

Delaware Oral Health Coalition
Board of Directors Organizing Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 1, 2014
9:00 to 11:00 AM

Location: Legislative Hall- Senate Hearing Room – 2nd floor

Attendees: Dr. Gary Colangelo, Dr. Greg McClure, Barbara Antlitz, Diana Maurer, Dr. Bruce Matthews, Ted Becker, Denicia Youmens, Dr. Aguida Atkinson, Missy Jones, Chris Oakes, Nancy Brohawn and Jennifer Ulizio

Absent: Brian Olson, Tim Brook and Wendy Strauss

Call to order: Dr. Gary Colangelo

Items discussed:

- Round table introductions
- Dr. Colangelo discussed how the coalition is ready to take the next step, to stop talking and planning and get out into the community and do something (this what the coalition is all about).
- Dr. McClure presented his Power Point presentation. He discussed how the coalition is moving from the Planning Phase into the Implementation Phase under the coalition's direction.
- Dr. Colangelo presented his PowerPoint presentation:
 - Today he would like to begin the process of doing; the actions are going to come out of the coalition. We are going to come up with the ideas and make them happen. Initiative will come from your desire to make a change.
 - Wants everyone to react to what's important to them and to listen to each other.
 - Set realistic goals that we can attain and choose appropriate issues for the group.
 - Would like to come up with at least two goals of where the coalition is going to go from here. We have initiatives "low hanging fruit" that

we could start with. After today would like to pull these ideas together and have weekly conference calls to discuss issues, goals and strategies.

- The only way our initiatives will succeed is through partnership and combining talents. We want to use our advocacy to reach our goals.
 - We need to go out and speak to our community leaders, churches etc... and advocate for oral health
 - We will have a meeting on September 12, 2014 at Dover Downs with the entire group to present our ideas to the coalition and launch these initiatives.
 - Discussed the bylaws and how the coalition wants to make the bylaws work for us. He would like them to be open without structure so that they can grow organically as we see our initiatives grow. On our next conference call we will vote on approving the bylaws, let Gary know of any changes you would like made.
 - Briefly discussed workgroups and how they will come out of what we want to do as a coalition. Work groups will consist of some member of the coalition but more importantly will consist of those who have specialties in other areas.
 - Would like to expand our circle. The more people we have, the more diverse, the better we will be able to spread the word and get even more involved.
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- Missy Jones brought up idea of looking at groups (i.e Headstart) that have worked in the past. Suggested starting with a physical map of DE outlining areas in need and then coming up with a way to connect those in needs to agencies that can help. She suggested a centralized website. Brought up issues with connecting Veterans to participating providers. Dr. Matthews said he will go back to the Dental Society and speak with Kurt about getting a centralized list of Dentists who reimburse the VA.
 - Barbara brought up that many veteran's are not eligible for care. Dr. Matthews responded that the Dental Society is always looking for opportunities to offer their services to groups in need so he will try and get a group of volunteers together.

- Dr. Colangelo said that when an issue arises he would like to come up with an action plan and track so we can we know the outcome. Would like to Dr. Matthews to give a follow up after he talks with the Dental Society and give us an update so we can possibly post on our website (Use our networks to solve problems, track and then tell the world).

Conclusion:

- Goals:
 - Environmental Scan
 - Clearinghouse (website)
 - Networking
- Dr Atkinson discussed how she would like to build connections and empower physicians with oral health knowledge, ultimately having an oral exam be something that pediatricians do routinely. Dr. Colangelo thinks this would be a great future goal.
- Dr. Colangelo attempted to summarize the goal discussion with the attached worksheet which will be discussed at the next meeting.

Next Steps:

- Weekly Conference Calls, Friday's at 8 am starting August 8th. Dr. Colangelo will use one of his conference call services and set up the call. Will start the call with a review of the bylaws, if you have any questions or concerns or would like to add anything regarding the bylaws please contact Dr. Colangelo before the call.
- Entire Coalition meeting September 12, 2014 at Dover Downs.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting- Conference Call Friday Aug. 8th 2014 @ 8am

Annual Coalition Meeting September 12, 2014 at Dover Downs