Midlands Dental Initiative

Palmetto Health Office of Community Health

Palmetto Health

- * Mission: Palmetto Health is committed to improving the physical, emotional and spiritual health of all individuals and communities we serve; to providing care with excellence and compassion; and, to working with others who share our fundamental commitment to improving the human condition.
- Vision: To be remembered by each patient as providing the care and compassion we want for our families and ourselves

Diagnosing the Problem

* March 2010 - Medicaid cuts adult dental services

* August 2011 - SC Mission 2011

* Increase in dental visits to ED

- 41% from 2010 2011
- Average cost per visit \$742.00



Response

* Midlands Dental Initiative

- Began July 2012
- Partnering with South Carolina Dental Association
- 20 dental partners (incl. an oral surgeon)
 - At least 5 per month
 - Many exceeded expectations
- Extractions to relieve emergency pain
 - Some fillings
- Goal of being seen within 48 hours

Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA)

†2013

- Access to Care
- Diabetes
- Dental

- *****2016
 - Access to Care
 - Obesity
 - Hypertension

NOTE: We believe because of the community response, dental did not show up on the 2016 CHNA

Partnering Dental Providers

†20 Partnering Dentists

* Dr. Noble Cooper Jr., DDS, PA Stockton Family Dentistry ***** A Brighter Smile Northeast Family Dentistry Forest Drive Dental Feau Claire Cooperative Dental Kids First Dental Immediate Dental Group Miller Family Dentistry West Columbia Family Dentistry Pr. Edgar Peacock Jr., DDS

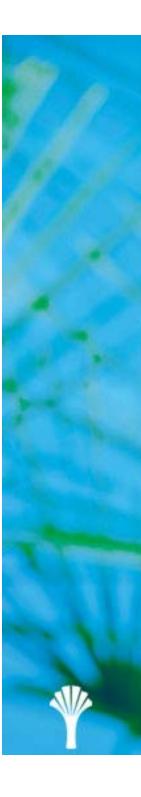
Results

*From 07/01/2012 – 02/01/2016

- 3,818 patients served
- 6,142 visits provided
- 6,348 extractions (331 fillings)
- \$206.00 average cost per visit

Reduction in ED utilization

36% reduction in visits per facility



Communities' Response Palmetto Health Providence Hospital Competitors *Lexington Medical Center United Way of the Midlands Grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield In Kind Facility – Richland County Council

Well Partners

- Dental (5days a week, with fulltime dentists
- Eye Care (Partnership with Optometric Association

