



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

### SOCIAL, HEALTH & ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE ORAL HEALTH SUB COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES February 5, 2009

#### **Council Members, Liaisons & Committee Participants Present**

Doyle Meredith (Chair of SHAC), Kati Bates, Bill Engler, George Evanoff, Linda Anderson, Michelle Barth, Dr. Robert I. Birdwell, Dr. Jerry Caniglia, Jay Crosby, Susan Cypert, C J O'Connor, Diana Toussaint, Dr. Janet Woldt

#### **Council Members Not Present**

Bernadette Polley, Co-Chair of the Oral Health Sub-Committee

#### **Staff Present**

Cathy De Lisa

#### **Guests Present**

Michele Panico, January Irby

#### **Welcome, Introductions**

CJ O'Connor, facilitator for the work plan development, began the Sub-Committee's work group gathering with a welcome and explanation of the process for the work group. An example work plan and potential template for the Oral Health Sub Committee were provided by CJ for the group's review. Introductions followed. A copy of the Oral Health Sub-Committee Planning document is available through the Council office.

#### **Oral Health Work Plan**

Those in attendance were asked to review a draft of potential goals and objectives developed by CJ using minutes from prior SHAC meetings and discussions reported back from the Oral Health Sub Committee breakout during the January 8, 2009 SHAC meeting. The group discussed each of the draft's goals and objectives found on the Oral Health Sub-Committee Planning documents. It was suggested that the work plan might include outcome measurements.

#### **Review of Work Plan**

Following the work plan discussions and development process, the group reviewed the progress made this date and determined that further discussions and development of action steps for each of the objectives discussed would occur at the next SHAC meeting and thereafter, as needed. Discussed this date - Oral Health Focus Areas:

Goal 1: Improve the oral health of older adults.

Objective 1.1: Promote free-to-affordable dental care for older adults.

Objective 1.2: Foster early intervention and treatment of problems associated with the oral health of older adults.

Goal 2: Promote education on oral health for target populations, service providers, and the community.

Objective 2.1: Promote seminars, workshops, and conferences on oral health.

Objective 2.2: Facilitate oral health education and training opportunities for caregivers of older adults.

Objective 2.3: Facilitate the distribution of educational materials on oral health.

Objective 2.4: Promote the importance of nutrition in the oral health of older adults.

Goal 3: Advocate for federal, state, and local efforts on oral health issues affecting older adults.

Objective 3.1: Monitor, evaluate, and comment on legislation, policies, programs, funding, hearings, and community actions.

Objective 3.2: Advocate for expanded professional education and workforce development programs for oral health professionals.

Objective 3.3: Advocate for expanded duties for oral health professionals.

Objective 3.4: Advocate for an adequate state-funded dental care benefit for older adults.

Objective 3.5: Advocate for transportation services for older adults to access dental services.

### **Action Items**

- CJ will investigate establishing an Oral Health Community on the St. Luke's Health Initiative website for work plan brainstorming purposes prior to the next SHAC meeting and thereafter, as needed.
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### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

### **Next Meeting:**

The Oral Health Sub-Committee will meet in a breakout session during the next Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee meeting which will be March 5, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. in the State Executive Tower, Second Floor Conference Room. These meetings are open to the public.