



Tampa Bay
Healthcare
Collaborative


Oral Health Planning Session
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Vision & Areas of Focus

We envision a community that values health and health services for everyone

- advocacy
- health equity
- wellness

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Mission & Methods

To promote and advance the health and wellness of those underserved

- foster relationships
- build organizational capacity
- promote access to care

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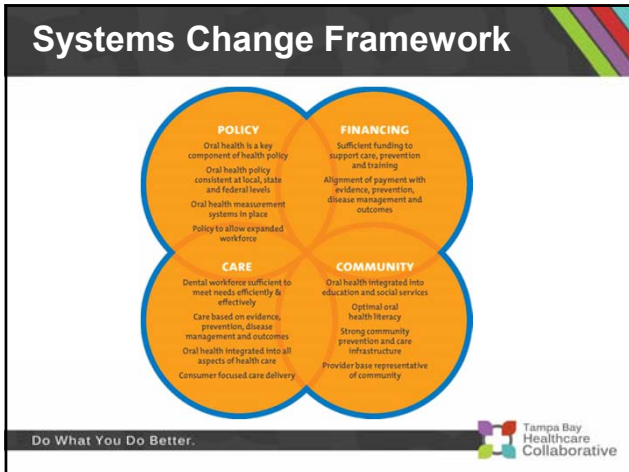
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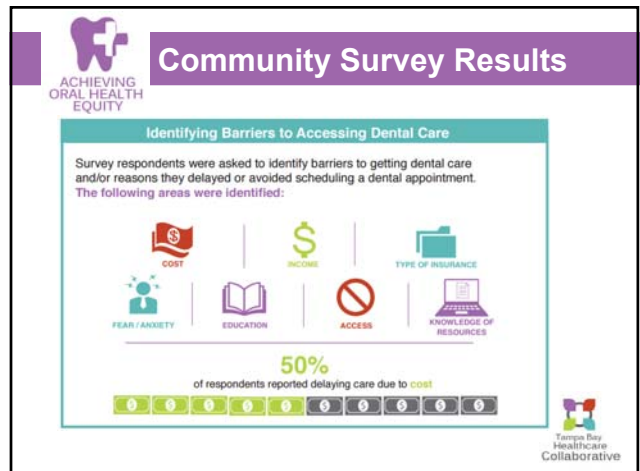
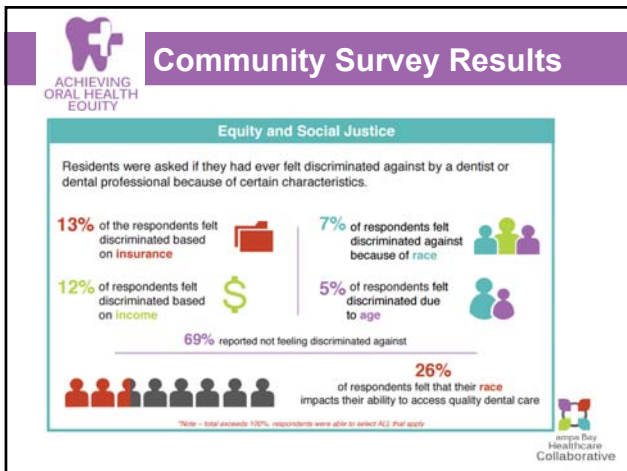
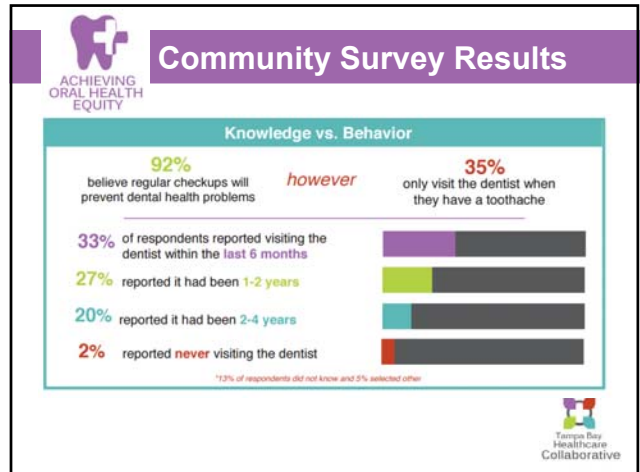
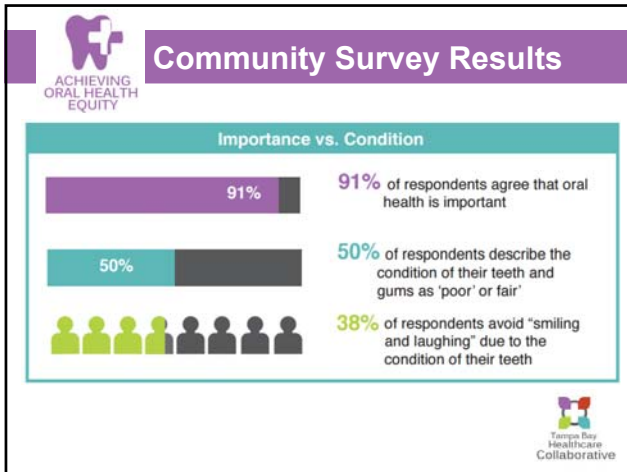



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Community Recommendations

Top Recommendations for Care



- Appropriate incentives for dentists to serve un- or underserved populations (i.e., loan forgiveness programs) – 22%
- Dental health should be recognized as a nutrition issue and be available to purchase with SNAP benefits, WIC benefits or through a developed specific program. List resources for receiving free dental supplies – 18%
- Primary care provider intake forms ask about last time patient had a dental screening or cleaning – 14%
- Public service campaigns including social media, commercials, public service announcements – 13%



Community Recommendations

Top Recommendations for Community



- Early education and application to break cycle of poor oral care via those providers, outreach, mobile units, etc. – 17%
- Collaborate with faith-based organizations to increase access to resources and for community education – 17%
- Holistic health care provision and screenings integration – 11%
- Add dental outreach activities to other well-established outreach activities – 11%



Community Recommendations

Top Recommendations for Financing

- Loan forgiveness for dentists working in low-income areas – 17%
- Modified WIC and SNAP to allow purchase of oral health products – 16%
- Increase Medicaid/Medicare reimbursement rates and advocate for comprehensive dental benefits – 15%
- Inclusion of preventative dental care as EHB under the ACA for adults – 12%



Community Recommendations

Top Recommendations for Policy


- Change policy to allow dental hygiene therapists to practice in high-need areas / Following the lead of other states to allow training of dental hygienist therapist to serve in dental health deserts / broaden scope of practice for dental hygienists – 22%
- Hybrid loan forgiveness program for dentistry students based upon percentage of low income patients served (private and public sector) – 15%
- Modified WIC and SNAP to allow to purchase oral health products – 15%







Year 2

- Additional Assessment
- Service Coordination
- State Alignment
- Advocacy





Provider Survey Results

- Oral Health Beliefs
 - Poor oral health can impact various overall health concerns – 99%
 - A person is not healthy if they are in poor oral health – 93%
 - Residents would benefit from expanded dental health services – 91%
 - Organization distributes educational dental health information to clients – 56%
 - Organization has client referral process with local dental service providers – 48%



Provider Survey Results

- Barriers to Patient Access
 - Can't afford it – 95%
 - No transportation – 90%
 - Unsure about treatment cost – 74%
 - Can't find a dentist to take insurance – 74%
 - Can't find a dentist open late or weekends – 69%
 - No bilingual dental professionals – 42%
 - Wait time too long at dental office – 35%
 - Dentist office not handicap accessible – 16%



Next Steps

- Compile recommendations and develop a Community-Driven Oral Health Plan
- Submit Year Two Project Report – due March 3^{1st}
- Continue to engage community stakeholders including residents
- Address local needs (i.e. Wimauma)

