



## Public Health Local Oral Health Program

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## Advisory Committee - NOTES December 2, 2025 – 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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

<b>Meeting Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy Update from Children Now</li> <li>• Results of the Oral Health Strategic Planning Retreat – Oct 22</li> <li>• Review process for reviewing draft goals and strategies</li> <li>• Determine charge of task force groups</li> <li>• Next Steps / Upcoming</li> <li>• Partner Updates and Announcements</li> </ul>
<b>We Remember December 2, 2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Today we honor and remember the lives taken from us 10 years ago on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. Each name we read is a reminder of someone deeply loved and forever in our hearts.</li> <li>• You can view the We Remember December 2, 2015 video, by clicking this link <a href="#">We Remember December 2, 2015</a></li> </ul>
<b>Children Now Policy Updates</b>	<p>Eileen Espejo, Senior Managing Director, Health – Children Now <a href="mailto:eespejo@ChildrenNow.org">eespejo@ChildrenNow.org</a></p> <p>See Children Now website: click this link <a href="#">Home - Children Now</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presented the Impact &amp; Outlook of Federal &amp; State Policies on Oral Health – Starting July 1, 2026, dental benefits will no longer be provided to adult Medi-Cal members who do not have satisfactory immigration status. To learn more about the upcoming 2026 changes, see the resources provided below.</li> <li>• Medi-Cal changes, click this link: <a href="https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Medi-Cal/Pages/changes.aspx">https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Medi-Cal/Pages/changes.aspx</a></li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Consumer Alliance provides free and confidential assistance for Medi-Cal members who have questions about their eligibility or benefits. Click this link <a href="https://healthconsumer.org/">https://healthconsumer.org/</a></li> <li>• For information about the 2025-109 Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment audit, click this link <a href="https://www.auditor.ca.gov/reports-coming-soon/2025-109/">https://www.auditor.ca.gov/reports-coming-soon/2025-109/</a></li> <li>• FAQ for Medi-Cal Community Health Worker (CHW) Services - Clinics, click this link <a href="https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/CHW-Clinics-FAQ.aspx">https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/CHW-Clinics-FAQ.aspx</a></li> <li>• Medi-Cal Learning Portal, click this link <a href="https://learn.medi-cal.ca.gov/">https://learn.medi-cal.ca.gov/</a></li> </ul>
<b>Oral Health Strategic Planning Retreat Results &amp; Task Force Groups</b>	<p>Presentation and Facilitated Discussion by Dr. Amanzadeh and Mayte Cruz.</p> <p>The retreat was a wonderful day of coming together, sharing, networking, and new ideas! It was the first time in quite a while that we had over 50 partners in one room, sharing about oral health challenges and opportunities. We are putting together some pictures to share with everyone. Stay tuned!</p> <p>Retreat Debrief: Evaluation Results, and Draft Goals &amp; Strategies – Thank you to all who attended and completed the retreat evaluation. Overall attendee feedback was very positive.</p> <p>See document, attached, containing the draft goals and strategies that will be further developed in Task Force Workgroups.</p> <p>Task Force Workgroups: Please let us know by Jan 5<sup>th</sup> if you or anyone you know would like to join any of the following task force workgroups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Access to Oral Health Services:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. School-Based Oral Health Services</li> <li>b. Improving Provider Network and Care Coordination</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Integration of Oral Health into Pediatric Care</li> <li>3. Prenatal Oral Health</li> <li>4. Oral Health Awareness and Education</li> </ol> <p>~ Evaluation, Coordination &amp; Sustainability (crosscutting in all task force groups)</p> <p>Please keep an eye out for an email containing a Doodle poll link where you can indicate your availability for the task force virtual sessions.</p>

<b>Next Steps / Upcoming</b>	<b>Future meetings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>January 2026</b> Draft Task Force Workgroup Dates: 1/13, 15, 20, 22, 27, and 29</li> <li>• <b>2/17/26</b> Regional School Workgroup, 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM @ Riverside County</li> <li>• <b>2/24/26</b> Smile SBC Advisory Meeting, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM (in-person)</li> <li>• <b>4/21/26</b> Advisory Meeting – 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM (virtual)</li> <li>• <b>7/21/26</b> Advisory Meeting – 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM (in-person)</li> </ul> <p>Stay tuned for calendar invites, agendas and additional details.</p>
<b>Partner Updates &amp; Announcements</b>	<p><b>Roz Saedi - Director of Oral Health Outreach at Big Smiles:</b> Big Smiles has hired a lobbying firm to keep Proposition 56 supplemental payments specifically for children. For more information reach out to Big Smiles, Roz Saedi - <a href="mailto:rsaedi@mobiledentists.com">rsaedi@mobiledentists.com</a></p> <p><b>Sang Leng Trieu - California School-Based Health Alliance:</b> Last Quarterly Inland Empire School Health Coalition Meeting, Thursday 12/4/25 at Valverde, if anyone interested in joining, email Sang by clicking this link <a href="mailto:slengtrieu@schoolhealthcenters.org">slengtrieu@schoolhealthcenters.org</a> . California School Health &amp; Behavioral Health Conference 2026 - The deadline for the abstract submission was extended to 12/12/25. Please click this link <a href="https://www.cvent.com/c/abstracts/d6f97047-8670-49e1-94a0-eacf6e13144f">https://www.cvent.com/c/abstracts/d6f97047-8670-49e1-94a0-eacf6e13144f</a></p> <p><b>Kia Hines – Maternal Health Network:</b> Perinatal Loss Survey is now active and open to residents within Riverside and San Bernardino Counties who have experienced perinatal loss since October 2021. Flyer and resource guide are available. A \$50 gift card is provided upon completion of survey. Please help us share the survey, click this link <a href="#">Online Survey Software   Qualtrics Survey Solutions</a> For more information, Email: <a href="mailto:mhn@diversityuplifts.org">mhn@diversityuplifts.org</a></p>
<b>Meeting Evaluation Survey</b>	<p>If you did not complete an evaluation survey directly after the meeting. Please take a moment to complete the survey by clicking this link: <a href="https://dphsbcounty.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1OnImnjBDzXVlqK">https://dphsbcounty.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1OnImnjBDzXVlqK</a> or by scanning this QR code.</p>  <p>We value your feedback! Survey will close on 12/17/25.</p>
<p>If you have questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact us at <a href="mailto:info@SmileSBC.org">info@SmileSBC.org</a> or <a href="https://SmileSBC.org">https://SmileSBC.org</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THANK YOU</b> <b>to those who were able to attend this meeting!!!</b></p>	