

Pinellas County Oral Health Initiative

Friday, September 21, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Held at:

Pinellas Park/Gateway Chamber of Commerce
5851 Park Blvd # 104 Pinellas Park, FL 33781 Conference Room 102
12:30pm – 2:00pm

Attendees:

Karen Pesce, Felecia Brantley, Cindy McNulty, Christina Vongsyprasom, Joe Santini, Michelle Schaefer, Johnny Johnson, Chris Lee, Harry Gross, Rita Becchetti, Julie Ulibarri, Tre Littlefield, Ronda Russick, Kip Corriveau.

Kare Pesce, Coalition Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:40pm and welcomed all members.

Old Business

- a. Individual Work Group Update Reports: Felecia provided an update for the Access to Care (ATC) Task Group on behalf of Dr. Amy Anderson and the Education and Messaging Task Group. Dr. Johnny Johnson provided an update for the Prevention Task Group, the current state of water fluoridation in Pinellas County. Karen asked for additional volunteers to serve on the Prevention Task Group. Task Group Minutes can be found on the Pinellas County Oral Health Coalition website, www.pinellasoralhealth.com.
- b. Approval of the 2012-2013 Strategic Plan (S.P.): The final draft of the strategic plan developed by Dr. Layman, co-chair and edited by Felecia Brantley was introduced for approval. Karen proposed that the coalition vote on the acceptance of the four (4) goals featured in the S.P. and allow the Task Groups (now called Work Groups) to develop their own strategies. This proposal request was accepted and approved by the coalition members.
 - o Felecia will provide the coalition with current list of members for each Work Group. Anyone interested in serving on a Work Group, email Felecia at fbrantley@morehealthinc.org.
 - o Each Work Group was asked to meet prior to the next Oral Health Coalition Meeting.

New Business

- a. Naming the Task Groups: The subcommittees for the Coalition are referred to as Task Groups, a motion was made by Karen, Chair to vote on what they should be called; Task Group, Work Group, or Subcommittee. The winning vote was Work Group. Effective immediately all Task Groups will be called Work Groups.
- b. Guest Speaker, Dr. Johnny Johnson: Johnny discussed the current state of the water fluoridation in Pinellas County. He provided the coalition members with an abbreviated letter he submitted



to the Pinellas County Dental Association (PCDA) on the topic. He indicated that Fluoridation is a political issue and as individuals we must support candidates that support fluoridation by 1) donating time and/or money 2) reach out to our network to spread the word 3) educate the non-medical community about the benefits of fluoridation. Johnny will provide the coalition Fact Sheet to use by the end of September.

- c. Give Kids a Smile 2013: The event day is February 22, 2013. The first planning meeting was held on Tuesday, September 11th at Dr. Sonji Jackson's office. Volunteers of all capacities are still needed to participate in the planning of this event. Visit the website at www.gkaspinellas.com or contact Dr. Jackson directly to participate. All completed applications can be returned to the designated School social workers, Ruth Tipton and Sherri Musco.
 - o Joe volunteered the Johnny Ruth Clarke center to assist with filling out applications for this event and making them available for pickup by the social workers.
- d. Next Coalition Meeting date: The next coalition meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 14, 2012. Coalition was asked to vote on this date. The coalition voted to keep this date.

State Coalition Update

- a. Annual Oral Health Conference, August 23-24,2012: Meeting in Orlando, Florida was a success. Coalition members from the Health Department (Christina), Community Health Centers (Joe), Free Clinics (Claudia and Harry), Private Practice (Johnny), Non-Profits (Karen and Felecia) attended. Reoccurring topics discussed in the roundtables were the need for common language for coalition members to use when speaking about oral health issues and the desire for the coalition to be the source of information for anything oral health related. Visit www.floridaoralhealth.com to download the agenda and presentations.

Member Sharing – Coalition

Cindy McNulty, Healthy Start shared that she will include the GKAS information packet in her quarterly mailing to the Healthy Start Network of Nurses.

Joe Santini, Community Health Center spoke about their partnership program with the Suncoast Centers.

Christina Vongsyprasom, Director of Pinellas DH provided the coalition with an update on their annual No Charge Dental Day held on Wednesday, August 1st. Approximately 267 patients were served, an increase of over 100% from the previous year.

Harry Gross, Gulfcoast Outreach Dental, is the new Executive Director and spoke about the upcoming annual fundraiser event for the clinic. The fundraiser event is a golf tournament scheduled for Friday, October 12, 2012. Please contact Harry at harry@gulfcoastdentaloutreach.org for more details.



Karen Pesce, MORE HEALTH Inc. shared Hillsborough County Public Schools is launching an eight school pilot program for sealants in second grade. She asked the Prevention Workgroup to discuss a potential school based sealant program in Pinellas County Schools.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm by Karen Pesce, Coalition Chair.

Next Meeting

Date: December 14, 2012

Time: 12:30pm – 2:00pm

Location: Pinellas Park Chamber of Commerce

Minutes respectively submitted by Felecia Brantley and edited by Karen Pesce.

