North Dakota Department of Health

Oral Health Facts

Oral Health Program Accomplishments – 2010-2011

February 2011

- Worked in conjunction with the North Dakota Department of Health's Oral Health Program, Bridging the Dental Gap and the Ronald McDonald House Charities Care Mobile project to submit a grant to the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). A three-year grant was awarded for approximately $750,000. Grant monies will be split between the three programs, two of which will focus on children's dental services and one of which will focus on helping the elderly with their oral health.

- Conducted two *Seal!North Dakota* events (dental sealants for children) at the Bridging the Dental Gap safety-net dental clinic in Bismarck, in conjunction with Riverside Elementary School.

- Conducted a pilot training for the Healthy Smiles Fluoride Varnish program.

- Collaborated with Tobacco, Heart Disease and Stroke and Diabetes programs to create a commercial for the tribal nations on their network television.

- Hired a coalition coordinator.

- Created workforce survey report.

- Collaborated with North Dakota Indian Affairs, North Dakota Dental Association and oral health program to establish dental care for tribal areas.

- Hired an epidemiologist that is shared between the Oral Health and the Maternal and Child Health Programs.

- Completed the Basic Screening Survey of third-grade children to help determine dental needs.

- Formed a *Give Kids A Smile Day* committee.

- Received a Head Start grant for educational purposes for the early and Head Start children.

- Formulated a standing order for the public health hygienists to perform direct services.

- Completed an Oral Health and Diabetes fact sheet.

- Completed policy tool training session with Dr. Lynn Mouden in preparation for the 2011 legislative session. Determined top five priorities for oral health in North Dakota.

- Hosted an oral health booth at the St. Alexius Geriatric Health Care, Alzheimer's and Hospice Conference on October 14, 2010.

- Hosted an oral health booth at the Family Matters event at Riverside School in Bismarck on December 21, 2010.

- Completed two school-linked programs (including retention checks) through Bridging the Dental Gap, a safety-net dental clinic in Bismarck.
- Implemented SEALs software.
- Continued work on school-based programming (developing manual, program protocol, consent forms, etc.).
- Revised and condensed the Healthy Smiles program manual.
- Created a Healthy Smiles fact sheet and letter in collaboration with the North Dakota Department of Human Services Medicaid Program for distribution to all pediatrician's offices statewide.
- Public health hygienists provided training to physicians, physician's assistants, RN's and LPN's so they can do screenings and apply fluoride varnish.
- Created a Healthy Smiles fact sheet for legislators which was released in early January, 2011.
- Maintained school mouth rinse program and began restructuring to switch from mouth rinse to fluoride varnish application two times annually.
- Added a public health dentist to the staff.
- Reclassified two public health hygienists on the staff.
- Continued to partner with Bridging the Dental Gap (Bismarck) to provide direct services for the *Seal!ND* dental sealant program.
- Created a dental loan repayment program brochure.
- Published three issues of *Focus On Oral Health*, a newsletter for North Dakota's oral health community.
- Integrated North Dakota's Oral Health activities and accomplishments into the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) database using their Management Overview for Logistics Analysis and Reporting (MOLAR) system.
- Provided regular program updates in the North Dakota Dental Association newsletter to keep local dentists informed of Oral Health Program activities.
- Updated the Oral Health Program website.
- Updated the Directory of Dental Access Programs, Public Health Consultants and Programs and Services fact sheets on the website. Added a Prevention Programs fact sheet to the website.

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