



### **Public Health Local Oral Health**

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## **Virtual Advisory Committee - NOTES**

Tuesday, December 7th, 2021, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

We envision a county where all individuals have equal opportunities and resources to Vision:

achieve and maintain optimal oral health.

Mission: To facilitate and coordinate county-wide efforts to improve oral health knowledge,

access, and utilization, thereby improving oral health outcomes.

#### **Meeting Objectives:**

- 1. Learn about the current status of the Smile SBC program
- 2. Learn about the next 5-year state grant for Local Oral Health programs
- 3. Learn about state priority and local efforts to expand school oral health programs
- 4. Share partner information with each other to facilitate partner collaboration and connection

Agenda Item	SEE PRESENTATION SLIDES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Smile SBC General Updates	<ul> <li>Partner Pledges: Thank you to those who have already completed a pledge. A Partner Pledge is an informal, non-binding way to officially show your support. If you would like to be listed as a pledged partner, please contact us for a form. Our pledged partners are listed on our website: <a href="https://smilesbc.org/partners-providers/">https://smilesbc.org/partners-providers/</a></li> <li>Vacant positions that we hope to fill soon: Office Specialist, Health Education Specialist and Statistical Analyst.</li> <li>Event Request: Visit our website or <a href="click here">click here</a> for the Smile SBC event request form if you would like us to attend your event or speak to your clients/staff. We have toothbrush/paste kits as well as education materials and local dentist/insurance information.</li> </ul>
Moving CA Oral Health Forward 2022-2027 – State Application Update	<ul> <li>We are in the final year of the first 5-year grant period.</li> <li>The grant application for the next 5-year period (July 2022 - June 2027) is due December 15<sup>th</sup>. The budget is due January 31, 2022.</li> <li>Funding will remain the same at \$753,330 annually.</li> <li>Visit <a href="https://oralhealthsupport.ucsf.edu/">https://oralhealthsupport.ucsf.edu/</a> and look in the CDPH OOH dropdown to see details about the state work plan and other info.</li> <li>Smile SBC is required to cover Objectives 1, 2, and 3 of the new, state work plan. We also selected Objectives 5 and 7.</li> <li>We did not officially select Objective 4 (Tobacco Cessation and Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Reduction). However, we will continue to incorporate aspects in our work internally and with partners. The Coalition for a Tobacco-Free San Bernardino County and the Nutrition Program area already doing great work in these areas.</li> </ul>

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#### We have not officially selected Objective 6 (Oral Health Care Delivery System Quality Improvement). However, we will continue to incorporate aspects in our work internally and with partners. Tri-County Dental Society and Loma Linda Univ School of Dentistry are doing great work in the area of expanding knowledge and capacity of dental professionals. We will continue our work in partnership. School Program Kindergarten Oral Health Assessments (KOHA) in Schools **Expansion** For details, look up AB 1433, SB 379, and SB 653. o Children entering public school for the first time are required to receive an oral health assessment, either before enrollment or by May 31 of the first year. Schools/districts must report summary information to the State of CA Oral Health Report (SCOHR) system. The goal is to reduce some of the barriers to accessing dental assessment and care and connect children with a regular source of dental care as early as possible. This will help to reduce dental disease (the #1 chronic disease among children) as well as the chronic absenteeism caused by dental disease which impacts school readiness. Currently, about 33% of San Bernardino kindergarteners receive an oral health assessment each year. The state goal = 60%. We can now utilize some grant funds for assessment stipends for licensed dental professionals who provide dental screenings that increase KOHA participation and reporting. Screenings may also be used to increase dental sealant rates [3rd graders] and improve dental sealant data-tracking indicators. Target schools = rural or/or those with 50% or greater eligibility for Free & Reduced Price Meal (FRPM) programs. **Preventive Dental Services in Schools** o State goals: Increase the number of eligible schools with dental programs in San Bernardino County by 50% by 2027. Reduce oral health disparities among school-aged children in the county by 50% by 2030. Increase sealant prevalence among school-aged children in the county by 10% by 2027. Smile SBC can now utilize some grant funds to assist with **equipment needs** (portable units, chairs, stools, lights, etc.) Will most likely start as a short-term loan program with possibility of transfer of ownership for those with successful expansion. Click here for a map of the target schools and current status. Please note that this shows if a school has any sort of dental program, not the extent of that program. o Currently, just over 60% of the target schools have a dental program of some kind! All of the credit for this great work goes to our tireless school dental program providers. Thank you all!!! Our team and department are ready to help where we can to expand programs to additional schools: assessment stipends, equipment assistance, outreach efforts, marketing efforts, etc. Thank you to those on the call who provided some great ideas for

outreach to schools and to those who have volunteered to help!

#### **Next Steps / Upcoming**

- Bid opportunity for in-school assessment stipends coming soon. Requirements will be detailed in these instructions. This will be sent to all on our Smile SBC email distribution list.
- Input opportunity regarding equipment needs for the
  maintenance and expansion of school preventive dental
  programs coming soon. An inquiry will be sent out via email to
  those we know are currently providing school oral health programs.
  If you have not already been involved in these discussions over the
  last few months and would like to be included, contact us.
- If you are aware of **other dental professionals** that would be interested in either in-school assessment stipends and/or equipment support, please provide us with their contact info.
- A school-program workgroup (in-person, virtual, via-email, or a combination) will be convened to assist with moving the school program expansion efforts forward. We'll be reaching out to specific entities that would have some relation to this work. However, if you want to be sure to be included, please contact us.
- Partners will be receiving a box of Smile SBC website promo
  items to share with staff and patients/clients to help spread the word
  about the website. We have only a limited supply at this time, but <u>let</u>
  us know if you are interested in additional items.
- If you have questions or would like more information about anything indicated above or during the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact us: <a href="mailto:info@SmileSBC.org">info@SmileSBC.org</a>
- Next Advisory tentatively planned for March 2022.

# Opportunity for Partner Updates/Announcements

- Maternal Health Network The next summit is happening on January 11, 2022. The summit will focus on activities for activating a Maternal Health network throughout San Bernardino County that supports healthy pregnancies, produces healthy babies, and promotes healthy communities. Register by clicking here.
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is currently using a hybrid model to serve clients, using both in-person and virtual methods. Also, the cash value benefit increased to \$24-\$47 per month and this will remain through March of 2022. Visit here to learn more.
- The Nutrition Program continues to convene its various coalitions and conduct/support various activities across the county. These include the San Bernardino County Nutrition Action Partnership, the Food Rescue Anti-Hunger Coalition, summer meals efforts with schools districts, and various health presentations and exercise classes via phone and Zoom. Visit here to learn more.
- Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) in Your Neighborhood After Hours provides case assistance to clients after hours from 4pm to 7pm at various libraries: Fontana, Hesperia, Ontario, and Highland. <u>Visit to here learn more</u>.
- **Black Infant Health** is offering virtual group and one-on-one support sessions to eligible, pregnant, African-American individuals. See flyer attached to this email and visit here to learn more.

	<ul> <li>211 / Connect IE: By calling 211, tobacco cessation participants can share their information with Kick-it California and, after completing the first counseling session, they will receive a \$20 gift card. 211 can also assist in Medi-Cal and CalFresh applications and coordinate outreach staff to attend events in San Bernardino County to assist with enrollment. Also check out ConnectlE.org which is a great tool for assisting members of our Inland Empire community. You can create a log-in and send referrals to services on behalf of the people you are assisting. For more information on how you or your organization can participate please reach out to gmadden@iscuw.org.</li> <li>Assistance League San Bernardino: The Dr. Earl R. Crane Children's Dental Center is up and running again and providing dental services to children ages 5 to 25 that do not have insurance for \$20. Also, Operation School Bell is active, providing new clothing to San Bernardino City Unified School District students in need to ensure they have what they need to attend school with pride. Visit here to learn more.</li> </ul>
	If any of the above announcements have been inaccurately recorded in any way, please let us know so we can make corrections.
Prize Winners!!!	Winners of the two \$15 Amazon cards!
	Congratulations and thank you for playing along.
	Elizabeth Sneed-Berrie – Black Infant Health     Olivia Doyle – Tri-County Dental Society  (No government funds are used to purchase prizes.)