

State Plans – Evaluation and the Texas Experience

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Collaborative Oral Health Plan in Texas

- Issued in January 2005
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- Developed through a collaborative process
 - Project steering committee
 - Listening sessions held across the state

State Plan Framework

- Assessment
- Policy Development
- Assurance

Assessment

- Establish a Texas Oral Health Surveillance System
 - Assess oral health burden and trends
- Leadership
 - Texas Department of State Health Services, Oral Health Program

Policy Development

- Build State Oral Health Infrastructure
 - Develop a strong oral health unit with a full-time state dental director and effective infrastructure
- Mobilize Support for Oral Health
 - Develop a state oral health coalition
- Leadership
 - Texas Department of State Health Services, Oral Health Program

Assurance

- Build Collaborative Partnerships to Implement:
 - Population-Based Oral Health Programs
 - Strategies to Increase Access to and Quality of the Oral Health Care System
 - Build collaborative collaborative partnerships and apply evidence-based prevention strategies
 - Remove barriers between people and the oral health care system
- Leadership
 - Executive Commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission
 - Texas Department of State Health Services, Oral Health Program

Evaluation of State Plan

- Components
- Leadership
- Resources
- Implementation

Evaluation – Components

What is included in the State Plan?

- Stakeholder input
- Historical roles and activities of the Oral Health Program
- Recommendations from recent national reports
- MCH Pyramid of Public Health Services
- ASTDD resources

Evaluation – Leadership

Are designations appropriate?

- Department of State Health Services, Oral Health Program
- Other State agencies
- Oral Health Coalition

Evaluation – Resources

What is identified and available?

- Oral Health Program infrastructure
- Funding - state and national
- Leveraging opportunities
- Stakeholders – public, private, corporate, academia, professional

Evaluation – Implementation

What strategies will be utilized?

- Current, on-going, planned projects
- Best practices
- Collaborations – public, private, professional, non-traditional

Evaluation Results

- Plan **components** address stakeholder, MCH, ASTDD, and other identified needs/guidance
- **Leadership** designations may not be appropriate
- Key **resources** missing
- **Implementation** opportunities not fully developed

Next Steps

- Stabilization of the Oral Health Program
- Identify funding sources/opportunities
- Initiated statewide surveillance system
- Organized steering committee for oral health coalition
- Identify collaboration/partnering opportunities
- Leverage available resources

Next Steps - Continued

- Development of:
 - Statewide oral health coalition
 - Partnerships for:
 - gathering surveillance data
 - school-based/school-linked dental sealant projects
 - preventive dental services for Early Head Start and Head Start enrollees
 - expansion of fluoridation efforts
 - Stronger relationships with organized dentistry and academic dental programs

Conclusions

- Evaluation provides for the identification of:
 - Plan framework
 - Gaps in infrastructure, funding, resources
 - Leadership designation
 - Collaboration opportunities, needs
 - Action plans
 - Goals – short and long term
 - Re-evaluation

Questions?

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