



**Government of the District
of Columbia
Department of Health
Oral Health Division**



**Oral Health Leadership
Summit**

November 30, 2005

*“Shaping the Future of Oral Health:
From Cavities to Oral Cancer”*



Introduction

The District of Columbia held its first Oral Health Leadership Summit on July 18, 2003 with the theme of “*Rebuilding on a Framework for Improving Oral Health in the District of Columbia*”. The 1st Summit was planned as one of the District’s strategic responses to former U.S Surgeon General, Dr. David Satcher’s report on *Oral Health in America* issued in May 2000 and current U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. Richard Carmona’s report on *The National Call to Action to Promote Oral Health*. This one-day summit addressed issues such as oral health policy development, oral health quality assurance, and initiating linkages with dental and medical providers as well as the dental community. The summit also discussed issues surrounding low Medicaid reimbursement rates, bureaucratic administrative requirements, lack of uniformity and methods to rebuild the dental infrastructure in the District in order to facilitate greater access to dental services.

With the groundwork being laid to highlight the importance of an integrated oral health delivery system and health plan that will reach District residents with unmet needs, the DC DOH Oral Health Division recognized that there was still more to be done. In an attempt to address these challenges, a second Summit was held on November 30, 2005. This Summit not only continued with the work started in 2003, but also addressed disparities in oral health within the District of Columbia, particularly as it affects the dental access of children. The Oral Health Summit provided a forum for District policy makers and key stakeholders to learn about critical oral health issues from a variety of perspectives and stakeholders. The setting also provided a venue and opportunity to dialogue, debate, discuss and develop strategies to address oral health disparities.

Current Status of Oral Health in Washington, DC

The District’s high rate of poverty (approximately 10.6 percent of the District’s population are living below the Federal Poverty Level) combined with its large minority population (approximately 75 percent of the population are African Americans and Hispanics) results in very low oral health indicators. According to the 2000 Behavioral Risk Factors Surveillance System survey:

- Almost 30% of African Americans in DC indicated that they had lost six or more teeth due to decay or gum disease compared to 12 percent of Hispanics.
- About 33% of Hispanics and African Americans had not visited a dentist in the past year.
- Males in the District have the highest incidence (25.4) and mortality rate (11.4) per 100,000 of oral cancer in the country.

Summit Sessions

I. Colgate® Bright Smiles Bright Futures Program™

Description: This session provided a brief overview of the Colgate® Bright Smiles Bright Futures Program™ (initiative to promote the importance of oral health through education and prevention).

Objectives: This session aimed to provide participants with information about the Colgate® Bright Smiles Bright Futures Program™. After completing this session, participants should have been:

- Familiarized with the goals and mission of the Colgate® Bright Smiles Bright Futures Program™; and
- Aware of the services provided by the Colgate® Bright Smiles Bright Futures Program™.

Presenters:

| Name | Organization/Title | Topic |
|-------------------|--|--|
| Dr. Marsha Butler | Vice President, Global Professional Relations and Marketing, Colgate-Palmolive Company | Colgate® Bright Smiles Bright Futures Program™ |

II. School-Based Oral Health Programs

Description: Oral disease is the most common childhood disease that is more likely to disproportionately affect children from lower-income families. In an attempt to address this disparity, this session provided insight from various points-of-view on current and future initiatives to positively impact the oral health of students within the District.

Objectives: This session aimed to provide participants with an overview of oral health initiatives currently in place to address the “silent epidemic” of dental disease hurting students in DC Public Schools (DCPS). After completing this session, participants should have been:

- Able to identify why oral health services within schools are important;
- Aware of current and future initiatives in place to improve the oral health status of students within DCPS; and
- Familiarized with current data obtained from the School-Based Dental Sealant program.



Presenters:

| Name | Organization/Title | Topic |
|---------------------|---|--|
| Ms. Angela Tilghman | Principal, Miner Elementary School | Importance of oral health services within schools (particularly as it applies to DC) |
| Dr. Iris Morton | Private dentist/Primary dentist – School-Based Sealant Program | Experiences providing dental services within schools (particularly interaction with students, staff & parents) |
| Ms. Twana Dinnall | Dental Coordinator | Data from School-Based Sealant Program & future policy implications |
| Dr. Jim Feldman | Immediate Past President, DC Dental Society; Chair, Give Kids a Smile Day | Give Kids a Smile Day |
| Ms. Ann Debiasi | Washington Director, Children Dental Health Project | Facilitator |

III. **Panel Discussion: Oral Health Coverage & Access to Care**

Description: Inability to pay for needed dental services (both preventative & restorative) has been proven to be a major factor in oral health disparities. This panel discussion provided a brief overview of some of the challenges faced by low-income DC residents when attempting to reimburse providers as well as some proposals to address this issue.

Objectives: This session aimed to provide participants with an overview of some of the challenges faced by low-income DC residents when attempting to reimburse providers as well as some proposals to address this issue. After completing this session, participants should have been:

- Familiarized with the case *Salazar v. The District of Columbia*; and
- Aware of approaches to address oral health problems facing the underinsured and uninsured population.

Presenters:

| Name | Organization/Title | Topic |
|------------------|--|------------------------|
| Ms. B. J. Wolf | Chief, Office of Children, Families & Youth, Medical Assistance Administration, DC DOH | Salazar Consent Decree |
| Ms. Angela Jones | Executive Director, DC Action for | Advocating efforts & |



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| | Children | recommendations to improve the oral health of children in DC |
| Ms. Sharon Baskerville | Executive Director, DC Primary Care Association (DCPCA) | Medical Homes project & the inclusion of oral health |
| Dr. Milton Bernard | President, Quality Plan Administrators, Inc. | Enhancing Medicaid Managed Care to improve recipient's oral health care |
| Dr. Candace Mitchell | Vice President, Medical Affairs Mary's Center for Maternal & Child Health | Moderator |

IV. *Luncheon Presentation: The Role of Oral Health in Disaster Preparedness*

Description: Unfortunately, in recent time, there has been an increase in the possibility of events occurring that produces mass-causalities. This luncheon presentation described how the role of dentistry has expanded in order to play a greater role in preparing for disasters and to act as first-line responder.

Objectives: This session aimed to provide participants with an overview of how dentistry's role has expanded by playing a greater part in disaster preparedness and response. After completing this session, participants should have been:

- Able to identify the importance of dentistry in disaster preparedness;
- Aware of how dentistry plays a role in disaster preparedness;
- Aware of how dentistry plays a role in disaster response; and
- Familiarized with future initiatives to increase the role of dentistry in both disaster preparedness and response.

Presenters:

| Name | Organization/Title | Topic |
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| Dr. Michael Colvard | Assistant Professor and Periodontal Surgeon, Department of Oral Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences, College of Dentistry, University of Illinois at Chicago | Role of dentistry in disaster preparedness and disaster response. |
| Dr. Ryle Bell | Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, Howard University College of Dentistry | Introduction |



V. *Oral Health Programs and the Community*

Description: Organized grass-roots efforts have been proven to play a significant role in identifying communities most in need of dental services and lobbying providers to provide these services. This session highlighted the experiences of some dental programs within DC with strong ties to the community as well as the role of the community-based dental education and practice and its impact on dental access.

Objectives: This session aimed to provide participants with an overview of the achievements and challenges faced by dental programs throughout DC. After completing this session, participants should have been:

- Cognizant of the importance of collaborations between dental programs and the communities they serves;
- Aware of community-based dental education and private benefits; and
- Familiarized with the experiences of various dental programs within DC.

Presenters:

| Name | Organization/Title | Topic |
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| Dr. Donna Grant-Mills | Howard University College of Dentistry | Howard University College of Dentistry's experience with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Pipeline, Profession & Practice Community Dental Education grant |
| Dr. Maria Rosa-Watson | Research Director, Spanish Catholic Center-Centro Catolico Hispanico | The role of the Spanish Catholic Center in serving the oral health needs of District residents |
| Ms. Sue Carmadese | Clinical Manager, Children's National Medical Center | Experiences as an oral health clinician at Children's National Medical Center |
| Dr. Michelle Locket | Unity Health Care – Dental Program | Experiences providing oral health care in a community-based health center |
| Dr. Donna Grant-Mills | Howard University College of Dentistry | Howard University College of Dentistry's experience with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Pipeline, Profession & Practice Community Dental Education grant |

VI. *Oral Health Services for Specialized Populations*



Description: Oral health services that are required by each population may vary depending on specific needs. As a result, this session highlighted some of the oral health needs of particular populations and discussed both the programs that have been implemented as well as those that are to be developed.

Objectives: This session aimed to provide participants with an overview of how the oral health needs of different populations may vary and the services that should be developed and implemented to address these needs. After completing this session, participants should have been:

- Able to identify how the oral health needs of the populations discussed varies; and
- Aware of current and future initiatives in to address and improve the oral health status of these different populations.

Presenters:

| Name | Organization/Title | Topic |
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| Ms. Rebecca Bruno | Advocacy Associate, So Others Might Eat | Homeless population |
| Ms. Lois Wessel | Association of Clinicians for the Underserved | Early Childhood Caries Prevention Project |
| Dr. Gail Christopher | Director of Health Policy Institute; Joint Center for Political Economic Studies | Oral Health of African American Males |
| Dr. Steven Price | Private dentist | Facilitator |

VII. [Local Initiatives to Address Oral Health Disparities](#)

Description: The DC Department of Health (DOH) is charged with ensuring that District residents have access to needed health services. This session focused on how the DC DOH is specifically addressing the oral health needs of District residents.

Objectives: This session aimed to provide participants with an overview of some of the current and future initiatives of the DC DOH to effectively address the oral needs of DC residents. After completing this session, participants should have been:

- Able to identify current and future oral health initiatives;
- Familiarized with the role of a cancer registry; and
- Aware of Medicaid issues affecting the delivery of oral health services in the District.



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Presenters:

| Name | Organization/Title | Topic |
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| Dr. Sukhminder Sandhu & Dr. Timothy Cote | DC Department of Health | Epidemiology of Oral Cancer in District |
| Ms. Sarah Lichtman Spector | Staff Attorney, Legal Aid Society of District of Columbia | Medicaid Issues in the District |
| Dr. Bailus Walker | Mayor's Health Policy Council, Chairman | Facilitator |



Summit Recommendations

The following is a summary of recommendations and comments given by participants at the 2nd Oral Health Summit as stated on evaluation forms:

Most Useful Aspects of Summit

- Networking opportunities
- Learning about current oral health activities
- Being informed of current DC Oral Health Division challenges
- Discussion and information given about dental providers' role in disaster preparedness
- Information given about a variety of oral health projects hosted throughout including (but not limited to), School-Based Sealant Program, "Give Kids a Smile Day", surveillance (oral cancer)
- Panel discussions focusing on "School Based Oral Health Program" and "Oral Health Coverage & Access to Care"
- Diverse and knowledgeable audience
- Opportunity to hear from both elected and non-elected local leaders about current oral health initiatives
- Reaffirming the importance of the relationship between oral health and general health
- Statistical data provided about the District's oral health status
- Details given about oral health programs aimed towards children and the community
- Discussion about the importance of strong policies, procedure and political capital to strengthen oral health's status

Recommendations for Future Summits

- Presenters should share additional lessons learned
- Have one or two action items – publish a statement on a particular issue
- Follow-up with periodic meetings to discuss projects and initiatives to help provide area for collaboration
- Important that speakers have follow-up discussions on areas of concern
- Allow more time for question/answer period and audience dialogue
- Greatly expand opportunities for interactive sessions and networking

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- Greater collaboration with other District agencies and District representatives (e.g. Councilmembers)
- Additional government representatives should be present to address funding and the role of the government plays in meeting the oral health care needs of the District residents
- Create a long and short term plan based on recommendations
- More emphasis should be placed on the role of the Oral Health Coalition/task force
- Prioritize action items to improve oral health in DC
- Develop action plan that consists of subsequent Summits

Future Topics

- Recruiting & retaining mid-level oral health professionals (e.g. RDH) in an underinsured/public health setting
- Research
- Oral health statistics for the region
- Role of community clinics
- Involvement of public health educators from local investors
- Impact on dental disease on pre-term labor
- Advocacy/ community-based organization session – Aimed at engaging participants in advocacy for increased resources for oral health in DC
- Participating with Primary Care Providers
- Managed care contracting
- Impact on populace of various intervention and support programs of dental care
- Children and mentally ill children with health issues - Incorporating a consumer response competent offering real-life feedback on
- City's use (lack of use) of tobacco funds
- Expanded function of dental hygienists
- License for foreign trained dentist
- Litigation and dentistry
- Increased partnership with teachers to develop curriculum that places more emphasis on oral health and parent participation
- Funding for programs



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- Integration of oral health with general health care
- Reciprocity in dentistry (i.e. licensing)
- Relationship between dentistry and the Board of Education
- Expanded oral health school programs
- Best practices in current oral health issues
- Primary oral health
- Medicaid & Medicare's role in providing dental coverage to the adult population (best practices from other states)
- Coordinated presentation of collaborations stating how oral health should be directed for future improvement
- Evaluation of School Based Sealant Program
- Solutions to change the law as it affects oral health

Additional Comments

- The email list of attendees should be used to recruit oral health coalition members
- More adult oral health issues
- Oral cancer conference (part/full day)
- More pediatricians and physicians should participate in the Summit
- Share findings from Summit and keep participants active
- Oral Health Coalition should be re-examined to direct future oral health efforts
- Create a listserve to inform oral health experts about upcoming hearings and other public oral health related events



What the Oral Health Division is Currently Doing

In an attempt to address some of the oral health issues experienced by the District, the Oral Health Program of the DC DOH has begun to develop and implement program based on the recommendations made during the Summit. The following are activities that are currently being carried out by the Oral Health program.

1. *School-Based Dental Program*

The Oral Health Division began a pilot School-Based Dental Program in nine elementary DC Public Schools designated as Transformation (T) Schools. The Program commenced in the first T-school (Davis Elementary) in September 2003 and completed the last T-school (Turner Elementary) in September 2004. Since its inception 812 DC Public Schools (DCPS) elementary school students who presented their signed parental consent forms were provided with preventive oral health treatment services. In FY '05, 301 students were examined, of those 301 students, 283 students – or 94% – received dental sealants. All students of grades being served, regardless of whether or not they presented their parental consent form, received oral health education.

During FY '05, the Oral Health Division began to provide sealants and other preventive oral health treatment services to non-Transformation schools that have at least 50% of its students participating in the National School Lunch Program (children from families with incomes at or below 130% FPL are eligible for free meals and those with incomes between 130% and 185% FPL are eligible for reduced-price meals). The Program has also started to provide dental services in two schools simultaneously. By providing dental services to students enrolled in schools that meet this criteria, it is expected that these students would have access to necessary dental services that they would have otherwise have had no access to.

The Project provides the following services:

- **Sealant Application** - Sealants are thin plastic materials that are applied to the chewing surfaces of permanent molars; they are most effective in reducing cavities in children with newly formed permanent teeth as usually found in 2nd and 3rd graders (6 - 8 years)
- **Fluoride Treatment** - Fluoride treatment is used as a preventive measure because it is absorbed into the enamel of the teeth making them more resistant to acid producing bacteria

- **Dental Screenings** - Helps to build a positive attitude in the student towards dental health, encourage parents to schedule dental examinations for their child, and be used to enhance the health education program
- **Oral Health Education & Promotion** - Inform students, parents and teachers of the importance of good oral health and advice them on techniques to prevent oral diseases
- **Data Collection** - The Project serves as a valuable source of original oral health data as the Division, in conjunction with the DC DOH and the District at large, continues to build its oral health data.

The Project also serves as an invaluable source of primary oral health data. Data collected includes:

- Decayed, Missing and Filled Surfaces of both primary and permanent dentitions
- Percent participation in free/reduced lunch program
- Ward (school location)
- Percentage of parental consent returned
- Number of children referred for urgent/routine care & cost per child/tooth treated
- Gender & race/ethnicity
- Sealants (previously and currently placed)

3. [*District of Columbia Oral Health Coalition*](#)

In June 2004, the Oral Health Division convened the DC Oral Health Coalition. The Vision Statement of the Coalition is “*Access to Oral Health Care for All Residents in the District of Columbia*”. Its Mission Statement is “*Improving access to oral health care to District of Columbia residents by increasing oral education, prevention, awareness, and treatment; and the development of Oral Health Homes*”. Members of the DC Oral Health Coalition includes:

- DC Dental Society
- Hispanic Dental Association, Washington Metro
- National Dental Association
- Robert T. Freeman Dental Society
- Howard University (College of Dentistry)
- Mayor’s Office of Health Policy
- Children’s Health Project of DC
- DC DOH (Oral Health Division)

- DC DOH (Maternal & Family Health Administration)

4. *Provision of Oral Health Services to Children with Special Health Care Needs*

The Oral Health Division was given the responsibility of providing project oversight to the Provision of Oral Health Services to Children with Special Health Care Needs project in August 2004. As a result of the change in project oversight, the project was approved for its third year of funding for the amount of \$100,000. Children's National Medical Center is contracted to provide dental services to the children at two DC Public Health Schools. They are Melvin C. Sharpe and Mamie. D. Lee Health Schools.

5. *OHA & CHC Forms*

Oral Health Assessment (OHA) and Child Health Certificate (CHC) forms were developed in Spring 2004. The OHA replaces the Dental Appraisal Form and should be completed for all children three years of age or older. Both the OHA and CHC forms will replace all other enrollment forms for children enrolled in public and private schools, Head Start, and childcare, and may also be used for camp, after school, and athletic programs. The forms aims to improve the efficiency with which the health status of children enrolling in child related educational programs in the District are assessed concurrently making the process more convenient for parents and providers. DC DOH collaborated with governmental and community agencies, as well as health professionals and other stakeholders to develop the new forms. These non-DOH entities are all committed to supporting DOH in their efforts to improve the health and well being of children in the District of Columbia.

Future Plans for the Oral Health Division

1. *Five-Year Oral Health Plan*

The DC Oral Health Division is in the initial stages of developing a five-year oral health plan that aims to identify suitable and effective strategies to target vulnerable and underserved populations, establish integrated and culturally appropriate interventions, and set priorities for the District of Columbia. Representatives from both the private and public sector will provide input for this plan.

2. *Strategic Plan: Bioterrorism and Dentistry*

The Oral Health Division have been having discussions with the Emergency Health and Medical Services Administration (EHMSA) to increase the Division's role in dealing with an event of a bioterrorist attack and other catastrophic events. Some of the possible opportunities being explored are:

- Incorporating Howard University College of Dentistry and the DC licensed dentists as part of a dental response team;
- Perform outreach and lectures at Howard University College of Dentistry and high schools to help prepare students to deal with possibility of a threat;
- Assist EHMSA to prepare a professional educational plan/curriculum for the Howard University College of Dentistry;
- Staff of the Oral Health Division becoming a member of the Emergency Reserve Corp; and
- Recruiting District dental providers to become a member of the Emergency Reserve Corp.
- The luncheon speaker at the summit was Dr. Michael Colvard, Director of Emergency Medicine Readiness Training Center (DEMRT) at the College of Dentistry, University of Illinois Chicago.
- Dr. Colvard addressed The Role of Oral Health Provider in Disaster Preparedness and Response

3. *Provision of Oral Health Services to Woodson Wellness Center*

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the DC Department of Health, Oral Health Division; DCPS and the Department of Mental Health Saint Elizabeths Hospital has been finalized. This MOU will allow dental residents from Saint Elizabeths Hospital to rotate through the Woodson Wellness Center in order to provide preventative and restorative dental care to students who present with their signed parental const form. The residents will be supervised by staff dentists

from St. Elizabeths hospital as well as Dr. Emanuel Finn (Chief, Oral Health Division). Dental supplies and equipment have already been purchased for this innovative, new service at the Woodson Wellness Center.



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Agenda

- 8:15 am – 9:00 am ***Registration & Continental Breakfast***
- 9:00 am – 9:35 am ***Opening Session***
Introduction - **Emanuel Finn, DDS, MS**, Chief, Oral Health Division, DC Department of Health
Welcome - **Gregg A. Pane, MD, MPA**, Director, DC Department of Health
Remarks - **RADM Dushanka Kleinman, DDS, MScD**, Chief Dental Officer, Public Health Service; Deputy Director, National Institutes of Dental & Craniofacial Research, National Institute of Health
Progress Report: Oral Health in the District - **Emanuel Finn, DDS, MS**, Chief, Oral Health Division, DC Department of Health
- 9:35 am – 10:00 am ***Colgate® Bright Smiles Bright Futures Program™***
Marsha Butler, DDS, Vice President, Global Professional Relations & Marketing
- 10:00 am – 10:55 am ***School-Based Oral Health Programs***
 - **Lavonne Taliaferro-Bunch, MA**, Acting Principal, Miner Elementary School
 - **Iris Morton, DDS, MS**, Dental Provider, DC DOH School-Based Dental Program & Private Dentist
 - **Twana Dinnall, MHS**, Dental Coordinator, Oral Health Division, DC Department of Health
 - **Jim Feldman, DDS**, Chair, Give Kids A Smile Day & Immediate Past President DC Dental Society
 - *Facilitator* – **Anne De Biasi, MHA**, Washington Director, Children Dental Health Project
- 11:00 am – 12:10 pm ***Panel Discussion - Oral Health Coverage & Access to Care***
 - **Frankeena Wright, MPH**, Senior Health Policy Analyst, DC Action for Children
 - **B. J. Wolf, RN**, Chief, Office of Children & Families, MAA, DC Department of Health
 - **Milton Bernard, DDS**, President, Quality Plan Administrators
 - **Sharon Baskerville**, Executive Director, DC Primary Care Association
 - *Facilitator* – **Candace Mitchell, DDS, MBA**, Vice President, Medical Affairs, Mary's Center for Maternal & Child Health; Co-Chair DC Oral Health Coalition
- 12:15 pm – 1:25 pm ***Lunch & Networking***
Awards Ceremony
 - *Individual Impact Award* – **Maria Gomez, RN, MPH**, Founder, CEO & President, Mary's Center for Maternal & Child Health, Washington DC
 - *Corporate Crown Award* – **W. K. Kellogg Foundation**

Lunch & Networking Continued

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- *Institutional Incisors Award* – **Howard University College of Dentistry**
- *Awards Presented by* **Dr. Gregg A. Pane** (Director, DC Department of Health) and **Dr. Carlos Cano** (Senior Deputy Director, Maternal & Family Health Administration, DC Department of Health)

Remarks

The Honorable David Catania, JD, Councilmember At-Large & Chairperson, Committee on Health, Council of the District of Columbia

Luncheon Presentation: The Role of Oral Health Provider in Disaster Preparedness and Response

Dr. Michael Colvard, Assistant Professor and Periodontal Surgeon, Department of Oral Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences, College of Dentistry, University of Illinois at Chicago

1:30 pm – 2:40 pm

Concurrent Break-Out Sessions

Session I: Oral Health Programs & the Community

- **Donna Grant-Mills, DDS, M.De**, Assistant Professor; Project Director, Robert Wood Johnson Pipeline Grant, Howard University College of Dentistry
- **Maria-Rosa Watson, DDS, MS, DrPH**, Research Director, Health Clinics Spanish Catholic Center
- **Sue Carmadese, RDH, BA** Clinical Manager, Department of Pediatric Dentistry
- **Michele Parker-Lockett, DDS**, Dental Officer, Walker Jones Community Health Clinic
- *Facilitator* – **Jay Anderson, DMD, MHSA**, Chief Dental Officer, Division of Clinical Quality, Bureau of Primary Health Care, Health Research & Services Administration

Session II: Oral Health Services for Specialized Populations

- **Rebecca Bruno, MPM**, Advocacy Associate, **So Others Might Eat**
- **Lois Wessel, RN, CFNP**, Certified Family Nurse Practitioner & Project Director, ACU Early Childhood Caries Prevention Project & Indoor Air Quality Project, Association of Clinician's for the Underserved
- **Gail Christopher, DN**, Vice President, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, Office of Health, Women and Families
- *Facilitator* – **Steven Price, DDS**, Private Dentist, Smile Perfection; Co-Chair DC Oral Health Coalition

2:45 pm – 3:30 pm

Local Initiatives to Address Oral Health Disparities

- **Sukhminder Sandhu, PhD, MPH**, Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention & **Timothy Cote, MD, MPH**, US Public Health Service Officer, District of Columbia Department of Health
- **Sarah Lichtman Spector, JD**, Staff Attorney, Legal Aid Society of District of Columbia
- *Facilitator* – **Bailus Walker, Jr., PhD, MPH**, Professor of Environmental & Occupational Medicine & Toxicology, Howard University College of Medicine; Chairman, Mayor's Health Policy Council, Washington, DC

3:35 pm – 3:45 pm *Wrap-Up*