Monterey County Oral Health Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

December 07, 2022

Zoom Conference Call

1:00pm – 2:00pm

**Present:**

Alejandra Garcia - CHDP Program, Allan Diaz – Early Learning Program, Patricia Garcia – Roosevelt Elementary School Parent Coordinator, Lizbeth Gomez -Early Learning Program, Jacqueline Quintero – Monterey County Health Department, Jairo Hernandez – Monterey County Health Department, Maria Lopez -Community Member, Roz Saedi - Outreach Consult Smile California, Alejandra Espino – Sherwood Elementary School.

**Welcome & Introductions**

Jairo Hernandez convened the meeting at 1:03pm. Attendees were welcomed and introduced.

**Partner & Agency Announcements**

Maria Lopez shared a new county resource for individuals that are seeing mental health services. A three-digit phone number may be dialed and an operator can connect callers to mental health services in the county.

Alejandra Garcia shared the expected termination date of the CHDP Program will be on July 1st, 2024. The program duties will be taken over by the Monterey County Alliance Program. Alejandra will keep us posted of any program impacts.

Jairo shard that due to COVID-19 precautions, MC Choice continues to offer consultation and services only by phone for the time being. Additionally, Jairo share with the group information on COVID-19 treatment provided the California State Department of Health, Office of Oral Health. Jairo shared electronically COVID-19 treatment handouts that include information on the medications, efficacy, risk groups and patient eligibility criteria, and other common questions and answers.

**Dental Screening Update**

Jairo meet with Sherwood and Rosevelt Elementary School on August 8th and October 11th to discuss the planning of pilot school screening events. A pilot screening was scheduled for November15th at Rosevelt Elementary, however, it was canceled due to unforeseen logistical challenges. The oral health program plans to reconnect with Monterey County Clinic Services to receive updates of the expansion of dental services and revisit timelines for support with school screenings.

**Outreach & Education**

Jairo shared that two in-person parent workshops were conducted at Loma Vista, and Sherwood Elementary on October 24th and 28th. A total of 16 parents attended the workshops. Parent workshops consisted of information on cavity prevention by reducing sugar intake, establishing a dental home and dental services that are covered through Medi-Cal dental. The oral health program is scheduled to conduct a parent workshop at Los Padres Elementary and at Early Learning Program (ELP) in February 2023. Lastly, 17 classroom presentations were provided to kindergartners and first graders at Loma Vista and Sherwood Elementary. In addition to school presentations, Jairo would like to enhance outreach efforts to increase reach. Possible ideas for outreach are attending open house, holiday and kinder events. Patricia mentioned that Rosevelt is open to having oral health outreach after school during parent pick up times.

**Brainstorm Session to Identify New Schools**

Marial Lopez shared the contact information of the director of the Greenfield School District. Alejandra Garica shared two possible contact leads for Dr. Oscar F. Loya Elementary School. Jario will follow up with school leads and will continue to seek additional contacts for other target school districts.

**Meeting Adjourn**