

COC meeting Agenda
July 23, 2014

- **Welcome and Intros** –there were 47 people in attendance.
- **Maryland CYSHCN and Oral Health- What Do the Data Say?** Meredith shared a powerpoint presentation (posted on website) about state and national data around oral health for Maryland's CYSHCN. Discussion followed and the following are some suggestions that evolved from the discussion:
 - Link oral health assessments to medical evaluations for school
 - More collaboration in general between medical and dental professionals
 - Partnering with FQHCs and other community "clinics" to provide dental care at the doctor's office
 - We need to fund case management for dental offices who see CYSHCN
- **New Partnerships** – Dr. Norm Tinanoff shared information in a powerpoint about oral health and Maryland CYSHCN. The University of Maryland School of Dentistry has a special needs clinic and he shared information about that as well. He highlighted some of the issues related to CYSHCN and oral health including:
 - not being able to provide providers willing to take on their child's special needs
 - providers not taking Medicaid
 - Medicaid or insurance not covering necessary treatment
 - CYSHCN have greater oral health needs and many need sedation or operating rooms for treatment
 - Feedback from CoC members in response to the presentation:
 - If we do have an Advisory Board for a project to improve the oral health system of care for children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) in MD, we should include CYSHCN family representatives and a Maryland Medicaid representative.
 - Consider specialty clinics in rural areas of the state.
 - Specialty clinics are a good idea, but only as a stop-gap measure. There needs to be a real focus on building capacity for caring for CYSHCN dental needs at the local level.
 - Incorporate/plan for prevention, including reaching out to local Special Education Citizens Advisory Committees (SECACs)
 - Bring pediatricians and dentists together for educational events; MDAAP did this in Spring 2014 and it was successful, gives them an opportunity to learn together and collaborate
 - An idea for legislation would be to reimburse dental providers for longer chair/visit times for CYSHCN –EPSDT will cover longer dental visits for CYSHCN, not sure if Maryland EPSDT is doing this
 - What about a focus on parent education/awareness – giving simple tips and reminders, tricks, strategies for oral health care at home? Judy Gaston from Office of Oral Health had a lot of ideas/suggestions/tools on how to do this.
 - Consider a public awareness campaign that includes both medical and social aspects.
 - What about including programs that build special needs awareness and understanding among public health and medical students, i.e. Community Works from Maggie's Light

and/or Family as Faculty from PPMD in the University of Maryland Dental School's curriculum?

- **MDAC Update** – Dr. Tinanoff is a member of the Maryland Dental Action Coalition (MDAC) and they have been very active in advocating for legislation around improving oral health for all Maryland children.
- **Oral Health Resources** – Kelly shared a list of Oral health resources for families and providers (available on CoC website)
- **Survey**—Josie shared a few statistics about the membership of the COC then those in attendance were asked to complete our annual survey on Member Collaboration. Participants completed and turned in the survey before the end of the meeting.
- **RFP release**—Kelly shared information about the release of the 2014-15 mini-grant RFP which is due on August 29. More information can be found on the website and has been sent out to the membership.

Announcements

- **LISS Update**—Kelly shared that DDA has held firm on excluding those on Model Waiver and REM from eligibility for LISS funding. The DD Council has called another meeting of the stakeholder workgroup and recommendations will be sent to DDA very soon.
- The DD Council is asking for suggestions of inclusive childcare centers including home daycares where they might film some public service announcements, etc.
- A suggestion was made to include first responders in the CoC since they work directly with CYSHCN and families

Next Meeting will be October 22.