

# DENTAQUEST PARTNERSHIP NEWS



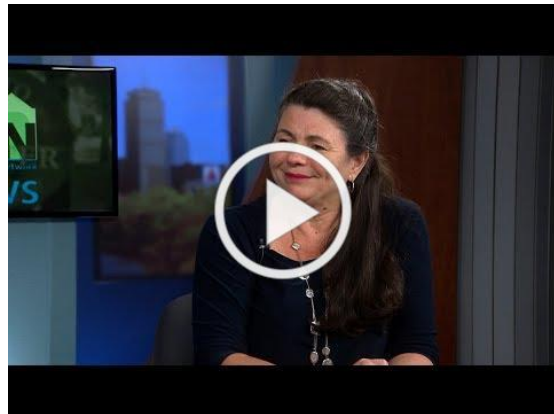
## Welcome to the new Director of Analytics and Evaluation

The DentaQuest Partnership for Oral Health Advancement is excited to introduce Julie Frantsve-Hawley, Ph.D., CAE, our new Director of Analytics and Evaluation. Dr. Hawley received her doctorate from Harvard University's Biological and Biomedical Sciences program and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of California, San Francisco. She is an executive scholar of the Nonprofit Management Program at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, a fellow of the National Institutes of Health Training Institute for Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health and a fellow of the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science. She was previously in clinical practice as a registered dental hygienist. Dr. Hawley brings a wealth of experience in evidence-based health care, medical/dental research and analytics, peer

review publishing, stakeholder engagement and nonprofits that will be invaluable to shaping our research agenda. Read Dr. Hawley's [full bio](#).

## DentaQuest Partnership Invests \$6.1M in Oral Health Initiatives During First Quarter of 2019

Last month, the DentaQuest Partnership announced its investment of \$6.1 million in 75 organizations across the U.S. dedicated to addressing policies and perceptions that perpetuate poor oral health outcomes and lead to significant health disparities. The announcement captured grants awarded in the first quarter, with additional funding to more organizations to be awarded later this year. Read the [press release](#) for more details, and watch [an interview](#) on the Boston Neighborhood Network to hear DentaQuest Partnership President, Alison Corcoran, talk more about the vision behind these investments.



## PERSON-CENTERED CARE

### Continuing Education Webinar: Oral Health & Value

The DentaQuest Partnership will host our next continuing education webinar, Oral Health & Value, on June 27 from 1-2 p.m. ET. Dr. Sean Boynes, Executive Director of Person-Centered Care at the

DentaQuest Partnership, will discuss the changing oral health landscape, how we are defining value in oral health and strategies for achieving person-centered care. [Register](#) today.

### **School-Based Dental Services Help Foster Person-Centered Care**

The DentaQuest Partnership will present "[Oral health promotion and dental care access for children through school-based services](#)" at the 2019 National School-Based Health Convention in Washington, D.C. on Monday, June 24. This research examines the impact of school-based dental services including: sealant application, fluoride treatment, cleanings and diagnostic services among children aged 0-20 using administrative claims data from 2013 to 2015.

### **Study Shows Increasing Number of Physician Assistant Education Programs Including Oral Health**

The third national study benchmarking advancements in both the number of Physician Assistant programs integrating oral health education into their curriculum and the breadth of the curriculum was released in the June issue of the *Journal of Physician Assistant Education*. [Integrating Oral Health: Physician Assistant Education in 2017](#) documents continued progress made by the National Interprofessional Initiative on Oral Health, the Center for Integration of Primary Care and Oral Health and the Physician Assistant Leadership Initiative in Oral Health. The DentaQuest Partnership has supported some of this work for several years, and we are excited about what has been achieved.



## **ADULT DENTAL BENEFIT**

### **Sante Fe Group Convenes Health Care Leaders to Discuss Oral Health Benefit in Medicare**

More than 200 health care leaders, including DentaQuest Partnership President, Alison Corcoran, and Executive Director of Grants Strategy, Mike Monopoli, DMD, MPH, MS, attended the recent "Comprehensive Health Without Oral Health: The Medicare Paradox" event in Arlington, VA to participate in discussions focused on the critical need for Medicare to include oral health benefits as a component of overall health care.

Presenters, including Congresswoman Donna Shalala (D-FL), AARP National Volunteer President Dr. Catherine Alicia Georges, New York State Department of Health research scientist Kevin Malloy, and Dean Emeritus of Columbia University College of Dental Medicine Dr. Ira B. Lamster discussed legislative issues, advocacy recommendations, and how the benefit would impact health and finances. Dr. Monopoli facilitated a panel focused on three areas:

- The epidemiology of the need for access to care
- The capacity of the delivery system to provide the needed care
- How public momentum is building for dental benefits in Medicare, the results of "we have teeth and we vote" outreach

programs in three states during the 2018 election, and what motivates citizens 50+ to take action on this important issue

The program was an important networking opportunity and the dialogue garnered a strong response. We look forward to continuing our support of these efforts to ensure every adult has the opportunity to achieve optimal oral health.

### **New Medicare/Medicaid Oral Health Bill**

Last month, Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) and the Senate Special Committee on Aging introduced the Medicare and Medicaid Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefit Act of 2019, [S.1423](#). This represents another milestone in recent efforts to underscore the need for improved coverage of oral health benefits in public health care programs. S.1423 is just one oral health bill among many that have been introduced lately (see full list below). Kudos to OPEN members and other oral health stakeholders across the country for driving and supporting the introduction of these bills.

- [S. 22](#) Medicare Dental Benefit Act of 2019 (Sen. Cardin, D-MD)
  - [H.R. 2951](#) Medicare Dental Benefit Act of 2019 (Rep. Barragan, D-CA—companion bill to S.22)
- [H.R.576](#) Seniors Have Eyes, Ears, and Teeth Act (Rep. Roybal-Allard, D-CA)
- [H.R.1393](#) Medicare Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefit Act of 2019 (Rep. Doggett, D-TX)
- [S.1423](#) Medicare and Medicaid Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefit Act of 2019 (Sen. Casey, D-PA)



## **NATIONAL MEASUREMENT SYSTEM**

### **MSDA National Profile**

The DentaQuest Partnership recently partnered with MSDA ([Medicaid/Medicare/CHIP Services Dental Association](#)) to develop [a new platform](#) on the MSDA website that includes individual fact sheets and a database available to all state dental directors. Based on the CMS-416 report, the database and fact sheets present complex data in an easy-to-read format that allows users to see where their states align locally, regionally, and nationally. For more information, contact us at [partnershipanalytics@dentaquest.com](mailto:partnershipanalytics@dentaquest.com).

## **INDUSTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Think YES to Care: Customer Service Training Overview Webinar | June 27, 2019**

The National Network for Oral Health Access is offering a webinar on dental services customer service training. [Register](#) today.

### **2019 CAMBRA Coalition Conference | August 15-16, 2019**

Registration for the fifth annual CAMBRA Coalition meeting is now open. [Register](#) today.

## John W. Knutson Distinguished Service Award in Dental Public Health - Call for 2019 Nominations

The Oral Health section of the American Public Health Association is accepting nominations for the John W. Knutson Distinguished Service Award. To nominate a candidate who has demonstrated sustained and exemplary accomplishments in the field of dental public health, submit a curriculum vitae or biographical information and letter(s) of recommendation in support of the candidate to [Jay Balzer, DMD, MPH](#) by June 28.

## Smiles for Life Research Awards

[Smiles for Life](#) (SFL), a national oral health curriculum, is pleased to announce the offering of annual awards to support publication or presentation of research in a scholarly format. The SFL Research Award offers two \$600 awards to be used to support travel and accommodations to present SFL-related research results at an educational conference. Send questions and applications to [Melinda Clark](#).

## Podcast Emphasizes the Need for Systemic Change in Dentistry

Josefine Ortiz Wolfe, Ph.D., RDH, director of the Oral Health Program at the Texas Health Institute (THI), discussed THI's long-term study examining the treatment of non-traumatic dental conditions throughout the state of Texas during a [special episode](#) of the *A Tale of Two Hygienists* podcast. Dr. Wolfe emphasizes the importance of "system change" as opposed to simply improving the treatment of individual patients.

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