Monterey County Oral Health Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 7th, 2022

Zoom Conference Call

1:00pm – 2:00pm

**Present:**

Alejandra Lopez - CHDP, Andrea Estrada – Monterey County Cannabis Education Program, Michelle House – Monterey County Health Department, Jairo Hernandez – Monterey County Health Department, Jacqueline Quintero – Monterey County Oral Health Program Intern, Patricia Garcia – Rosevelt Elementary.

**Welcome & Introductions**

Jairo Hernandez convened the meeting at 1:00pm. Attendees were welcomed and introduced.

**Agency & Partner Updates**

Patricia mentioned that the Salinas City Elementary School District will be hosting the annual parent leadership conference on September 24th at Los Padres Elementary. The conference will start at 8am to 3pm and will have multiple educational workshops, table booths and activities for parents and families. Agencies are welcome to attend. Patricia will share the details via e-mail.

**Clinical Dental Screenings**

Jairo share that the Monterey County Oral Health Program is planning to relaunch school dental screenings this school year. A pilot screening event is being explored at one school for the fall. Jairo is actively recruiting dental health professionals to volunteer and support with the screenings. The dental screenings will heavily rely on volunteers and their availability to provided support, thus capacity to serve schools serve will vary.

**Student Presentations, Outreach & Education.**

Jaqueline mentioned that she will be preparing to provide classroom oral health presentations to kindergarten and first grade students at targeted schools. Jacqueline has updated the student curriculum and will be touching base with schools to coordinate presentations schedules. In addition, Jaqueline will also be planning on starting the parent education workshop series in-person and/or online.

Jairo announced that Edith Barrero has joined the oral health team as a student intern from CSUMB. Edith will be assisting Jacqueline to co-facilitate with the parent presentations and will be trained to serve as the lead to implement the classroom oral health curriculum at target schools. The program will continue to prioritize lower elementary grades in providing oral health education in classroom settings.

**Identified Target Schools**

Jairo shared with the group that the program is planning to serve forty-one schools in Monterey County over the course of five years. The oral health program will continue to serve Salinas City School District as well as new school districts including the peninsula and south county. Due to the high need in the community, the oral health program will be targeting schools with eighty percent or more of their student population that qualifies for free or reduced lunch. Due to program capacity, pre-school and lower elementary grades will continue to be a focus when implement clinical and educational intervention activities.

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