### **Finding Common Ground**

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### **Purpose**

- Discuss common ground between ADA and dental public health
- Provide examples of partnerships in Dallas
- Identify ways in which we can work together

#### **Disclosure**

#### **AAPHD**

- Past President, AAPHD
- Past President, American Board of Dental Public Health
- Foundation Chair, AAPHD

#### **ADA**

- Past President, Dallas County Dental Society
- Delegate, NE District, TDA House of Delegates
- Alternate Delegate, 15<sup>th</sup>
   District, ADA House of Delegates

### **Thesis**

- ADA
- AAPHD
- ASTDD
- ADHA
- HDA
- NDA

**Organized Dentistry** 

$$1 + 1 + 1 = 5$$

#### Mission

#### **ADA**

Committed to public's oral health, ethics, science and professional advancement; leading a unified profession through initiatives in advocacy, education, research and the development of standards.

#### **AAPHD**

Committed to promotion of effective efforts in disease prevention, health promotion and service delivery; education of the public, health professionals and decisionmakers regarding the importance of oral health to total well-being; and expansion of the knowledge base of dental public health and fostering competency in its practice.

### Strategies & Issues

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#### **ADA**

- Dentist membership base
- Patient focus
  - Private practice solutions
  - Individual needs
- Access to care
  - Advocacy IHS, VA, FQHCs
- Prevention
- Perception
  - Advocate for private practicing dental community

#### **AAPHD**

- Dental public health base
- Patient focus
  - Public health patients
  - Population needs
- Access to care
  - Advocacy for underserved
- Prevention
- Perception
  - Advocate for underserved population and dental public health issues

#### **BCD/DCDS Seal Mobile**

## Grant to Baylor College of Dentistry

- Dental students provide sealants to 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in DISD
- DCDS members volunteer as attending faculty
- DCDS members
   advocated for the program
   to granting agency
- Program ongoing, run solely by BCD



## Making Dallas Smile Mobile Van





- \$300,000 grant to the DCDS
- 2 operatory van + xray unit
- DCDS volunteers to provide comprehensive dental care
- Underserved patients treated at no charge

## Making Dallas Smile Mobile Van

- Dental public health program run by local dental society
- Staffing issues
- Volunteer issues
- Scheduling issues



## Making Dallas Smile Mobile Van





- Lessons learned
  - DCDS did not have the core competency to run a mobile dental van
- Community Dental Care
  - Van given to CDC to operate
  - DCDS provides grant to
     CDC for operating van

#### **Observations from the HOD**

- TDA and ADA issues are public health issues
- Dental public health community has much to contribute to discussions within state and national delegations
- Why are oral surgeons overrepresented in the ADA House of Delegates and public health dentists underrepresented?

# "All politics are local, including dental politics."

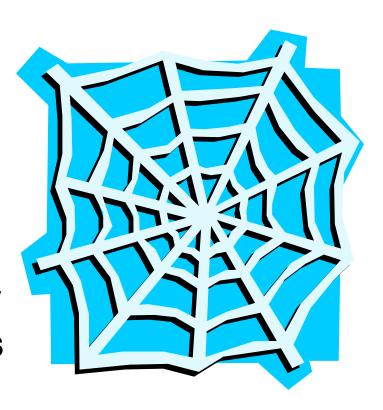
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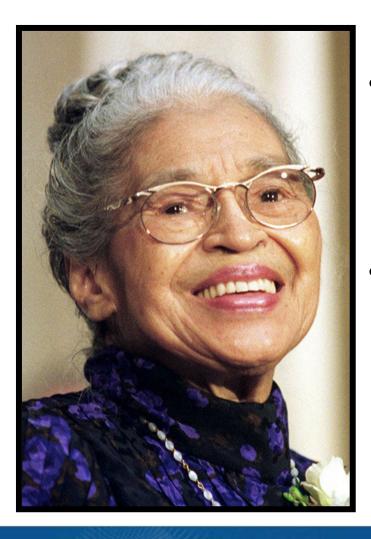
- Membership based voluntary organizations (including AAPHD/ASTDD) are always looking for good workers.
- Recognize the cultural differences between organizations and respect them.
- Volunteer for a job and do it well.
- Don't be afraid to start at the bottom and work your way up!

#### **Think Networks**

- How can you contribute your skills to your local dental society?
- How can you expand your network to include your local dental society (remember those access to care and prevention missions)?



#### Conclusion



- What one action can you take to support your local dental society?
- What one activity can you invite your local dental society to participate in with you?