

Encouraging Collaboration: Public/Private Engagement to Enhance the Dental Public Health Infrastructure

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ADA Governance

The House of Delegates, as the legislative and governing body, is the supreme authority in the American Dental Association.

The Board of Trustees is the managing body of the Association, vested with the power to conduct all business of the Association.

There are 11 ADA councils with most composed of one member from each of the 17 trustee districts of the Association.

CAPIR's Mission

The Council on Access, Prevention and Interprofessional Relations (**CAPIR**) is the primary agency dedicated to providing leadership, vision, and coordination of the ADA's activities to:

- advance oral health care within the health delivery system
- promote prevention as the cornerstone of oral health
- improve access to oral health services for underserved populations

A new way of being...

Collaboration and Convening

CAPIR's Method for Engagement & Dialogue

Convening

- American Indian/Alaska Native Oral Health Summit (2007)
- Symposia on Early Childhood Caries in Native American Children (2009, 2010)
- Give Kids a Smile Promising Practices Symposia (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010)
- Medicaid Symposia (2009, 2010)

The ADA Strategic Plan (2011 – 2014)

Implementing Strategic Goal 3: CAPIR's Approach

Improve public health outcomes through a strong collaborative profession; including effective collaboration across the spectrum of stakeholders outside of dentistry

Introduction to the Strategic Plan

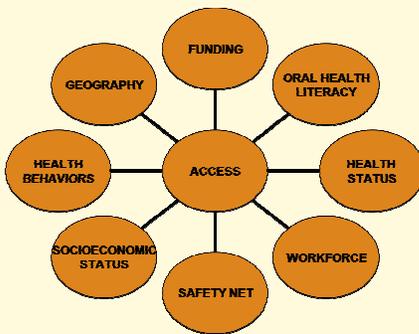
Here's what the plan says:

"...the Association's decisions are informed by listening to the public, to devoted practitioners, and to the various communities of interest which serve, support or impact the health care environment and delivery of oral care."

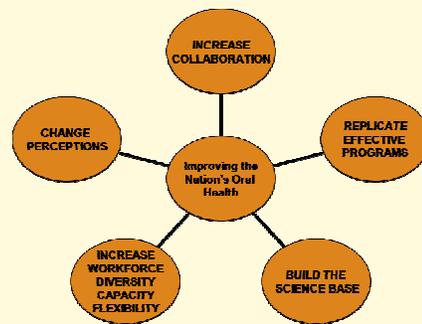
Collaboration has always been about:

- § understanding others,
- § educating outside groups about our positions,
- § correcting any misconceptions about our positions,
- § developing trust,
- § working with others in areas of common ground,
- § having input in decisions made outside our organization, and
- § taking an honest look at our own beliefs.

Access - Determinants



Solutions



Public Private Partnerships

Access to Dental Care Summit

- § Convening, not leading...
- § Acknowledging differences among diverse groups
- § Focusing on *common ground*

U.S. National Oral Health Alliance

- § A sustainable infrastructure for coordination and communication
- § Continued focus on *common ground* through an emphasis on building trust and transparency
- § Demonstrable result of the Access Summit

Resolution 39: Adopted by the 2010 HOD

Resolved, that the ADA, in order to anticipate and respect diverse values, beliefs, and cultures, incorporate a variety of approaches for volunteers and staff to routinely engage and collaborate with those organizations that impact the health care environment and delivery of oral health care, *and be it further*

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Resolved, that the ADA through its volunteer leaders, agencies, and staff engage in dialogue, and where appropriate collaboration and affiliation with other organizations that impact the health care environment and delivery of oral health care, so as to maintain the core values of the profession and the public's trust in the ADA's effectiveness as the nation's leading advocate for oral health...

Public Private Partnerships

Ambassadors for Public Health

- § Think person to person
- § Adopt a "private practitioner"
- § Share experiences and build trust

Being invited to speak today

- § Why me?
- § Thank You
- § The ADA wants to be part of the solution

Next Steps

- Define what success looks like!
- Continue to collaborate and convene
- Continue to find *common ground*
- Agree to disagree and move on
- Become ambassadors
- Key: Build relationships and trust
 - § Working together
 - § Sharing our stories & experiences

Thank You!

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