Nursing Home Outreach

MEETING THE DENTAL HEALTH NEEDS FOR BISMARCK/MANDAN ELDERLY
What Do .......

Four Nursing Facilities
Newest Long Term Care Centers
And
And

All Have in Common??
An Out Reach Program for The Elderly in Long Term Care Facilities...
Bridging The Dental Gap

- Establishing the Need

- Preparing the Grant – Thank you HRSA and Dentaquest

- Implementation

- Outcomes
The Need...

- In 2012 14.4% of the North Dakota population was over 65
- North Dakota also has highest proportion of those over 80 in the United States
- These trends will grow by 34% over next 15 years due to the Baby Boomer population
- Elderly have fixed incomes and lowest incomes in the state
- Increased medical issues and no funds for oral healthcare
- 60% in long term care facilities are eventually on Medicaid
- Transportation issues to dental facilities
The Grant...

- 3 Year Pilot Project to Expand Care to the Elderly

- Long Term Care Outreach

- Research the equipment needed

- Expansion of care – in clinic and in long term care facilities

- Work Plans

- Budget
Equipment Costs

- Suction and primary delivery system - $7000 per unit
- Patient Chairs - $4100 per chair
- Lights - $950
- X-ray and Software - $30,000
- Sterilization - $6000
Implementation...

- Secure Transportation
Getting to work

- Dentists and Hygienists!!
- Scheduling
- Types of Services
- Consents
- Treatment Plans for Self Pay
- Family Contacts
OUTCOMES

September 2011 thru May 2014...

- 1535 Encounters
- Serving approximately 470 individual patients
- 35% Edentulous or partially edentulous
- 50% of those with Dentures Requiring Relines, repairs, or new dentures
- Fillings and Extractions and Cleanings primarily on remaining patient numbers
OUTCOMES....
Outcome...
And Then came Dentaquest

Year one - surveys and stakeholder meetings across North Dakota

Priority Results:
Medical-dental collaborations
Long term care services
Smiles for Life
Oral Health Prevention and Screening

- Add an extra hygienist to see patients on quarterly basis for hygiene services only
- Add more portable equipment that one person can carry
- A look-alike program at additional facilities in rural areas
- Business plan to encourage private dental practices to copy the plan
- Presentations to dental community
Continuing Issues...

- Staffing
- Transportation
- Dentures – costs vs reimbursement
- Dentures – arranging weekly appointments
- Dementia – not ours
- Suction
- Hard use of equipment when moved so much
- Just how many can we serve and serve well
Future...

- So many facilities to be served
- Need for more outreach by other providers
- Costs for equipment – replacement and new-
- Resources for other providers
- Legislation – ? Possibilities?
So What is the N.D. Oral Health Coalition ??

VISION
ORAL HEALTH IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF OVERALL HEALTH.

MISSION
DEVELOP AND PROMOTE INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE OPTIMAL ORAL HEALTH FOR ALL NORTH DAKOTANS
1. Build partnerships
2. Educate the public about value of good oral health and impact on overall health
3. Build community capacity to address oral health needs
4. Communicate oral health needs to policy makers and the public
5. Establish and advocate for public and private policies to improve access to or delivery of oral health services
6. Implement prevention interventions

Collaboration of individuals, agencies, private and public health and dental practices, non-profits, and entities interested in furthering oral health in North Dakota. A Collection of groups has more power and visibility than one or two alone.
Past Accomplishments

- Supported and led legislative issues for Medicaid coverage for services and expansion
- Led legislative voice for the dental student loan repayment program for non-profits
- Led support for expansion of hygienist law to allow public health screening and sealant projects to operate
- Supported the Seal! North Dakota project and collaborated for its expansion
- Provided assistance with HRSA grant
Past Accomplishments

- Lead organization with the Dentaquest grant to determine access issues
- Support the non-profit clinics and Community Healthcare Association of the Dakotas
- Team with Long Term Care Association to advocate for elderly oral healthcare
- Support for Smiles for Life awareness and use of the program in medical communities
- Provided input to the 5 year burden document and North Dakota state Oral Health Plan
And then the FUTURE!!

- Became a 501 C-3 non profit this last year
- Obtained a Bremer Grant to fund a part time Executive Director
- Look to garner grants for equipment to use in long term care facilities across the state
- Gather support for Seal North Dakota to expand to all North Dakota schools and funding sources for this program
- Legislate for inclusion of the Student Loan Repayment program in ND General budget
And into the future

- Promote safety net clinics in Western ND and help to set up
- Use of mobile clinics to fill specific niches—how to promote and fund and operate
- Promote oral health education—carry the message
- Expand coalition into multiple health related fields
- Establish collaborations to work with IHS for on-going dental needs
- Promote a Caremobile type program for the Eastern half of the state.
- Work with NDDA to establish Community Case Management program
Other Areas of Concern for Access

- Medicaid enrollment and re-enrollment
- Extern/Residency program for dentists and assistants – need state funding to bring them in
- Dental Assistant availability
- Expanded function dental assistants
- Reservations – hit and miss dental care
- Dentures and partials
- Oral Health education seems lacking to general population
- Western North Dakota dental services
- Emergency room coverage
- And did I mention lack of Dental Assistants