

KOHC September Quarterly Meeting

Friday, September 22nd, 2023

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Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Oral Health Advocacy in Kentucky: Policy Considerations and Preparing for 2024
- Adult Medicaid Dental Benefit Expansion Update
- Member Updates
- Lookahead to Upcoming Events
- Closing

Oral Health Advocacy in Kentucky: Policy Considerations and Preparing for 2024

Alicia Whatley, Policy and Advocacy Director
Kentucky Youth Advocates

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What is Advocacy?

- Providing data or research on an issue or policy
- Sharing experiences that can help inform a legislator
- Building relationships with policymakers
- Asking your legislators to support legislation
- Sharing causes with your networks about oral health related policies



What are Recent Oral Health Priorities in Kentucky?

- Adult Medicaid Dental Benefits
- Oral Health Provider Rates
- Community Water Fluoridation
- Workforce Initiatives
- Community Health Workers



Action Steps for Oral Health Advocates

- Know your legislators so you know who to contact
- Follow along with statewide groups working to provide updates and develop policy priorities
- Be an active member of KOHC - provide feedback on issues we should focus on, vote on policy priorities for each legislative session



Breakout Groups

- What are the biggest priorities KOHC should be working on in 2024?
- What commitment can you make as a Coalition member to move these priorities across the finish line?

Adult Medicaid Dental Expansion Update

Commissioner Lisa Lee, Department for Medicaid
Services (DMS)

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KOHC's Work on Adult Medicaid Dental Benefits

- Monitoring implementation of regulations to expand dental benefits for adults on Medicaid
- Written statements, public comments, and testimony in relevant committee meetings
- Providing updates on our blog and social media to members and oral health advocates
- Engaging dental providers around the state in advocacy and education efforts

KOHC Projects and Member Updates

Alicia Whatley, Policy and Advocacy Director, Kentucky Youth
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Oral Health Education Resource Development

KOHC is gathering information from providers about the educational resources they currently use and where there are gaps

Development of 2-5 new oral health educational resources in 2024 based on identified needs

Launch new landing page on KOHC's website to include existing and new resources, national oral health education sites

Need Patient Education Resources?

KOHC Wants To Help you!

CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH

Preventative care is critical

- Brushing teeth twice a day
- Salivary gland
- Regular dental visits
- Properly eating

Tooth decay is the single most common chronic disease in children

Most oral health conditions are largely preventable and can be treated in that early stages

Children free from dental pain are more likely to have improved concentration

Children are more likely to miss school due to tooth pain

0-12 Months

1-3 Years

4-8 Years

9-14 Years

15-18 Years

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Breakout Groups

- What oral health resources would you benefit most from?
- What format would most benefit your patient population?
- What accommodations should we consider when developing resources?

Member Updates

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Lookahead to Upcoming Events

- TEN-4 Week is October 2-6, 2023
- Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma Training for Oral Health Professionals on October 6th from 10am-12pm ET virtually - FREE Dental CEUs available
- KOHC Annual Meeting in Lexington, Kentucky on December 1st from 10am-4pm ET

Registration is live!

KENTUCKY ORAL HEALTH COALITION ANNUAL MEETING

*"Connection Between
Oral Health and
Behavioral Health"*



ADRIENNE LAPIDOS, PHD

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



JENNIFER HASCH, MPH, RDH

STATEWIDE ORAL HEALTH EARLY LEARNER'S
SURVEILLANCE STUDY FINDINGS

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