

**Early Dental Home/Project Advisory Board Meeting
June 12, 2018**

Attendees:

Adiches, Tonya	Mbaitisi, Monalisa	Stemrich, Sarah
Duregger, Julie	Moore, Mylinda	Tupea, Casey
Foley, Mary	Naavaal, Shillpa	Wake, Jackie
Hafidh, Shahid	Rees, Rachel	Wells, JoAnn
Hairston, Zack	Roller, Emily	
Holland, Sarah	Schultz, Rich	
Jones, Matt	Shook, Myra	

Introductions:

Jackie Wake – Smiles for Children; Myra Shook – DMAS; Emily Roller – Virginia Health Care Foundation; Monalisa Mbaitisi – VDH; Shahid Hafidh – VDH; Matt Jones – VaOHC; JoAnn Wells – VDH; Sarah Holland – VaOHC; Tonya Adiches – VDH; Julie Duregger – Smart Beginnings, VA Peninsula; Shillpa Naavaal – VCU; Rich Schultz – Smart Beginnings, Richmond; Casey Tupea – DBHDS; Lauren Gray – VaOHC; Sarah Stemrich – VaOHC (online); Rachel Rees – Virginia Health Care Foundation (online); Mary Foley – Piedmont Regional Dental Clinic (online); Zach Hairston – DMAS (online); Mylinda Moore – CHIP of VA (online); Tegwyn Brickhouse – VCU (online presenter)

Policy Update (Sarah Holland):

- Current Coverage in VA:
 - ❖ Medicaid –
 - Comprehensive Benefits for:
 - Pregnant Women
 - Children/youth under age 20
 - Medicaid/Medicare Dual Eligible Populations (Aged/Blind/Disabled)
 - Enrolled in CCC+ Managed care which has plan-specific, value-added dental benefit to attract consumers to choose a specific MCO plan (see MCO chart for more details)
 - **Emergency, Extraction-Only Benefit for all other adults**
 - ❖ Private insurance:
 - Exchange Market – no subsidies and no mandate for dental coverage
 - Traditional Coverage –
 - Free preventative
 - Yearly cap on payments for services
- Medicaid Expansion
 - ❖ 400,000 newly eligible
 - Increases eligibility for all individuals making up to \$16,643
 - Increases eligibility for parents in families of 3 to \$28,180
 - ❖ Effective on or before Jan 1
 - ❖ State Plan Amendment (SPA) – up to a 180-day process to allow for Federal review of the state plan to expand

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- ❖ 1115 Waiver
 - Work requirement – not yet defined, legislature will have to make determinations
 - Cost Sharing – state may impose a co-pay for certain groups
 - Waiver must be approved at the federal level, measures will be implemented once approved
- Medallion 4.0 roll-out
 - ❖ All persons covered by Medicaid will be enrolled in coverage provided by an MCO by December 1
 - ❖ Roll-out will be by region beginning on August 1 in the Tidewater region
 - ❖ As with CCC+, MCOs will be offering limited, value-added dental coverage
 - ❖ 100,000 participants currently enrolled in Medicaid will be assigned a new MCO in an effort to boost enrollment for new MCOs
 - ❖ Participants have 90 days to switch to a new MCO
 - ❖ **Providers can begin credentialing now**, this may help providers keep patients that get switched to a new MCO, as well as being able to provide care to newly eligible participants
- Public Charge
 - ❖ The Federal administration has proposed changes in the definition of “public charge”
 - ❖ Changes include:
 - Receipt of **any means-tested benefit** (including Medicaid, SNAP, WIC, etc) for the individual
 - **OR their dependent children** (even dependents who are US Citizens)
 - ❖ Public charge currently only impacts 5% of the immigrant population
 - ❖ Proposed changes could mean that up to 600,000 people living in Virginia may be considered ineligible for Lawful Permanent Resident (Green Card) status or to extend a temporary visa (including seasonal work visas)

Silver Diamine Fluoride (*Dr. Tegwyn Brickhouse*):

- Use:
 - ❖ arrest caries, as long as the cavity has not reached the pulp
 - is discoloring, but improves sensitivity
 - ❖ special needs patients
 - ❖ young children, especially to avoid anesthesia or other more invasive treatments
 - Avoid general anesthesia for children under 2 years
 - ❖ Older adults, especially those that may have other complications or needs that may make other treatments difficult
- Fluoride Varnish vs SDF
 - ❖ Not a topical fluoride treatment like FV
 - ❖ A dentist must see and diagnose the patient prior to application
- Payment
 - ❖ Medicaid pays per tooth
 - Will pay for 2 treatments on 1 tooth as long as those treatments are at least 3 months apart

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- ❖ Some private insurance has begun to cover SDF treatments
- How might caregivers be convinced to choose SDF over other “traditional” treatments? (brochure attached)
 - ❖ Discuss the benefits and safety of SDF over sedation or more invasive procedures
 - ❖ Be upfront about discoloration
 - ❖ Temporary measure to put off more invasive measures, especially for children
- Who can apply SDF?
 - ❖ Dentists
 - ❖ Hygienists as delegated by a doctor or dentist
- Other considerations
 - ❖ Providers: **Do not charge the topical fluoride code for SDF**
 - ❖ Careful as the SDF will stain clothes, countertops, floors, etc.

Last Meeting

- Review of Smiles for Life state specific information
 - This information will be completed and sent to Smiles for Life on the first of the month (July)
- Website updates
 - Lauren Sawyer, Communications Manager, is heading this project
 - Redesign for simplification and ease of access to training, education, and outreach resources
 - Completed by September
 - Smiles for Life information will be added

Reviewing the Function of the EDH/PAB

- Group began as a workgroup with members sharing information and resources in an attempt to bring more children into an early dental home
- When PIOHQI required a PAB, this seemed a natural fit
- Goals:
 - ❖ Information sharing
 - ❖ Distributing resources
 - ❖ Helping to replicate what may be working in other areas
- Meet the needs of the grant
 - ❖ DMAS can provide:
 - Utilization numbers
 - Continued Participation numbers
- Who do we need to reach that we aren't reaching?
 - ❖ MCOs:
 - Member outreach?
 - Provider outreach?
 - ❖ VA Home Visiting Consortium
 - ❖ Partners in Southwest who may be able to describe unique barriers to us
 - Casey may have some contacts to share

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- Not enough providers that take VA Medicaid in VA
- Mylinda may be able to reach out to HV sites in Abingdon to have someone join?
- Dr. Hairston – provider perspective
- WIC personnel. Who is the WIC person at VDH now? – Paula Garrett?
 - Would like to disseminate some information about how to refer clients to a provider. This was done approx. 4 years ago and seemed helpful
 - How many flyers do we need? How many WIC offices are there?
 - Jackie Wake would like connections to the WIC folks in addition to adding them to the group
 - WIC has a Medical Advisory Council now, how can we be involved?

Next Steps

- Matt
 - ❖ Follow up with Casey, Mylinda, Myra about potential partners:
 - Southwest – Casey and Mylinda
 - BGC – Myra
 - ❖ Updates on Smiles for Life State Specific Information from partners:
 - JoAnn – General Program Description
 - Shahid – ICD-10 Diagnosis code: Z293
 - We have gotten a final answer from DMAS
 - Determine best contact for Medicaid billing questions, i.e., not Lisa Bilik
 - Lisa Bilik will continue to be the contact person at DMAS
- JoAnn and Jackie
 - ❖ Number of WIC sites
 - ❖ Determine who is the best contact at WIC
- Next Meeting: September 19, 1-3

Lynchburg Healthcare Complex (Casey)

- New facility serving individuals with Special Healthcare Needs
 - Integrates behavioral and oral health
 - Sensory room
 - Pre-appointment time for familiarization

Upcoming Events

- August 21-22: Collaboration and Leadership to Improve Oral Health
 - ❖ \$15 for this 2-day workshop
 - ❖ Register by August 14
 - ❖ [Event flyer](#)
- Home Visiting trainings
 - ❖ [Roanoke - June 28](#)
 - ❖ [Hampton - July 10](#)
 - ❖ [Fairfax - August 9](#)

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- ❖ [Richmond - September 4](#)
- ❖ [Harrisonburg - September 27](#)
- November 8: Virginia Oral Health Summit
 - ❖ Westin Hotel