



## **HIGHLIGHTING INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY STRATEGIES PANEL PRESENTATION**

**Carrie Stempski RDH BS CDHC, Executive Director**

**Nancy Armbrust, President of the Board of Directors (and VP Education & Community Relations at Schreiber Foods)**

***Brown County Oral Health Partnership***

Brown County Oral Health Partnership (BCOHP) was founded in September 2007 and serves children in the Green Bay area who are uninsured and underinsured. Children are seen at Howe Family Resource Center five days a week and portable equipment is brought into the schools to treat children. Since BCOHP's establishment, 12,000 oral health visits have been served including preventive, restorative, and extractions. Carrie Stempski is the Executive Director and has been in public health spectrum all of her career. She is a Regional Oral Health Consultant and teaches for the CDHC program. She graduated in 1982 from the University Of Minnesota with a BA in Adult Education and a GDH Degree. Nancy Armbrust currently serves as the President, BCOHP Board of Directors. In her role as VP, Education & Community Relations, Schreiber Foods, Inc., she worked with other community leaders, businesses and non-profit organizations to develop BCOHP and continues to serve on the Board.

**Dawn Collins, Office Manager**

***Children's Dental Clinic in Madison***

Children's Dental Center of Madison has found that the keep it simple philosophy works extremely well with our Head Start Dental Daze. In many ways the day itself is more fun, rewarding and sometimes easier than your typical day in the office!

**Pam Entorf RDH BS ME-PD, Program Director Dental Hygiene/Assisting and Clinical Coordinator for Outreach**

***Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC)***

The partnerships and collaborations CVTC has developed with Marquette University's School of Dentistry, UWHealth Family Medicine, Western Dairyland Head Start, Colfax Area Nursing Home, and other local agencies allows us to cooperatively provide care to individuals using BadgerCare and those who are low-income. We have served individuals and families from 27 counties in the state and offer a replicable model for other technical colleges to provide care to those in need.

**Bob Walker, Corporate Communications Manager**  
***Delta Dental of Wisconsin***

Delta Dental of Wisconsin is committed to improving the oral health of the people of Wisconsin. We make grants totaling in excess of \$2 million annually to fund clinics serving low-income persons, educational programs for dental professionals, and other initiatives that expand access to care. We are very interested in developing partnerships with Head Start programs to promote oral health. We have an educational program called Cavity-Free Kids that can help in that effort, but we are also open providing financial support for other initiatives that local Head Start programs may be doing.

**Susan Pillinger, Health and Mental Health Manager**  
***Red Cliff Early Childhood Center Tribal Head Start & Early Head Start***

The Red Cliff Early Childhood Center is a Tribal Early Head Start and Head Start located in the northernmost part of Wisconsin on beautiful Lake Superior. The Red Cliff Tribe of Lake Superior Chippewa is reportedly the poorest tribe in the state. There are over 1,000 residents of the tribe. The nearest town, Bayfield, is 3 miles away with a population of approximately 600. This is a beautiful tourist town; however the population is dwindling yearly due to high taxes and few job opportunities. There are no physicians or other primary healthcare providers in Bayfield. Luckily, the Tribe has a beautiful clinic that includes several healthcare providers. A dentist was finally able to be hired several years ago.

The Early Head Start and Head Start together serve over 100 children and families. Early Head Start has both center-based and home-based services. There are four EHS classrooms serving eight children each, and three home-based teachers each serving 12 pregnant women and children up to age 3. Head Start serves 50 children aged 3-5.

**Carol Mishler, Child Development & Health Team Leader**  
**Kristy Kerl, Program Oral Health Consultant**  
***Rock-Walworth Comprehensive Family Services Head Start & Early Head Start***

The ability for Rock/Walworth Comprehensive Family Services, Inc. Head Start and Early Head Start (RWCFS) to support families in obtaining oral health services reached a crisis point in program year 2003-04. At that time, less than 50% of children were receiving exams or needed treatment and only two private practices in Rock Co. accepted patients with medical assistance (MA). RWCFS began its efforts to improve oral health access and services by working with the State Oral Health Office and connecting with the Southern Regional Oral Health Consultant to begin a systematic approach to responding to needs.

Early on we knew that we would have to tackle the issue through several approaches. We decided to pursue three major goals: 1) find a way to provide oral health services, 2) advocate for participating families regarding oral health needs in WI, and 3) promote prevention by providing education to parents, staff and community health care professionals. In 2005, RWCFS applied for and was awarded a Head Start grant that greatly supported our work to improve the oral health of the children and families we serve. According to the 2008-09 Program Instrument Report (PIR), 99% of all enrolled children in that program year received screening/exams which then enabled us to determine that 19% of children needed treatment. 82% of those children identified as needing treatment received treatment. Of these children, 33% had significant treatment needs requiring hospital care costing thousands of dollars. Most of the work accomplished has been through developing community collaborations. We are now in the last year of our grant and have some solid collaboration agreements that will allow us to sustain many of the activities we have implemented. As we near the end of our last year of grant funding, our greatest concern is how we will find a way to make sure children with significant treatment needs who have no insurance will get those needs met.