



## Strategies for Achieving Results and Maximizing Return on Investment in Oral Health

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### This Presentation

- ARRA and Affordable Care Act Investments in oral health
- Outcomes to date
- Return on investment and sustainability
- Partnership opportunities
- The IOM report – Advancing Oral Health in America



### ARRA and ACA Investments

- Recovery Act investments
  - Health professions training
  - National Health Service Corps
  - Health Centers
- Affordable Care Act investments
  - Health professions training
  - National Health Service Corps
  - Health Centers



### Outcomes to Date

- Workforce
- Services
- Populations served
- When we'll know more



### Return on Investment and Sustainability

- Like writing a novel with two alternative endings!
- Integrating oral health into primary care
- Messages from the IOM study



### Partnership Opportunities

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Foundations
- Organizations



### **Recommendation 1: Establishing and Evaluating the Oral Health Initiative**

- Recommendation 1 – The Secretary of HHS should give the leaders of the New Oral Health Initiative the authority and resources to successfully integrate oral health into the planning, programming, policies and research that occur across all HHS programs and agencies.
  - Each agency should provide an annual plan for how it will integrate oral health into existing programs in the first year.
  - Each agency should identify specific opportunities for public private partnerships and collaborating with other agencies inside and outside of HHS.
  - The leaders of the NOHI should coordinate, review and implement these plans.
  - The leaders should incorporate patient and consumer input into the design and implementation of the NOHI.



### **Recommendation 2: Focus on Prevention**

- Recommendation 2 – All relevant HHS agencies should promote and monitor the use of evidence-based preventive services in oral health (both clinical and community based) and counseling across the life span
  - Consult with US Preventive Services Task Force and Task Force on Community Preventive Services to give priority reviews of preventive services in oral health.
  - Ensure that HHS-administered health care systems provide recommended preventive services and counseling to improve oral health.
  - Provide guidance and assistance to state and local health systems to implement these same approaches.
  - Communicate with other federally-administered health care systems to share best practices.



### **Recommendation 3: Improve Oral Health Literacy**

- Recommendation 3 – All relevant HHS agencies should undertake oral health literacy and education efforts aimed at individuals, communities, and health care professionals.
  - Community-wide public education on the causes and implications of oral diseases and the effectiveness of preventive interventions
  - Community-wide guidance on how to access oral health care
  - Professional education on best practice in patient-provider communication skills that result in improved oral health behaviors.



### **Recommendation 4: Enhancing the Delivery of Oral Health Care**

- Recommendation 4 – HHS should invest in workforce innovations to improve oral health that focus on
  - Core competency development, education, and training for all health care professionals in oral health care;
  - Interprofessional, team-based approaches to the prevention and treatment of oral disease
  - Best use of new and existing oral health care professionals
  - Increasing diversity and improving cultural competence of the workforce providing oral health care.



### **Recommendation 5: New Delivery and Payment Models**

- Recommendation 5: CMS should explore new delivery and payment models for Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP to improve access, quality, and coverage of oral health care across the life span.



### **Recommendation 6: Expanding Research**

- Recommendation 6 – HHS should place a high priority on efforts to improve open, actionable, and timely information to advance science and improve oral health through research
  - Leverage resources for research to promote a more robust evidence base specific to oral health care



## Recommendation 7: Measuring Progress

- Recommendation 7: To evaluate the NOHI, the leaders of the NOHI should convene an annual public meeting of agency heads to report progress including:
  - Progress of each agency in reaching goals;
  - New innovations and data;
  - Dissemination of best practices and data into the community; and
- Improvement in health outcomes of populations served by HHS programs, especially as they related to Healthy People 2020 goals and specific objectives.
- HHS should provide a forum for public response and comment and make the final proceedings of each meeting publicly available.



## Looking to the Future

- The importance of leadership
- Sustaining interest
- Engaging stakeholders