



## Statewide Oral Health Strategic Planning Molokai Town Hall Highlights Friday, November 3, 2017

*(Note: This summary is not a comprehensive discussion, a full report will be included in the strategic plan.)*

**Attendees (21):** Keani Kawano (Molokai Community Health Center), Kanoelani Davis (Molokai Community Health Center), Chewl Pritchard (MCHC Board), Paula Gardner, DDS (Dental Director MCHC), Greg Kahn (MCHC Board), Charity Dudoit (MCHC Board/CFS), Lovely Emmanuel (community member), Isaiah Emmanuel (Organic Farmer), Tim Emmanuel (community member), John Emmanuel (community member), Sierra Emmanuel (community member), Lorrin Pang, MD (Dept. of Health), Daisy Brionesonshaw (Maui Family Support Program Assistant), Long Beach (community member), Laidcrene Kalipi (community member), Iwalani Kadowaki (community member), Komela Horner (CHN), Na Puuwai (community member), Louisa Linden, RN (PHN DOH), Courtney Dimaggio, RN (PHN DOH)



### **Supporting the Oral Health of Families - Modeling Positive Oral Health Behaviors**

A majority of Molokai's population is enrolled in Medicaid, and forgo preventive dental care. Thus, many parents may not model positive oral health behaviors to their children, including regular dental visits. The current adult Medicaid dental benefits include payment for extractions and emergency services, but not for preventive care visits or restorations. Expanding Medicaid payments to include preventive services to adults was a key concern voiced at the Molokai meeting.

### **Education to Increase the Value of Oral Health**

On Moloka'i oral health education is needed to increase oral health, and the public's perceived value of oral health. Opportunities to increase education for parents, children, at community health centers, at maternal health facilities, and at schools were discussed. Discovering ways to engage in education at locations and events where families gather, whether it is the baseball field, schools, or other community locations, is important to consider in the future.

**Interdisciplinary Health Integration**

Participants in the Moloka'i town hall meeting noted that professionals that provide social services and behavioral health services may not currently emphasize the importance of oral health care and its impact on overall health to their clients. The group explored ways to integrate oral health with other health and educational services, and to coordinate referrals and information sharing among providers to eliminate compartmentalization and silos.

**Policy and Program Funding**

The Moloka'i group discussions also included policy changes that will help improve oral health. The conversation supported oral health exams as a part of school enrollment. The conversation included general discussion of the how the dental industry could adopt outcomes-based payment systems for dental providers. The group also discussed how it is important to ensure that future funding allocated to Maui County trickles down to each of three islands in the county, including Moloka'i. Additionally, the group emphasized the need to establish and fund on-island housing for medical/dental providers to help address workforce shortage issues on Moloka'i.

**Post-meeting Evaluation Results:**

	1 = Poor	2 = Below Average	3 = Average	4 = Above Average	5 = Excellent	NA
<b>Format/Structure</b>						
Overall Meeting	(0)	(0)	(1) 12.5%	(4) 50%	(3) 37.5%	(0)
Length of Meeting	(0)	(0)	(0)	(15) 62.5%	(3) 37.5%	(0)
<b>Amenities</b>						
Meeting Room	(0)	(0)	(0)	(3) 37.5%	(5) 62.5%	(0)
Catering	(0)	(0)	(1) 17%	(1) 17%	(5) 50%	(1) 17%
<b>Meeting Sections</b>						
Hawaii State Oral Health Program Update	(0)	(0)	(1) 14%	(9) 43%	(2) 28%	(1) 14%
Community Scenarios & Group Discussion	(0)	(0)	(2) 28%	(2) 28%	(3) 43%	(0)
Planning & Prioritization	(0)	(0)	(2) 28%	(2) 28%	(3) 43%	(0)

**Comments and/or suggestions:**

- You did a wonderful job!
- Good discussion & space to actually talk and share ideas, issues, and solutions.

- More time for gap in Medicaid funding that's looming. Focus on prevention was good "capitation". Yes to how to motivate self-responsibility