

HHS ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE 2010



“PROMOTING AND ENHANCING THE ORAL HEALTH OF THE PUBLIC”



The United States Public Health Service Oral Health Coordinating Committee

Purpose

The United States Public Health Service (USPHS) Oral Health Coordinating Committee (OHCC) shall assist the USPHS in meeting its responsibility to promote the oral health of the American public:

- *Through coordination of a broad spectrum of oral health policy, research, and programs*
- *Within the USPHS*
- *Across Federal Agencies*
- *Between public and private sectors*

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Functions

1. *Provide direction for USPHS oral health policy through preparation, review, and evaluation of relevant USPHS and agency documents with particular attention to:*
 - *Health People 2010/2020 National Oral Health Objectives*
 - *Oral Health in America: A Report of the Surgeon General*
 - *The National Call to Action to Promote Oral Health*
 - *Recommendations from other relevant oral health workshops and reports*

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- 2. Propose goals, objectives, and approaches for promoting oral health and preventing oral, dental, and craniofacial diseases throughout the lifespan.*

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- 3. Propose goals, objectives and approaches for reducing and/or eliminating oral health disparities.*

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4. Promote oral health workforce development.

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- 5. Coordinate planning, implementation, and evaluation of Departmental oral health research, policy, surveillance, services, education, and health promotion activities.*

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6. Promote oral health initiatives and serve as liaison to relevant federal and non-federal agencies.

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- 7. Encourage relevant non-federal organizations to participate with the OHCC in planning, implementing, and evaluating joint public and private sector initiatives to improve the oral health of the Nation.*

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8. Provide consultation to the Assistant Secretary for Health and the Surgeon General on matters pertaining to oral health

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- 9. Promote the integration of oral health care into primary care and encourage collaboration between primary care and oral health services providers.*

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- 10. Promote the translation of oral health research into practice.*

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- 11. Provide leadership in supporting a National Oral Health Agenda that focuses on continually improving oral health outcomes, workforce development, and enhancing access to oral health services.*

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- 12. Promote the application of science-based new technologies into oral health care and practice, including harnessing the full potential of digital/health information technologies.*

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- 13. Examine and make recommendations regarding the financing of oral health care, including federal payment policies for Medicaid, CHIPRA, and locations designated as being health professional shortage sites.*

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- 14. Collaborate with the Nation's leading quality experts on the development of performance and quality measures for use by federal programs.*

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- 15. Provide a written annual report to the Assistant Secretary for Health as to OHCC activities and the progress of oral health initiatives relative to national oral health.*

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- 16. Provide the Department of Health and Human Services Secretary with periodic updates on the state of oral health in the Nation.*

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Structure

Knowledgeable organizational components shall be nominated for membership to the OHCC by their Operating Divisions/Staff Divisions and agencies, as appropriate.

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Initial USPHS components with oral health functions invited to participate will include:

- National Institutes of Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- National Center for Health Statistics
- Health Resources and Services Administration
- Indian Health Service
- Office on Disability
- Food and Drug Administration
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

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Initial USPHS components with oral health functions invited to participate will include:

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- Administration for Families/Office of Head Start
- Administration on Aging
- Office of Public Health and Science

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Additionally, National Dental Organizations, the Departments of Veterans Affairs, Defense, Labor, Education, and Bureau of Prisons (DoJ) will be invited to participate as appropriate.

Additional components may be added as approved by the Assistant Secretary for Health.

Members nominated by their agencies/organizations should possess expertise in oral health promotion and disease prevention, familiarity with their program's oral health related activities.

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The OHCC shall be chaired by the Chief Professional Office of the Dental Category , USPHS, or her/his designee.

Members shall serve for a period of two consecutive years and may be reappointed upon nomination of their program and approval of the Assistant Secretary for Health.

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The OHCC will meet quarterly, or as scheduled by the Chairperson.

An annual report shall be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Health and each program head represented on the OHCC regarding goals, activities, progress, and recommendations relative to the Nation's initiatives to improve oral health

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Thank you!