



Eau Claire Healthy Communities Action Team Meeting

Oral Health Promotion

Thursday May 24, 2018

Eau Claire City-County Health Department Room G302

7:30am-9:00am

Present: TJ Atkins, Katie Pospishill, Sarah Pedersen, Tina Rush, Savannah Bergman, Tammy Rader, and Carol Newton

1. Introductions and Announcements:

2. Approval of April 26th, 2018 minutes:

3. Update

- a. Wisconsin Oral Health Coalition Conference @ Wilderness in the Dells
 - i. Savannah is registered to go. Sarah has signed up now as well.
- b. Opioid event survey results (Sarah D-P)

4. Recap from Inter-professional Event

- a. Share Dental Referral List
 - i. Need to have a list without a pregnant woman on it for the Amish
 - ii. Put all the Family Health Center with the different locations on it as well.
 - iii. Correct the second bullet spacing.
 - iv. Add fluoride supplement options: fluoride mouth rinse every day
 - v. Complete thought for with "routine dental evaluations ARE safe..."
 - vi. If able, edit the text on the right of pregnant woman to be clearer and in the same font.
 - vii. Bullet for Drink fluoridated tap water every day, add "where available"
 - viii. Push the referrals to the back of page and elongate the data on the front and then note "please schedule your appointment with a provider listed on the back (with an arrow on to go to the back)"
 - ix. 7 referrals for list from local dental association meeting/study club
 - 1. Recommend editing the list to ask if DDS accepts Badgercare and if they are accepting "new" Badgercare patients – Debbie will have students complete these calls and update the referral list
 - 2. Mennonite Dental Clinic in Thorp - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mennonite-Dental-Clinic/121626057893869> - Tammy asked about requesting to add this clinic to the list as they accept all insurances/self-pay
- b. **CVTC Meeting table to next meeting**
 - i. Educational video/PowerPoint for staff to use to help with patient questions (possible CE)
 - ii. Video or presentation for couples in maternity classes

5. Community Water Fluoridation Training Recap- (Savannah)

- a. There were representatives, Steve Slot and Johnny Johnson, from the Fluorination Society who came and presented on the topic. Steve did a presentation on how defend the use of fluorination. He shared that there is no medical evidence against it and if one presents this chances are they have made it up. He shared in another country they have fluorinated milk. He also noted Mexico has fluorinated salt. They also shared fluorinated supplements have a 30% success rate due to lack of transportation to get to the provider, access to the prescription and remembering to get it. Severe fluorosis will never been from community water systems as it is too small to make an impact.
- b. They also presented on words not to use when talking with people include words such as injection points, risk as it would be an assumption, chemicals- because people think it is man-made, or intervention, which implies the government is doing it. He also states not to use the word citizen, but to use resident instead as it implies a form of community.
- c. Savannah also reports they did a mock fluorination argument and participates learned how to defend the pros of using fluorination.
- d. They have a fluorination book, which Savannah has available to us.

6. Sharing of other oral health topics of interest

- a. Tina went to the legislative event and felt oral health really was encompassed in a number of the new health priorities that were shared.
- b. Amish Dental Clinic- Tammy looking for dentist to do preventative and tooth removals. Brainstormed either Carol could do the preventive care, but would need a dentist or Free Clinic?
- c. Discussion on adding more people to the team. Northlakes staff? Have we sent an invite to dentist on the referral sheet? Nurse from Mayo or an educator from Mayo? Tammy checking on dentist at the Mennonite Dental Clinic. Hygienist at the free clinic?

7. Next meeting: Thursday, June 28th from 7:30-9am

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