

Maryland Dental Action Coalition

June/July 2018 Newsletter

MDAC GIVES MCKAY, MIDDLETON ORAL HEALTH CHAMPION AWARDS Recognizes both legislators' commitment to improved oral health for all Marylanders



The Maryland Dental Action Coalition honored Senator Thomas “Mac” Middleton (D-Charles County) and Delegate Mike McKay (R-Allegany and Washington Counties) with Oral Health Champion Awards at its recent *Oral Health and Overall Health: Opportunities for Continued Success in Maryland* statewide convening.

State legislators McKay and Middleton were instrumental in the unanimous passage of *Senate Bill 284 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Dental Coverage for Adults – Pilot Program*, legislation that will establish a pilot program to cover adult dental services in Medicaid. Middleton sponsored and secured its passage in the Senate. McKay’s leadership was responsible for the passage of the bill in the House.

Middleton and McKay both championed legislation in 2017 which instructed MDAC to study the cost of emergency department visits by adults with chronic dental conditions. The study found that in fiscal year 2016, Maryland adults made 42,327 emergency department visits for chronic dental conditions, with an average charge of \$537 per visit, or a total charge of \$22.7 million. These visits represent almost two percent of overall emergency room costs. Medicaid paid for 53 percent of those visits, even though Medicaid participants only account for 15 percent of the adult population in Maryland - likely the result of a lack of consistent adult dental coverage in the Medicaid program.

In presenting the awards, MDAC Executive Director Mary Backley said, “This watershed event would not have been achieved without the unwavering commitment, dedication, and leadership of the two legislators we recognize today with our first Oral Health Champion Award: Delegate Mike McKay and Senator Thomas “Mac” Middleton. This past session, both legislators continued their years of steadfast resolve and determination to stay the course on Medicaid adult dental. They reached across the aisle to speak on behalf of all Maryland adults, not just their constituents. It is a remarkable example of bipartisanship that turned a formidable challenge into reality with unanimous passage of SB 284 in both the House and Senate.” Governor Larry Hogan signed the bill into law on May 15, 2018.

Dr. Sean Boynes, Tequila Terry and Dr. Natalia Chalmers of the DentaQuest Institute, MDAC Board Member Diane Romaine, and MDAC Government Affairs Consultant Robyn Elliott congratulate Delegate Mike McKay on receiving the MDAC Oral Health Champion Award for his dedication to improving oral health access in Maryland.



Many Maryland adults face serious financial obstacles to obtaining dental care. The pilot program is an important step forward in demonstrating that Medicaid adult dental coverage enables adults to establish a dental home, obtain preventive care, and avert costly dental conditions is a good investment in health outcomes and the fiscal health of Medicaid.

MDAC STATEWIDE CONVENING

Outcomes and report on Medicaid Adult Dental Pilot Program discussions

More than 120 representatives from a broad cross-section of oral health stakeholders, including clinical care providers, government, managed care organizations, non-profits, associations, foundations, and academia attended the MDAC *Oral Health and Overall Health: Outcomes for Continued Success in Maryland* statewide convening. The meeting focused on goals outlined in the three key areas of the Maryland Oral Health Plan: oral health access, oral disease and injury prevention, and oral health literacy and education. Below is a brief summary of each session and, as available, links to the presentations.

Keynote from new Maryland State Dental Director

Debony Hughes, DDS, the new State Dental Director at the Maryland Department of Health, Office of Oral Health, laid out her vision to improve the oral health of all Marylanders in her opening keynote address.

Dr. Hughes outlined current Office of Oral Health activities, including hypertension screenings in dental offices, a guide to pregnancy for dental providers, and the development of home visitor training guides and tools to explain and clarify treatment options so patients and doctors can arrive at shared decisions. She also discussed how technology is changing the way dentistry is practiced, but emphasized the need for technology to trickle down to all.

In reflecting on her previous work, Hughes cited the power of trusting and transparent collaborations anchored in an everyone-wins attitude where all are working towards the same goal. Stating that there are many oral health champions in Maryland, Hughes urged oral health stakeholders to leverage partnerships and develop community collaborations to achieve the optimal oral health of all Marylanders.

Impact of the Uninsured on the Public Health System

Although a low percentage overall, the large numbers of uninsured Marylanders result in costly emergency department visits for dental conditions, but the impact of the uninsured on the public health system is more than financial. Uninsured Marylanders miss more work and school due to untreated dental conditions, are less attentive, and have a lower self-image.

Some county health departments are working to deliver more affordable dental care by adding operatories in the health department or changing health department staff to focus on clinical care. Others have developed programs to flag patients that visit the emergency department for a dental condition and help them find a provider who can treat the underlying condition, not just the pain.

Many county health departments are developing partnerships with community and religious organizations to help increase awareness and understanding of the connection between oral and systemic health. They are rallying their communities to develop oral health advocates in an effort to create innovative programs such as emergency department diversion programs, mobile dental vans, restorative services, and oral health screenings in senior centers. Government-provided direct services, private sector services and public-private collaborations are working together to address the needs of the uninsured and under-insured in Maryland.

[**Presentation by Barbara Brookmyer, M.D., MPH, Health Officer – Frederick County Health Department.**](#)

[**Presentation by Fran Phillips, RN, MHA, Acting Health Officer – Anne Arundel County Health Department.**](#)

Community Health Workers: Critical Link to Better Health

The approximately 1,500 community health workers (CHWs) in Maryland serve as patient navigators, family health advocates, and outreach coordinators and work in a variety of venues, including senior centers, health departments, hospitals, and health education centers.

Although there is no national curriculum, CHWs are given basic training in communications, capacity building, and organizational and interpersonal skills.

Community health workers are a critical link to better health, as they work with their clients to address social determinants of health including housing, food and nutrition, medical issues, substance abuse, and legal issues. As trusted, credible and committed members of their communities, CHWs are in a unique position to help individuals understand why it's important to take charge of their own health, and how to do so.



The Mountain Health Alliance identified oral health as a huge gap in western Maryland, and was the first in Maryland to hire an oral health community health worker. The oral health CHW provides the same services as a CHW, but gets client referrals from emergency departments and dental clinics. The oral health CHW helps clients establish a dental home, links clients to needed resources, and provides oral health education. As a result, oral health behaviors in western Maryland have improved and emergency department visits for dental conditions have decreased.

[Video shown by Lisa Widmaier, M.Ed., Project Coordinator for Geriatric Education and the Community Health Worker Lead Trainer - AHEC East.](#)



Cross-Professional Collaboration: Charles County Hypertension Program

Charles County is one of 14 Maryland counties participating in a statewide Maryland Department of Health initiative to provide hypertension screenings during routine dental visits and, if needed, refer patients to a primary care physician for appropriate medical care.

Although providers were initially concerned that hypertension screenings would disrupt their office flow, they easily integrated screening into their practices after training provided by the Charles County Health Department. Providers

also expressed concern about the lack of reimbursements for hypertension screenings, but soon came to view the screenings as a service to their patients. Another challenge was ensuring that providers were referring patients with hypertension to a primary care provider for care, highlighting the need to build a strong community referral program prior to program implementation.

The program has been highly successful. Of the more than 21,900 patients statewide screened for hypertension, 1,768 were referred to a primary care provider, and 1,898 have been identified as tobacco users.

[Presentation by Amit Babra, M.D., Project Manager - Maryland Department of Health, Office of Oral Health.](#)

[Presentation by Angela Deal, CHES, CWWS, Health Educator/Program Coordinator – Charles County Department of Health and Chrisie Mulcahey, Executive Director – Health Partners](#)

Understanding Health Behaviors of Latino and Immigrant Communities in Maryland

Latino and immigrant communities in Maryland face many challenges to accessing affordable dental care. Systemic racism in America has resulted in enormous racial and ethnic health disparities. Racial residential segregation, concentration of poverty, and poor distribution of health care assets and resources have resulted in vast differences in health outcomes by zip code and by race. Discrimination increases health risks, lowers opportunity, increases health care bias and has physiological and psychological effects.

In Maryland, almost 10% of the population is Hispanic, 17% of whom are uninsured. The majority of the Latino and immigrant community in Maryland is working class, with low-wage jobs and no sick leave. They tend to be younger, have larger-than-average families, and speak a language other than English at home. Many are ineligible for Medicaid, cannot afford private insurance, and have no employer-sponsored insurance. They also face cultural barriers to good oral health, including dietary practices, fear of tap water stemming from unsafe tap and ground water in their home countries, and low language and oral health literacy.

Many health departments, non-profits and community organizations across the state are working to improve the oral and overall health of the Latino and immigrant community in Maryland. They've learned that improving health and well-being requires a systemic approach that integrates the social determinants of health. They've also learned that oral health education works best when performed by culturally competent peers in the community.

[Presentation by Paola Fernan-Zegarra, M.D., MBS, Program Administrator – Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services Public Dental Health Programs.](#)

[Presentation by Lee Hopkins, M.Sc.SW, LSW, Senior Manager Health and Social Services – Casa de Maryland.](#)

Maryland Medicaid Medical Assistance Program - Dental Coverage for Adults - Pilot Program

The Maryland Department of Health has submitted a 1115 Medicaid waiver application to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) to establish a statewide Medicaid adult dental pilot program for dual-eligible adults ages 21-64 (approximately 38,510 participants). The program would



provide basic dental benefits, including diagnostic, preventive, limited restorative, and extractions, with an annual per person spending cap. Approximately \$5 million per year (state and federal matching funds) have been allocated to the pilot program.

Patrick Finnerty, MPA, a former director of Virginia Medicaid, led a facilitated discussion to solicit input on the implementation of Maryland Medicaid adult dental pilot program. He reminded participants that “There are very few destinations you get to with just one step....If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go farther, go together.”

As a result of the discussions, MDAC included comments from members, partners, and stakeholders in a letter sent to Medicaid the following day.

[MDAC letter sent to Medicaid regarding implementation of the adult dental pilot program.](#)

[Presentation by Jill Spector, Director, HealthChoice and Acute Care Administration and Tricia Roddy, Director, Planning Administration – Maryland Medicaid.](#)

Racial Disparities and Oral Health: Identifying Opportunities for Solutions

Health inequities and racial disparities reflect a lack of access to care due to financial obstacles, geographic limitations, and low oral health literacy. Yet access to dental care does not equal utilization of care, as it's impossible to utilize dental services if clinicians are not available to provide treatment.

To unlock the barriers to good oral health in Maryland, it is essential to have both a key (dental coverage) and a door (providers). One without the other is useless.

[Presentation by Natalia Chalmers, D.D.S., Ph.D., Director, Analytics and Publication – DentaQuest Institute.](#)

The Maryland Dental Action Coalition gratefully acknowledges the Maryland Department of Health and the DentaQuest Foundation for their financial support of the convening.

LOST AND FOUND

If you were at the MDAC statewide convening and left a white sweater behind, please contact MDAC at info@mdac.us so we can return it to you.

MDH TO ESTABLISH COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER ADVISORY GROUP Members now being recruited; applications due by August 1

This past legislative session MDAC supported a bill, passed by the Maryland General Assembly, to establish a certification process for community health workers. This bill will help advance community health workers as a profession.

As required by the legislation, the Maryland Department of Health is establishing an advisory group. If you are interested in community health worker issues, this is a great opportunity to provide input. Members are being recruited to fill these seats:

- Nine Community Health Workers (CHW)
- One RN with experience in community health
- One licensed social worker with experience in community health
- A representative of a CHW training organization
- A representative of a community-based employer of CHWs
- One member of the public who is familiar with the services of CHWs

To be considered for appointment, interested individuals must submit a formal application via the [Governor's Appointments Office \(GAO\) website](#) by August 1, 2018.

SEIBERT RECIPIENT OF AHEC WEST JANE A. FISCUS AWARD Recognizes contributions to community health care in western Maryland

Gretchen Seibert, D.D.S., M.A.G.D., was presented the Jane A. Fiscus Award in recognition of her significant contributions to community health care at the June 19 AHEC West annual awards dinner. Seibert, dental director of the Allegany County Dental Clinic, was cited for exemplifying the principles of leadership, coordination of services, interdisciplinary training, foresight, courage, and creativity championed and demonstrated by Jane A. Fiscus, M.D.

AHEC West's annual awards honor and celebrate health professionals dedicated to addressing regional health disparities and committed to enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of western Maryland and the surrounding Appalachian area.

Carol Bass of the Garrett County Health Department (left) presents the Jane A. Fiscus Award to Dr. Gretchen Seibert (right), Dental Director of the Allegany County Dental Clinic.



HENRY SCHEIN CARES GOLD MEDAL AWARDED TO MARY'S CENTER

Dental program recognized for excellence in expanding access to oral care

Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care, Inc., a Washington, DC-based humanitarian organization, has been awarded the gold medal in the Oral Health category of the third annual Henry Schein Cares Medal program. The program honors organizations from the fields of oral health, animal health, and medicine that demonstrate excellence in expanding access to care for the underserved.

Mary's Center was recognized for its commitment to building better futures for its clients through the delivery of health care, education, and social services. The organization fulfills this mission by embracing culturally diverse communities and providing them with the highest quality of care regardless of ability to pay. Its dental program, in particular, exemplifies this mission.

Beginning in 2010 in a converted storage room with five full-time employees, Mary's Center's dental program has since evolved into a fully integrated, six-day-a-week clinic with 55 full-time employees. The program's team of general dentists, hygienists, and dental assistants provide a range of oral health services, including specialty care, to children, adults, and the elderly who are underinsured or uninsured.

Patient education and prevention are key components of Mary's Center's dental program, and each patient's care is staged in a customized treatment plan. This ensures that providers are focused on diagnosing and delivering care and patients stay informed and engaged throughout their treatment cycle. The dental program is a key component of Mary's Center's unique model of behavioral change.

"Since 1988, our work has been guided by a social change model driven by holistic, whole-patient care, and our dental program is a crucial factor in setting our clients on the path to healthier, happier lives," said David Tatro, Chief Operating Officer, Mary's Center. "The impacts that our fellow medalists have had on their communities has been incredible to learn about, and have served to inspire our own work in meaningful ways. We thank Team Schein and the Henry Schein Cares Foundation for this award and for recognizing organizations like ours, and we look forward to expanding our impact with their support."

"Mary's Center's commitment to incorporating the delivery of dental care into its patient-centric health care model pairs well with our company's belief in the importance of oral health to overall health, and is integral to its mission to help create stronger people, families, and communities," Mr. Bergman said. "We are pleased to present Mary's Center with the Henry Schein Cares Gold Medal in recognition of its unceasing devotion to the people it serves, and for demonstrating the true power of collaboration, care, and compassion."

CATHOLIC CHARITIES DENTAL CLINIC SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Clinicians needed for new dental clinic in Prince George's County

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington seeks dental practitioners to contribute their skills and expertise to provide dental care for patients in their new Prince George's County dental clinic. The full service clinic provides treatment including exams, preventive, restorative, endodontic, prosthodontic, orthodontic and emergency care.

The Prince George's County Clinic is one of three in the Washington, DC area operated by Catholic Charities. Many of the patients that come to the clinic have financial constraints that have kept them from receiving preventive care, and thus are in need of emergency services. To learn more, [click here](#).

If you have interest in volunteering your services, please contact Jasmine Pazmino at jasmine.pazmino@cc-dc.org or by phone at 202-423-3668.

HEALTH RIGHT CONCLUDES TWO-YEAR CHRC ORAL HEALTH GRANT **Grant provided oral health education and access for adults on Medicare**

Health Right, AHEC West's newest program, successfully concluded a Maryland Community Health Resources Commission (CHRC) grant to provide oral health education and access to dental treatment for adults with Medicare. The grant targeted the needs of older and disabled adults experiencing dental problems but without dental benefits through their Medicare insurance.

The CHRC project funded treatment for 94 adults, with services coordinated by Health Right's Dental Case Manager in partnership with local practitioners who generously donated a portion of the treatment. As part of this project, Health Right's Community Health Worker conducted outreach to almost 2,000 people for oral health education and dissemination of information on health care resources. She also offered follow-up for many of those receiving treatment, with a goal of improved preventive care in the future and fewer dental emergencies resulting from delayed treatment.

Without dental coverage, many people in the early stages of dental problems forgo seeing a dentist because they do not have the financial resources to pay for treatment. Unfortunately, these issues often progress to the point of severe pain or infection. Some people tolerate pain for years or go through multiple courses of antibiotics because they cannot afford to obtain treatment. The Health Right Dental Access Program has been a resource for the community since 2003, previously as an independent agency and since December 2017 as one of AHEC West's spectrum of programs addressing improved access to health care.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND MISSION OF MERCY **Clinicians, dental and hygiene students and general volunteers needed**

The Southern Maryland Mission of Mercy, a free two-day dental clinic that provides free dental services to adults on a first come, first served basis, is seeking volunteers.

Mission of Mercy expects to treat approximately 600 patients per day. Licensed professionals are needed to provide direct patient care. Dental and hygienist students are needed to help with supply and inventory, sterilization, patient registration, and to provide chairside assistance. General volunteers are needed to monitor the patient line, check patients and volunteers in and out, provide hospitality, and provide IT support.

The Southern Maryland Mission of Mercy will be held July 26-28 at North Point High School in Waldorf. To volunteer, [click here](#).

"All people deserve the basic decency of gentle, kind, necessary healthcare. In order to be fully humane, we all deserve at least that."

-Gretchen Siebert, DDS, MAGD, Director of Dental Health, Allegany Co. Health Dept.

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[Healthy People 2020: Persons with a Dental Visit by Family Income, 2015](#)

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Maryland Oral Health Plan

2018 - 2023



*Framework to Improve
the Oral Health of All
Marylanders*



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The 2018-2023 Maryland Oral Health Plan outlines 11 oral health goals in three key areas:

Access to oral health care:

- All Maryland children have comprehensive dental insurance coverage through public (Medicaid/MCHP) or private insurance.
- All Maryland adults have comprehensive dental insurance coverage through Medicaid or private insurance.
- All Maryland residents have a dental home.
- Strengthen the oral health safety net provider system.
- Integrate the oral health care system within the medical health care system.

Oral disease and injury prevention:

- Use data to advance optimal oral health for all Marylanders.
- Improve public awareness of oral disease and injury prevention.
- Promote community-based oral disease and injury prevention programs.

Oral health literacy and education:

- Increase understanding of the relationship between oral health and overall health, and promote good oral health practices and access to oral health care.
- Improve collaboration between oral health and other health and human services providers so that patients understand how to navigate the oral health care system and establish a dental home.
- Educate medical professionals and students about the importance of the

[2018 Healthy Aging Summit, July 16-17, 2018](#)

[Continuing Dental Education Summer Symposium, July 23-27, 2018](#)

[Inter-Professional Collaboration in Healthcare: Adding the Oral Health Component to Successful Projects Worldwide, July 31, 2018](#)

[AADR Oral Health Effects of Tobacco Products: Science and Regulatory Policy, September 14, 2018](#)

[Public Health Law Conference 2018, October 4-6, 2018](#)

[2018 Rural Health Conference - MD's Rural Health Roadmap: Pathways to Creating Healthier Communities, October 22-23, 2018](#)

[American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, November 10-14, 2018](#)

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[Implementing a Clinical Quality Evaluation System in Your Oral Health Program, July 20, 2018](#)

oral/systemic connection and foster collaboration between medical and dental disciplines and communities.

[Download the plan now!](#)

The Maryland Oral Health Plan is financially supported by the Maryland Department of Health.

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[Families USA: America's Seniors Need Medicare Oral Health Coverage](#)

[Families USA: Medicare Should Pay for Oral Health Care That Is Necessary to Manage Serious Illnesses](#)

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