

# Dental Public Health Activity Descriptive Summary

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## Georgia Oral Health Summit

Key oral health partners and stakeholders convened on August 13, 2012 to discuss current oral health efforts and develop action steps to improve access to oral health services for Georgia's most vulnerable populations.

The outcomes for the Summit were:

- Increase awareness of oral health programs, initiatives, and resources available throughout the state;
- Learn about best or promising practices that have improved access to oral health services;
- Advance public-private partnerships at the state and local levels to improve oral health in Georgia.

The 2012 summit drew more than 130 people, who had a chance to hear from national and local leaders about future needs and directions for oral health in Georgia. The day-long meeting included presentations that set the context for the work needed in oral health across the country and in Georgia.

Speakers included:

### **Welcome**

Lisa Mariani, Regional Administrator, Atlanta Regional Office, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Carol Smith, RDH, MSHA, Director, Oral Health Prevention Program for Georgia, Maternal and Child Health Program (MCH), Department of Public Health (DPH)

### **Opening Remarks**

RADM Clara H. Cobb, MSN, RN, FNP, Regional Health Administrator, Region IV, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

CAPT Renée Joskow, DDS, MPH, FAGD, Senior Advisor for Oral Health, HRSA

### **Getting Connected**

Karen Minyard, PhD, Executive Director, Georgia Health Policy Center, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University

### **Keynote Address:**

#### ***Oral Health from a National Perspective***

RADM William Bailey, DDS, MPH, Chief, Dental Officer, United States Public Health Service Acting Director, CDC Division of Oral Health

### **Georgia Oral Health Plan Highlights**

Carol Smith, RDH, MSHA, Director, Oral Health Prevention Program for Georgia, Maternal and Child Health Program (MCH), Department of Public Health (DPH)

### **Putting the Plan into Action**

Karen Minyard, PhD, Executive Director, Georgia Health Policy Center, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University

### **Georgia Oral Health Assets Map**

Jorge Bernal, MPH, Sealant/Education Consultant, Oral Health Unit, MCH Program, DPH

### **Georgia Oral Health Programs and Initiatives: Learning Stations**

Moderator: Karen Minyard, PhD

1. Georgia Statewide Area Health Education Centers Network
2. Georgia Association for Primary Health Care
3. Georgia Dental Association
4. Georgia Dental Hygiene Educators' Association/ Georgia Dental Hygienists' Association
5. Georgia Health Sciences University College of Dental Medicine
6. Maternal and Child Health, Oral Health Unit

7. Ryan White, Part B Program
8. Georgia State Office of Rural Health and Primary Care Office

**Workforce: Issues and Answers Panel** Moderator: Charles Owens

- Workforce distribution of private dental provider
  - Martha S. Phillips Executive Director, Georgia Dental Association
- Medicaid Reimbursement
  - Debra Smith, DMD, District Dental Director, South Central Health District, DPH
  - Dwayne L. Turner, DDS, MBA, Director Dental Health Services, DeKalb County Board of Health, DPH
- Recruiting/Retaining Safety Net Providers
  - Denise Kornegay, MSW
- Expanding GA Dental Externships and Residency Programs
  - Carole M. Hanes, DMD

**Innovative Practices Panel** Moderator: Denise Kornegay, MSW

- Oral Health Literacy
  - Linda S. Orgain, MPH, Health Communications Specialist, Division of Oral Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, CDC
- Sustainable Practices in Dental Public Health
  - Michele Blackwell, Director of Client Services DentaQuest
- Regional Partnerships for Improving Oral Health
  - Eric Stockton, Health Program Manager, Appalachian Regional Commission

**Technical vs. Adaptive Challenges** Karen Minyard, PhD

**Putting It All Together** Karen Minyard, PhD

**Responding to the Call -- Moving to Action**

The day also included opportunities for participants to ask questions and offer feedback about the new state oral health plan. Summaries of speakers' presentations, the draft state oral health plan and priorities selected by summit attendees, and notes from facilitated discussions held throughout the day were available on the website for review for three months.

<http://www.blsmmeetings.net/GAOralHealth/index.cfm>

**Lessons Learned:**

Planning and facilitation of large scale meetings like the Summit take tremendous resources and time.

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