


<p>Date: 3/28/2024 Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm Place: Virtual Call in Number: +16694449171,,91589730687#,,,,*018848# US Zoom Meeting link: Click Here</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Local Oral Health Program</i></p>	
<p>Attendees and Affiliated Agency:</p>	<p><i>Mission: Creating better oral health for the Trinity community of all ages, cultures, and resources by supporting fair access to oral health prevention, with a special emphasis on the needs of underserved populations.</i></p>	
<p>Attendees via phone/Zoom Meeting: Rand Khasawneh, DDS; Melissa Avila, TCOE; Liam Gogan, BOS; Tricia Aberg, HRN; Katelyn Noble, Laura Farneti, Arina Erwin, Hannah Noble, TC-PHB; Karen Compton, HRN; Julie Martin, Smile, CA</p>	<p><i>Vision: We are driven by the vision of creating and advancing innovative solutions to ensure that no child suffers from tooth decay and all residents of Trinity County achieve optimal oral health in order to reach their full potential. TCOHAC will lead the way in our county toward policies and local health care systems inclusive of oral health, from payment to care delivery.</i></p>	
Topic	Discussion & Questions	Action Items
<p>1. <i>Introductions- 5 minutes</i></p> <p>2. <i>Rand Khasawneh, DDS-Xylitol-15 minutes</i></p>	<p>Icebreaker and Introductions</p> <p>Project Overview and Objectives Rand Khasawneh, DDS discusses the population and oral health statistics of Trinity County, emphasizing the need for more oral health care. The project's focus is on prevention and education, with a specific strategy involving the use of Xylitol, aiming to increase integration of preventative oral health care and routine medical care in Trinity County.</p> <p>Project Progress and Challenges Rand Khasawneh provides an overview of the project timeline, objectives, and outcomes, emphasizing the importance of gathering feedback and developing materials for medical professionals. He also addresses the challenges in getting participation and feedback, as well as the need to</p>	<p>* Rand Khasawneh will develop a plan for continuity for the Xylitol Pilot Project.</p> <p>*Laura will follow-up with Liam, for the opportunity to utilize Xylitol alternative candy placement at corner mart, and provide education pamphlets</p>

Topic	Discussion & Questions	Action Items
<p><i>a. Q&A-5-minutes</i></p> <p>3. <i>Melissa Avila, School-Dental Program Report-5 minutes</i></p> <p><i>a. Q&A-5 minutes</i></p> <p>4. <i>Community Oral Health Needs Assessment- 25 minutes</i></p>	<p>anticipate gaps in care and education between medical and dental fields.</p> <p>Discussion on Food Accessibility and Nutritional Choices Rand Khasawneh and Liam Gogan engage in a conversation about the difficulties faced by low-income families in accessing nutritious food. They emphasize the influence of affordability on food choices and the absence of limitations on unhealthy purchases made through EBT programs. The discussion also touches on the disparity in the cost of healthier foods compared to less nutritious options.</p> <p>Discussion on School Dental Van and Program Updates Melissa Avila shares positive updates on the school dental van on track for completion of fabrication for January 2025; moreover, highlighting successful screenings, sealant placements, and partnerships with Center for Oral Health. The conversation also addresses the use of passive consents for KOHA screenings.</p> <p>Reviewing Oral Health Program Objectives and Assessing Program Effectiveness Laura Farneti, the LOHP Program Coordinator, shared a rubric and visual representation of the program's objectives. The group engaged in a discussion about assessing the program's effectiveness, including the need for enforcing policy and regulations related to oral health. They also discussed the availability of data and the challenges in ranking the program's performance in assessing and monitoring oral health.</p> <p>Discussion on Medi-Cal Utilization and Data Access Laura Farneti provides insights into the Medi-Cal utilization data from 2021 and the challenges of accessing county-specific data. The group members share their views on the current program level, with some expressing concerns about</p>	<p>* Melissa Avila and Megan will continue to work on developing partnerships and resources for oral health programs in schools.</p>

Topic	Discussion & Questions	Action Items
<p>5. <i>Next OHAC Meeting, Thursday May 9, 2024 12:00 PM</i></p>	<p>limited data access and others considering potential future data sources from school screenings.</p> <p>Laura, the LOHP Program Coordinator, presents data on untreated decay in kindergartners and highlights the challenges in accessing dental care, including long wait times for appointments. Community members express concerns about the lack of priority given to oral health and the difficulty in accessing dental services. The group also discusses the need to improve communication and engagement with parents to better understand their perspectives on oral health.</p> <p>Discussion on Local Dental Providers and Services Laura Farneti and Melissa Avila discussed the positive impact of external partners like the Center for Oral Health in providing dental screenings and bringing opportunities for residents in local clinics. The addition of a dentist at the Mad River location was highlighted as good news.</p> <p>Discussion on Policies and Programs for Oral Health Laura Farneti, the LOHP Program Coordinator, led a discussion on evaluating and implementing policies and programs to support state and community oral health efforts. The participants shared their opinions on the current status of policies and programs, emphasizing the need for more support and implementation in certain areas. The conversation also touched on the overlap with other goals of PATH and the importance of strengthening ties and messaging to improve oral health.</p>	