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NYS Oral Health Coalition Annual Meeting & Early Childhood Oral Health Summit

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AGENDA

9:00 BREAKFAST and NETWORKING

10:00 WELCOME

Paula Fischer, RDH

Chair, NYS Oral Health Coalition

Vanessa Threatte

Executive Director, NYS Council on Children and Families

**10:20 PROGRESS ON RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE 2022 SUMMIT**

Patricia Persell, MS.Ed

*Early Childhood Policy Director, NYS Council on Children and Families, Co-Chair, NYS Early Childhood Advisory Council
NYS Head Start Collaboration Director*

Bridget Walsh, MPH

Senior Policy Analyst, Schuyler Center

10:45 UPDATE ON ORAL HEALTH POLICY

Michele Griguts, DDS

*Dental Director, Division of Program Development and Management
Office of Health Insurance Programs, NYS DOH*

Dionne Richardson, DDS, MPH

State Dental Director, Title V Program, NYS DOH

11:15 BREAK

11:30 BREAKOUTS

1. Update From the Oral Health Workforce Research Center

Simona Surdu, MD, PhD

Theekshana Fernando, MBBS, MPH

*Center for Health Workforce Studies, School of Public Health
University at Albany*

2. Oral Health Programs in Early Childhood Settings

Korelle Cala & Heather Millman

*Regional Economic Community Action Program, Inc
Rebecca Hoffay Klimek RDH, Clinical Director
Seal A Smile School Based Oral Health Program
Healthy Capital District Initiative*

Marlyce James MS.Ed, RDH, CDA

*National Center for Health, Behavioral Health, and Safety &
American Dental Hygienists' Association*

12:30 LUNCH AND AWARDS

Dr. Elmer L. Green Public Health Award

Dr. Elmer L. Green was director of the Bureau of Dental Health in 1985 until 2010. The recipient should demonstrate achievement in the field of oral health promotion and show evidence of challenging traditional policy or public health practice to improve oral health in an ongoing, effective, and innovative manner.

Awardee: Nicholas Gardner, DDS

Community Health Center of the North Country

Dr. Thomas R. Curran Fluoridation Champion Award

This award is given to an individual, group of individuals, or organizations for outstanding contributions toward the progress of maintaining or expanding fluoridation in New York State.

Awardee: Wayne Harrison, DDS

Community Water Fluoridation/Consumer Action Award

This award is presented for the first time this year because of the public health significance of the Reed family's actions in alerting the community to the loss of fluoridation in the City of Buffalo.

Awardees: Annie and Phil Reed

1:15 HRSA EFFORTS TO IMPROVE ORAL HEALTH

Adam Barefoot, DMD, MPH

*Chief Dental Officer and Population Based Oral Health
Improvement Leader, Health Resources and Services
Administration (HRSA)*

1:45 BREAK

2:00 ROUNDTABLE SESSION 1

- 1. Community Building, Resources You Can Use Today**
NYS Department of Health, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- 2. Community Health Workers/Home Visiting Training**
Rachel Schwartz, RN, MPH, MSW
Public Health Solutions
- 3. Medical Dental Integration-Transforming Oral Health for Families**
Rachel King, DDS, MPH, MBA, MS
Health Efficient

Kathryn Rothas, DDS, MPH
Whitney M. Young, Jr. Health Center
- 4. Pediatrics and Mobile Dental Opportunities**
Paula Fischer, RDH
University of Buffalo Dental School
- 5. Collaborating with New York's Dental Hygienist Liaisons**
Marlyce James, MS.Ed, RDH, CDA
National Center for Health, Behavioral Health, and Safety & American Dental Hygienists' Association
- 6. Strategies for application of fluoride varnish in non-dental settings**
Michele Griguts, DDS
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Office of Health Insurance Programs, NYS DOH

Michelle Kisiel-Cohen, DMD MPH
Dental Director, Program Development and Management
Division of Medical and Dental Directors
Office of Health Insurance Programs

2:30 BREAK

2:45 ROUNDTABLE 2
(REPEAT OF FIRST SESSION. PARTICIPANTS
SELECT ANOTHER TABLE.)

3:15 REFLECTION TIME

3:30 CLOSE

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