Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Quality Improvement (PIOHQI) Initiative — An Update

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PURPOSE

• Close the gaps that impede the availability of quality oral health care for pregnant women and infants most at risk for oral disease.

• Expand the number of well-defined, evidence-based models that:
  ▪ Reduce prevalence of oral disease in pregnant women and infants.
  ▪ Increase utilization of preventive dental care by pregnant women.
  ▪ Establish a dental home for infants (by age one).
  ▪ Reduce dental expenditures.
### Relevance within MCHB

**Title V Block Grant**  
**National Performance Measures**

- **NPM 13A**: The percentage of women who had a dental visit during pregnancy

- **NPM 13B**: The percentage of children, ages 1-17, who had a preventive dental visit in the last year

For more information, join me and Katrina Holt at the following roundtable: Title V MCH Block Grant and Its Potential to Improve Oral Health

### Timetable: 6 Years

- **Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Quality Improvement (PIOHQI) Pilot Grant Program**
  - 2013-2017
  - 3 grantees: CT, NY, and WV

- **PIOHQI National Learning Network**
  - 2014-2017
  - 1 cooperative agreement: CDHP (lead), ASTDD, NASHP, and NIPN

- **PIOHQI Expansion Grant Program**
  - 2015-2019
  - 8 grantees: CA, CO, MD, ME, NM, RI, VA, and WI
PIOHQI Progress

Collaborative Learning Network

QI Strategies
- Increase Access
- Increase Utilization
- Improve Policy and Practice
- Improve/Increase Outreach and Messaging

Year 1 Progress
- Establishing data collection system
- Establishing state guidelines
- Securing workforce
- Establishing outreach

Year 2 Progress
- Partnerships with local delivery systems
- Improved workforce competency
- Strategic organizational change
- Policy change that secures payment for care
- Informed public (?)

Barriers & Lessons Learned

- **Barrier: Accessing OB/GYN offices to discuss project**
  - Lesson learned: Identify champions (e.g., nurse-midwives)
- **Barrier: Inability to contact women due to bad phone numbers**
  - Lesson learned: Strengthen relationship with community partners
- **Barrier: Delay in finalizing contracts**
  - Lesson learned: Patience!
- **Barrier: Collaborating with new start up facing its own challenges**
  - Lesson learned: Patience!
- **Barrier: Establishing reimbursement for oral health care**
  - Lesson learned: Patience!
2016 Results

Stay tuned!

• Expansion 1\textsuperscript{st} year due early May

• Pilot 3\textsuperscript{rd} year due early July

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