Oral Health Program Long Beach – Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2019 (12 -2 pm)
Long Beach Dept. of Health & Human Services
2525 Grand Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815

Attendees:

Campos, Damaris - LBDHHS MCO
Carbajal, Lucy - Long Beach USD
Cardenas, Veronica - LBDHHS Nursing
Cortez, Santos – Harbor Dental Society
Hartlaub, Alyssa - LBDHHS CLPPP
Ly, Antony – LBDHHS MCO
Perezchica, Mercedes – LBDHHS Nursing
Petrillo, Jean – Children's Dental Health Clinic
Quinteros, Jorge - Western Dental
Riano, Nancy - LBDHHS Nursing
Sanchez, Maria - LBDHHS OHP
Smith, Leslie - McCormick LA
Smolen, Michael – Harbor Dental Society
Tello, Eipryl – LBDHHS Tobacco
Temple, Susan – LBUSD
Thompson, Jason – LBDHHS
VanderLaan, Marie – LBDHHS CHDP

	Discussion	Action items
Call to Order	Maria Sanchez called the meeting to order at 12:10. Welcome and introductions.	
Approval of the Minutes	The group reviewed the November 5 meeting minutes. Minutes were approved**.** The group went over Mission statement, Dr. Cortez shared his wording of the Mission statement	
Workgroup Update	**Dr. Santos Cortez –** Reviewed the workgroup's progress to collect and measure data regarding dental accessability in the Long Beach area. The aim is to keep the questions simple; collect data from providers, sources who might have data already, collective stakeholders. The workgroup discussed surveys and methods of collecting the data.	**The workgroup is meeting again on 12-2 p.m. January 28 at the LBDHHS.**

Key Informant Interviews	**Leslie Smith** – The Advisory members present, completed the survey created by Anthony, Maria, and Nancy, then discussed their answers in small groups, then shared with the whole group. Comments include: - Missing from the questions were inquiries about tobacco education and prevention; - Oral care needs to start at the age of 12 months and at a pediatric dentist; - Pediatricians and/or obstetricians need to recommend early visits to the families they see; - At-risk population and seniors are not covered for dental visits; Barriers to dental care (question 16): - Denti-cal unreliable coverage; - Medi-cal – covers minimal cleanings - State insurance pays 38¢ on the dollar to a dental office; office has to make up the income loss with other patients. Actions for the local level (question 19): - OHLB needs to carry on through the Health Department as an initiative beyond the current 5-year scope as a champion of the cause other than dental health providers. - Smile Bright oral health education program could be resurrected; - Orange County has "Smile Line OC" that is a central point of contact for oral health information; - LAUSD offers oral ed to older kids; - Work with The Children's Clinic to promote oral health. Other issues of concerns (question 22): - Tobacco; - Fluoridated water.	Maria and Jason to compile answered surveys.

	Additional comments from the small groups were recorded. Those comments were collected and compiled and include the following concerns not already captured above: - Access to dental care is hard for low income families; - Don't know where to go; - Incidents of tooth decay (carries) has not decreased; - Parents allow their children to have sugar; - Fear of the dentist – arises when the first visit to the dentist is because of pain/problem; - * *If we could only do one thing → incentivize parents to take their children to the dentist at age 1;* - Classroom demonstrations every year; - There is a cultural barrier for oral health for people who come from countries where they can't drink the water; - Targeted populations: homeless, seniors; children have a safety net but the system is overwhelmed (low income, North Long Beach, for example); children will get services at some point but not adults; - Best ways to reach 0-5 children: o Parks & recreation o Day care o Oral Health assessment through LBUSD o Faith organizations o Required exam at Head Start o OBGYN o Pediatricians o "Promoters" – the concept of community health workers can train trainers for broader coverage – can be implemented through learning pathways like AIMS at Jordan High School and at McBride. o Does LBUSD have a Children's Dental Health Coordinator? Need an influential person to engage stakeholders.	

Wrap Up/Next Steps	- Workgroup will meet again and report back - Key informant data will be shared at the next meeting. **Next Meeting:** Work Group meeting 1/28/19 from 12-2pm Advisory Committee meets on 2/4/2019 and 3/4/19 at 12-2pm,	Maria Sanchez
Announcements	- Maria will be in Sacramento at the Oral Health conference on January 16, 2019; - February is Oral Health Month - Maria will be conducting community outreach visits to Young Horizons, Head Start, LBUSD kindergarten classrooms, and supplying dental kits to each child. (Jorge Quinteros also reaches out with Young Horizons and can help Maria.) - There is an Early Child Education festival "Day of the Child" at CSULB with 800 people where OHLB can have a booth/table – April 27, 2019 - Other possibilities include: more classrooms, come providers, WIC	
Closing	Group adjourned at 1:50pm	