



## Meeting Name

MINUTES

DATE 7/20/10

Time 3:00 pm

LOCATION: CONFERENCE CALL

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Mara Servaites, Neal Graham
<b>FACILITATOR</b>	
<b>NOTE-TAKERS</b>	Sheena Mackenzie
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Neal Graham, Mara Servaites, Sheena Mackenzie, Suzanne Sheridan, John Dreyzehner, Julianna Fehr

### Topics for Discussion

Meeting Focus: Update on Access Council Rural Health Workplan

Meeting Outcome(s): Action taken to use results of pilot project of expanded dental hygiene program currently operating in southwest Virginia to advocate for statewide expansion

TOPIC	Update on Work Plan	
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Meetings have been scheduled Request to update 2004 OB report: Neal has been made to Health Department to move the recommendation for an update up the ladder at HD. Conversation also with Steve Bowman at the Joint Commission to determine their ability to conduct this update. Steve's recommendation was to get support from a Delegate (done) and a Senator (Rick Shinn to work on this) to direct the Joint Commission to do the update	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>		<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>
Identify a Senator		Rick Shinn (Va Community Healthcare Association)
Track progress through Health Department		Neal Graham

TOPIC	Update on Dental Hygiene Project in Southwest Va.	
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	John Dreyzehner stated that the project has worked very well. Two dental hygienists are remotely supervised by a dentist and they are working with local schools to provide dental sealants to children. The only limitation on the project was the limited number of hygienists given the number of children in need of sealants. What worked well was making sure the local dentists were aware of and kept updated on the progress of this initiative and these dentists have been supportive. Next steps will be to approach the General Assembly to expand the project. Goal is to change the supervision requirement currently in place for dental hygienists so that they can work independently to provide these sealants.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>		<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>
Determine where the current administration stands on		Neal (?); Mara (?)

<p>this program</p> <p>Meet with Cal Whitehead (lobbyist for dental hygienists)</p> <p>Meet with Sarah Holland to raise with VOHC and get support to expand the initiative</p>	<p>Mara and Neal</p> <p>Mara and Sheena to meet with Sarah; Sheena to discuss at September VOHC meeting</p>
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<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>Review and approval of minutes from previous meeting</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	No discussion; minutes approved (John/Sheena)
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>Other updates</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	OB task force has two new members from Radford University: Ginger Burglas and Chris Neal. Shenandoah University received a federal grant to start a mental health/psych project in rural VA and is in the process of pulling together support for a proposal to start a birthing center in Alleghany County. Also working on pulling together a grant to assess the impact of Centering Pregnancy on rates of premature births.
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>
Mara and Julianna to meet to discuss revision of 2004 OB study.	Mara and Julianna

**NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 13, 2010 FROM 3:30 – 5:30 PM IN BLACKSBURG, face to face with teleconferencing available.**