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Older Adults Work Plan

Goal: Increase oral health education, prevention and treatment services for older adults and providers in South Carolina.

| Objectives | Activities | Member(s) Responsible | Timeframes | Outcomes |
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| 1. Develop and disseminate culturally appropriate educational materials for older adults and providers. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SC Oral Health Materials Committee will research and review materials appropriate for older adults in South Carolina. 2. SC-Geriatric Education Center (SC-GEC) will develop a 40-hour geriatric oral health curriculum for providers, faculty, and students. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SCOHMRC (Chris Veschusio, Chair) 2. SC-GEC (Esther Forti, Director) | <p>December, 2004</p> <p>July, 2005</p> | Materials produced and disseminated. |

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| <p>2. Educate and train primary health care providers in oral cavity assessment to identify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral Cancer • Oral abnormalities • Systematic oral health connection | <p>3. Develop a Long Term Care Oral Health Consultant training module and present a train-the-trainer workshop relating to the module.</p> <p>4. Disseminate developed materials and identify other parties such as SCNA, AARP, State Ombudsman, SCHGA, SCPHA, AHA, SCHA, etc.</p> <p>1. Research and review existing materials and curricula.</p> <p>2. Develop acceptable and appropriate training materials.</p> <p>3. Identify trainers and train them in the curricula.</p> <p>4. Identify and/or offer conferences and trainings for providers to attend.</p> | <p>3. Clare VanSant SC-GEC(Esther Forti, Director)</p> <p>4. Pat Sullivan and Richard Demarest</p> <p>1. SCOHMRC (Chris Veschusio, Chair)</p> <p>2. SC-GEC (Esther Forti, Director)</p> <p>3. SC-GEC (Esther Forti, Director) MUSC-College of Medicine, Head and Neck Tumor Program (Dr. Terry Day) MUSC - College of Dental Medicine (Dr. Brad Neville)</p> <p>4. SC-GEC, MUSC, SCDHA, SCDA, SCPHCA.</p> | <p>July, 2005</p> <p>July, 2005</p> <p>December, 2004</p> <p>July, 2005</p> <p>December, 2005</p> <p>Ongoing</p> | <p>Curriculum and training materials produced, trainers selected, and training conferences scheduled.</p> |
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| <p>3. Inform and involve legislators and policymakers on issues related to oral health needs in older adults, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare and Medicaid Reimbursement • AARP, ADA, SCDA • Affordable Dental Insurance | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify what policy and reimbursement currently exists as well as program utilization and access to care. 2. Partner with AARP, ADA, SCDA, SCDHA, Ombudsman Office, Lt. Governor's Office, and SC Dental Assistant Association to assist in policy changes to benefit older adults. 3. Partner with MUSC - College of Dental Medicine (Dr. Charles Ferguson), SCDA (Dr. Charlie Millwood), and TEC schools (Barbara Ankersen). 4. Coordinate the above actions with SCOHAC and keep lines of communication open between these groups. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pat Sullivan, AARP 2. Pat Sullivan and Richard Demarest 3. Pat Sullivan and Richard Demarest 4. Pat Sullivan and Richard Demarest | <p>December, 2004</p> <p>July, 2005</p> <p>July, 2005</p> <p>Ongoing</p> | <p>Effective policies for improving oral health access and services for older adults.</p> |
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| <p>4. Increase access to care for oral health services for older adults:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NH care, assisted living centers, retirement communities, adult residential care facilities, and senior citizens centers • Institutional - mental health and special needs • Providers/ Community Health Centers (CHCs) • Mobile dental care | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordinate with existing mobile dental resources to include regularly scheduled visits to nursing homes, assisted living centers, retirement communities, adult residential care facilities, and senior citizens centers to improve access to oral health care for older adults. 2. Investigate the possibility of locating Oral Health Consultants in all nursing home facilities in South Carolina. 3. Utilize existing transport resources to be more responsive and accommodating to the needs of older adults by installing hydraulic lifts. 4. Support and encourage the co-location of dental offices near nursing homes, assisted living centers, retirement communities, adult residential care facilities, and senior citizens center. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clare VanSant and Richard Demarest 2. Clare VanSant, Richard Demarest, SCDA, and Ava Brumfield 3. Richard Demarest 4. Clare VanSant, Pat Sullivan and Richard Demarest | <p>December, 2005</p> <p>July, 2005</p> <p>December, 2005</p> <p>December, 2005</p> | <p>Improved access to oral health care and improved quality of life for older adults by developing and expanding oral health services.</p> |
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