

Coalition for Oral Health Policy – COHP

2023:

- Reviewed the current status of COHP (6 original members recruited by Dr. Mike Alfano) and plans for the coming year

Aspirational:

- Submit a planning grant to the CareQuest Institute for Oral Health (CQI).
- Retreat to address organization & define our policy and advocacy components.
- Commission two policy papers.
- Further develop the membership of COHP.

2024 Accomplishments

- Awarded a \$125K planning grant by the **CareQuest Institute**.
- Expanded the membership to 17 members, including organizations and individuals.
- Published three policy papers.
- Held a planning meeting March 28-30, 2024, in Charlotte NC & issued outcomes report.
- Worked with **Henry Schein & Pacific Dental Services** to establish a more equitable funding plan to support the advocacy component of our work.
- Continued development of the COHP infrastructure – leadership plan, committee structure, discussion with the SFG to define the relationship with COHP.

Policy Documents/Outcomes Metrics

- **Integration of Primary and Oral Health Care: An Unrealized Opportunity (JAMA Internal Medicine).**
- **Inclusion of Dental Services in Medicare to Improve Oral and General Health for Older Americans (American Journal of Medicine).**
- **Medicare Adult Dental Coverage: A Novel Approach (JADA).**

What Comes Next

- **Finalize the agreement between COHP and SFG.**
- **Develop the COHP microsite within the new SFG website.**
- **Further development of the advocacy component of our work.**
- **Expand the membership (committee now engaged in that process).**
- **Continued financial support for our work.**