP's side, that the school hadn't been completing the KOHA. In fact, the schools have been collecting the data, but due to some form of miscommunication it seems the data has not made its way to the State. The State has appointed local Oral Health Programs to assist school districts with the collection and input of KOHA data.
 - ii. Dr. Walker expressed interest in retroactive data entry for the years that they have been collecting the data. Jessie is currently looking in to this with the State.
- d. *National Tobacco 21 Legislation Change/Federal Change/SB 793*
 - i. Jessie provided a brief update on some federal and State changes/proposed changes.
 1. Federal policy on some vaping products
 2. Federal age change to 21, with no military or tribal exemptions
 3. CA Senate Bill 793 – Flavored Tobacco Products
- e. *Dental Fair*
 - i. This was not an original agenda item, but was added right before the meeting. This was discussed prior to the policy changes and in conjunction with the KOHA. Jessie asked Dr. Walker and Sarah if they are open to the idea of Oral Health purchasing the fluoride varnish this year. They were happy to have the oral health program purchase 100 fluoride varnishes and tongue depressors for the event.

- ii. Teia inquired about a Downieville dental health fair date; at this time there is no date selected working with Western Sierra Medical Clinic. However, there will definitely be a dental fair at Downieville too.
- iii. Jessie mentioned the new KOHA consent forms that are passive consent (no parent signature required, only signature for opting out) for screenings and active consent (parent signature required prior to application) for fluoride varnish. While Jessie discussed hopefully integrating this form in to this 2020 dental health fair, when she returned to the office she spoke with Bré Whitley and they are hopeful that the form will be integrated during the 2021 Dental Health Fair, as there needs to be teacher and parent education about the new consent forms and a slow integration.

II. Needs Assessment

a. *Community Survey Stratified*

- i. Stratified data was shared with the committee. There were some unexpected results, like access to dental care being a concern on the West side (65%) was similar to East side (60%) even though there is only one provider 6-hours per week on the West side.

b. *Resource Inventory*

- i. We reviewed the resource inventory, which will be informative as the information we collected doesn't necessarily align with community reports. The hours that medical and dental clinics are open, wait times, and accommodation of new patient are dissimilar to what some community members have reported.

c. *Focus Group Analysis*

- i. Focus group data was not provided during the meeting.

III. Questions

a. Dr. Walker: has everyone been trained for fluoride varnish application?

- i. No, only Jessie has been certified through the Smiles for Life curriculum as of yet. We were provided contradictory information from the State regarding eligibility for fluoride varnish among 0-5 years of age, so we did not want to have everyone certified until we were sure who was eligible.

b. Dr. Walker: if everyone becomes certified they can practice on select patients at the dental fair. They can shadow how we do it and then be mentored through the process.

- i. Jessie will talk with her director and see if we are approved to do this. This is a great opportunity to learn, and as Dr. Walker said this is one of the few opportunities we would have to learn in a real-life situation with mentors.

c. Dr. Walker inquired if we had taken any personal protective equipment (PPE) trainings yet.

- i. Jessie informed him we had been unable to find any at the moment.
- ii. Dr. Walker offered to teach a PPE course for us, so that we can be confident in protecting ourselves and our patients.

iii. We are very excited for this!

IV. Next Meeting Date

- a.* No meeting date was established, as the OHP team has yet to complete the needs assessment; thus, a March meeting would not be very beneficial and would provide minimal updates. A date will be selected for April instead.