Oral Health Program Long Beach – Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2019 (12 -2 pm)
Long Beach Dept. of Health & Human Services
2525 Grand Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815

Attendees:

Acosta, Jenny – Head Start
Boatwright, Christina – Early Childhood
Campos, Damaris - LBDHHS MCO
Cardenas, Veronica - LBDHHS Nursing
Cortez, Santos – Harbor Dental Society
Ly, Anthony – LBDHHS MCO
Petrillo, Jean – Children's Dental Health Clinic
Riano, Nancy - LBDHHS Nursing
Sanchez, Maria - LBDHHS OHP
Smith, Leslie - McCormick LA
Smolen, Michael – Harbor Dental Society
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 February 4 meeting minutes. Minutes were accepted without changes.	
Update from Workgroup	Dr. Cortez updated the steering committee on the Workgroup's accomplishments. - The assessments are all completed and going out to the target populations - The provider survey is particularly good and he thinks Maria Sanchez could share it with the coordinators from other oral health jurisdictions. - The surveys for parents and pregnant women are being translated - The Provider survey needs to be in Survey Monkey - The Workgroup is aiming for a 95% confident level and a margin of error of 5% or 8% depending on how many surveys we are able to collect. Maria reported that some surveys have already started to be administered: - 80 from the homeless population - Approximately 80 older adults 65+ - Soon the surveys will go to WIC and BIH (Black Infant Health program)	

School Presentations	Maria Sanchez reported that she has completed visits to more than 60 classrooms, reaching over 1300 students. More appointments are being scheduled. Dr. Cortez emphasized that LBUSD Superintendent Chris Steinhauser should be aware of this activity. It was also noted that in the LBUSD report of required dental assessments that only about half of the kindergarten or first grade students (the entry grade) had turned in a dental assessment.	Susan Temple will pass along the information to reach Steinhauser.

Determine what progress and success of the program looks like	Leslie shared a logic model layout that the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) with short-term, mid-term, and long-term outcomes that work toward our vision of ORAL HEALTH FOR ALL.
	Leslie facilitated a group discussion to gather the following information.
	What are our benchmarks for oral health (where we are starting):
	- Number of hospital admissions for dental infections
	- Number of days missed by school children due to dental pain
	  o California and National data exists: 51 million hours missed nationwide (in 2006)
	  o LBUSD does not currently keep data like that.
	  o *We ask on the parents' survey (one completed for each child) that can become the benchmark*.
	Do we have the infrastructure to serve the entire targeted Long Beach population?
	- We have enough providers with one dentist per 2,679 people.
	  o Provide/serve Medi-Cal (+60% of the population are Medi-Cal eligible) 33% of adults
	  o LB Children's Dental Health Clinic serves 8,000 patients per year. There is a wait for "no-fee-to-parent": O.R. wait is one year, I.V. Sedation is eight months.
	- Schools can be locations for service delivery (age 6 sealant program, etc.); SB 111 from 1979 needs funding to resurrect this program.
	- Increase use of school assessment form.
	How can we prevent oral health problems in the short-, mid-, and long-term? Short-term …
	- Education
		Note: to collect some of the data may require changes within various systems.
		→ Influence Head Start and LBUSD to ask and keep data related to missed school days due to dental pain/problems
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	o via school visits o 0-5 intervention (First 5 grant with LB Children's Dental Health Clinic) o Welcome Baby home visitation program o Share with or present to Best Start Central Long Beach and other similar programs o Education in packet for new mothers when they leave the hospital after delivery (First 5 LA new mother kit includes oral health information currently) o Pregnant women o Parks & Recreation mommy and me classes (if exist) - Head Start to reach parents and communicate Age 1 visit - Increase dental screenings - Age 6 sealant program - EVERY CHILD VISITS THE DENTIST AT AGE 1! - WIC (five sites in Long Beach with 17,000 enrollment) - Schools ELAC, PTO/PTA, School Site Councils - Include literature at birth certificate issue site (LBDHHS) - Visit from someone with oral health info in the hospital **Mid- and Long-term …** - Awareness campaigns o Billboard o Electronic billboard o Influence First 5 focus from Talk-Read-Sing to oral health o Local TV/PADNET o Transit wraps/inside bus signage/geo tags o Partner websites—LBUSD o Develop creative (logo, tagline, etc.) o City Council members' enewsletters - Advocacy efforts for sealant funding o LB Stakeholders, leaders, FQHC	

	- Watch initiatives and legislation–current soda bills AB 765, 766 that address soda portions and shelf space.
	- Add ongoing assessments
	  o at age 3 and 5.
	  o Add a dental assessment requirement to existing 5 year old TDAP requirement.
	  o Seek support for this.
	  o Administer through satellite dental clinics
	- Advocate for periodic oral health assessment every 5-10 years statewide
	  o Leverage advocacy assistance through Harbor Dental Society, CDA, and Dental Hygienists Association.
	- Reach Veterans – General Practice Residency (GPR) & Periodontics
	- Coordinate with related programs in the LBDHHS:
	  o tobacco cessation/tobacco use program
	  o Rethink your Drink – Healthy Active Long Beach (HALB)
	  o Fatherhood programs
	  o Pediatric assessments to gain year one visits and assign dental homes (38 pediatric providers)
	  o Provider partners
	  ▪ Healthnet
	  ▪ LA Care (Blue Shield promise)
	  ▪ Family Resource Center coming to north LB	

Ideal Program or our BIG, HAIRY, AUDACIOUS GOAL (BHAG) ~VISION~	*If we were really going to create a program in Long Beach with a robust program that addressed all the issues, this is what we would advocate for:* - *Money children's sealants* - *Dentists would be covered to use SDF (silver dimine fluoride)* - *Funding staff positions like Maria Sanchez's with a dedicated director to the program under the purview of LBDHHS* - *Fully funded dental health clinic/program* - *All parents are aware of the program because we have plenty of funding for education and awareness.*	
Announcements	CDA Cares has been confirmed in Long Beach for July 17 & 18, 2020 at the LB Convention Center.	

Closing	Group adjourned at 1:55 pm	