

WA State Department of Health Oral Health Program

Final Report for Follow-Up Activities to CSHCN State/Territorial Oral Health Forums Dec 2008

Background

In 2006, the first ASTDD mini-grant allowed Washington State to host a successful statewide forum with 50 senior managers from 32 organizations. At that time an action plan was developed collaboratively.¹ One of the recommendations of the forum was to reconvene in a couple of years to discuss progress of implementation of the action plan.

Forum Outcomes

The 2008 ASTDD follow-up mini grant allowed us to have two follow-up forums on Aug 1 (Sea-Tac) and Aug 15 (Moses Lake). A meeting agenda is attached. This time, the forums were done in both sides of the state to allow more ample communication, and the attendees were more from local public health and private sectors, i.e., frontline workers. At these events, a few representatives from other special populations (HIV/AIDS and seniors) were invited to learn from our experience with children with special health care needs. The total number of attendees was around 130 on Aug 1 and 60 on Aug 15. A follow up on the previously developed action plan was done (Please see attached report on collective recommendations).

Several of these forum participants became members of the ongoing WA State Oral Health and CSHCN listserv, and have recently received a draft of the collective recommendations that derived from the 2006 and 2008 forums. Participants are now being asked to refine this document with more specific strategies. Once their input is obtained, the document will be submitted for approval to the Department of Health, and then disseminated to the public, health professionals, public and private sectors, and policy makers.

Budget

The budget was used to partially pay for the room rental and equipment for the two regional forums. The Sea-Tac forum was a much more expensive experience (total \$5,000) while the Moses Lake forum was more affordable (\$1,500). The funds of a federal grant were also used to pay part of these expenses.

Please refer to attached documents for more information.

¹ Available at the ASTDD website: <http://www.astdd.org/docs/WAStateDOHActionPlanonOHCSHCNrevised.pdf>