

## Components and Characteristics of the Oral Health Environment–FSM/Yap State (2019)

Components of Oral Health Environment	Strengths	Weaknesses/Challenges/Gaps	Opportunities
<p><b>Oral health needs/demands &amp; how measured</b>                      Example: DMFT, Basic Screening Survey; waiting lists for non-urgent care, including citing some available data, e.g., XX# of DMFT for 8-9 year olds.</p>	<p><b>Reported Data:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30% of children 1-5 years receive fluoride varnish every three months</li> <li>• 40% of children grades 1-7 receive an oral exam and sealants on all permanent molars and premolars.</li> </ul>	<p><b>No standardized data collection and surveillance:</b>                      Need to adopt a standard oral health survey method to establish a baseline for the oral health status of children.</p>	<p><b>Standardized data collection system for children:</b>                      Need to explore ways to develop, maintain and effectively utilize such a system and the information generated.</p>
<p><b>Delivery sites &amp; programs</b>                      &gt;<b>Portable</b> (e.g. in schools, community centers, libraries, etc.)                      &gt;<b>CHC</b>                      &gt;<b>Hospital</b></p>	<p><b>Clinical Sites:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yap State Hospital Dental Clinic</li> <li>• CHC Dental Clinic</li> <li>• Outer Island Dispensaries</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Funding for Oral Health Program and Services, including impact of Compact status (if appropriate):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ General/local funding</li> <li>➤ Medicaid and other health insurance</li> <li>➤ Patient fees &amp; copays, by age-group, e.g., free for</li> </ul>	<p><b>Compact Funding:</b> Covers most dental operations and staffing</p> <p><b>CHC:</b> Grant funds support CHC employees, and some equipment and supplies for the dental school program.</p> <p><b>MiCare:</b> This is FSM’s health insurance that all National and State government employees are encouraged to enroll in. In turn, MiCare sends quarterly payments</p>		

<p>young children, co-pay for prostheses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Other sources of program funding or income, e.g., grants</li> </ul>	<p>(capitation) for all services provided to enrolled individuals including dental services.</p>		
<p><b>Workforce, including types of staffing (ages/soon to retire, vacancies, etc.), onsite training and those in pipeline (e.g., at FNU)</b></p>	<p><b>Current staffing</b></p> <p><b>Yap State Hospital:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 dentist</li> <li>• 1 dental nurse</li> <li>• 3 dental assistants</li> </ul> <p><b>CHC Dental Clinic:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 EDDA</li> <li>• 1 dental assistant</li> </ul> <p><b>Outer Island Dispensaries:</b></p> <p>Only one has a dental assistant</p>	<p><b>STILL LACKING ADEQUATE WORKFORCE</b></p>	
<p><b>Policy-mandate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ HRSA:CHC dental component, MCH-NPM13; local school oral health mandate for children</li> <li>➤ Oral health care guidelines and protocols, e.g., for pregnant women, for diabetic patients, etc.</li> </ul>	<p><b>MCH Title V NPM13:</b> This is especially important because NPM 13 was chosen and the upcoming (in FY2020) five-year needs assessment will include oral health. The findings from this will form a component of the five year MCH Title V plan (FY2021-2025).</p> <p><b>Betel Nut and Tobacco Policies:</b> These laws have been in place since 2017 for all FSM states.</p>	<p><b>Betel Nut and Tobacco Policies:</b> These laws have been in place since 2017 for all FSM states. It is unclear how and the extent to which these laws are enforced.</p> <p><b>Lack of a National Dental Director:</b> Currently, although there are a national FSM Medical Director and national FSM NCD Director, there is no national FSM Dental Director.</p>	<p><b>Moving Forward:</b> Need to strategically and effectively advocate for the appointment of an FSM National Dental Director.</p>
<p><b>Partnerships-collaborations</b></p>	<p><b>Non-communicable Diseases:</b> All NCD patients attending the NCD</p>		

<p><b>with other disciplines e.g., WIC, NCD, Early Education/Head Start, including:</b>  kind of collaboration, e.g., informal, MOU, co-funding (oral health receives some funding from other programs or co-located services, like dental hygienist placed in prenatal clinic)</p>	<p>clinic for the first time, receive oral health education.</p> <p><b>MCH Perinatal Program:</b>  Every pregnant woman, on her first prenatal visit, receives dental care and health education.</p> <p><b>High Schools:</b>  Oral health promotion and education is provided in all high schools</p>		
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