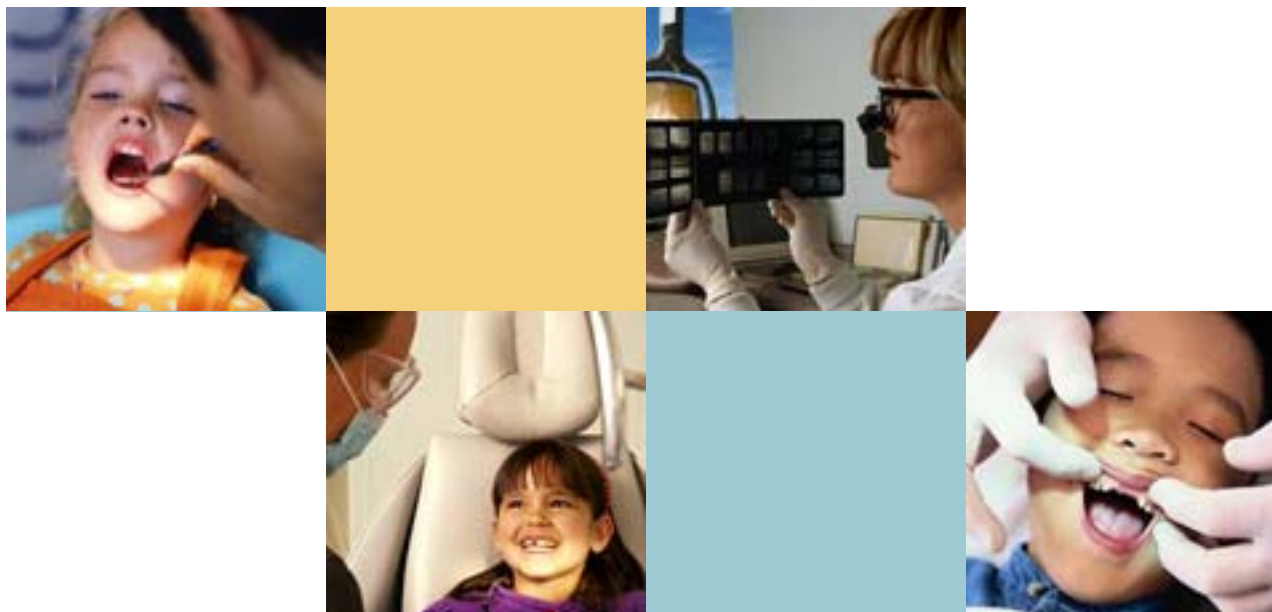


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Tributaries for Local Dental Programs: A New Resource for Planning,
Practices and Partners “A Local Dental Director’s Perspective”



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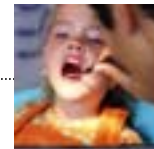
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Agenda – 10 minutes

1. Overview of Philadelphia's Dental Division
2. Framework and Guidelines from a local perspective
3. Recommendations for consideration
4. Closing remarks



Local Programs

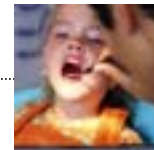
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Goal

Improve the oral health status of the community by providing leadership and expertise to the different programs, and by implementing, supporting, and evaluating preventive and oral health care programs.

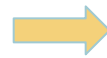
Facilities: Seven (7) dental clinics

Patient population: 25K, Low and upper low* SES



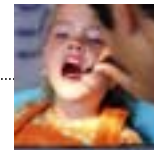
Scope of Services

- Preventive
- Restorative
- Oral Surgery (Limited)
- Emergency
- School-based clinic/outreach



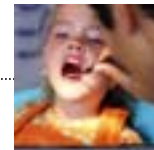
• Ryan White Program

HIV/AIDS Patients



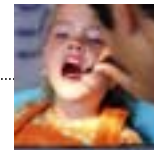
Framework and Guidelines

- Growth of community dental clinics-37 in PA alone.
- Baseline for the planning, policy development and assurance of community oral health programs.
- “Starting point” for a new program/director
- Communicates-What is Dental Public Health?
- Discussion of Essential Public Health Services and Functions – What/how
- Alignment with Healthy People 2010, NACCHO, ASTDD Best Practices, AACDP, and other national public health initiatives



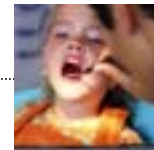
Framework and Guidelines

- Provides examples of the different community health programs in different states.
- Discusses the public health standards for local and state public health systems and provides a planning instrument.
- Describes Dental Public Health Competencies-Guideline for professionals.
- Assessment of workforce needs in a public health setting.



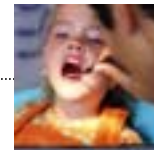
Recommendations

- Provide an understanding of the scope of dentistry, the role of public health dentistry and the links to general health. What points of views should be at the table?
- Describe the differences between dental and medical services delivery.
- Overview of various funding/reimbursement structures for various community/government dental programs (i.e.: 330 vs. look-alikes).
- Describe what constitutes a good dental public health program and which services the public should expect based on the type of dental program.



Recommendations

- Explain the value and high return on investment of dental clinical management systems and technology to local health officers. Timely data and financial information is essential for planning delivery of dental health services.
- Describe the various dental organizations and their mission-possible partners in advancing PHD
- **WORKFORCE**
 - Lack of diversity and interest-i.e.: PA workforce
 - Geographic Distribution/Dental HPSA's
 - Cultural and social awareness/language
 - Market conditions-private vs. public practice \$



Closing Remarks

- Expectations must be aligned with:
 - Resources available to the local dental program-possibilities for integration
 - Rank in the organization/proximity to DM
 - Primary source of revenue (government/grants/etc)
 - Level of recurring secured funding and control of clinical revenue
 - Funded FTE's
 - Community needs (vary by location) and level of SES of target population

