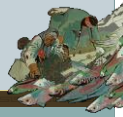


Oregon Pilot Project and DHAT Project Update



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Skagit Valley College and Swinomish Indian Tribe Collaboration



ANTHC/Illisagvik Training program is the **gold** standard for Dental Therapy Training

- With the ANTHC/Illisagvik program as the basis of our education program, we are making a **conscious decision** to ensure accessibility for tribal members, and other underrepresented groups in the health professions.



Progress to date

- In early 2017, the project secured a cooperative agreement between Swinomish and Skagit Valley College to start a DHAT education program in partnership with the college.
- Skagit Valley College will house the first calendar year of the education program. The second calendar year of the education program will be at the Swinomish dental clinic.
- In 2017, Swinomish created and approved plans for a clinic expansion to accommodate the education program.
- Mid-2017 the project convened the DHAT Education Advisory Committee.
- DHAT Education Advisory Committee, Swinomish, and Skagit Valley College decided to use the Alaska Dental Therapy Education program as a basis for the Washington Dental Therapy Education Program because it incorporates both CHAP standards and CODA requirements.
- A feasibility study was completed.
- A gap analysis of the college programs was completed.
- Swinomish and Skagit Valley have created an implementation timeline which will culminate in acceptance of a first class in the fall of 2020.
- First round of funding has been secured.
- Swinomish broke ground in April 2018 for the clinic expansion.



Next Steps – Education Program

- Skagit Valley College will begin the remodel and retrofit of the classroom and lab space in the latter part of 2018.
- Curriculum and course design will begin summer 2018.
- The College and Swinomish will hire a program director in 2018.
- The program will identify and train instructors and staff through 2019.
- Through 2018 and 2019, Swinomish and Skagit Valley College will work through the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) process to attain CODA accreditation.
- Through 2019, Skagit Valley College will seek internal and regional accreditation of the program.



Next Steps – Washington, Idaho and Oregon

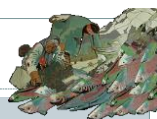
- Students returning in 2018 and 2019
- More students headed to ADTEP for class of 2020
- Legislation has been introduced in Idaho
- Oregon Pilot Project through 2021 – then we will explore with the state permanent legislation for dental therapy



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Oregon Site Visit Report



- Site visit to NARA in February 2018
- Preliminary findings made available in April 2018
- Stipulated agreement with state was signed in April detailing some requirements of the project.
- Final report will be released in August 2018
- Broadly, the OHA's findings included issues with record keeping, data collection and general project management, as well as a misunderstanding around what is appropriate under a preceptorship;
- There was concern that the DHAT was working outside of his scope of practice on three procedures – he was not.
- Clinic staff and Project staff immediately began the process of **analyzing and changing protocols to remedy concerns** expressed by the OHA.



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- **The Project has significant oversight and safety measures in place;**
- **Patient safety was not compromised in any way.** No patient was harmed or at risk as a result of the OHA's findings;
- The Project is **dedicated to addressing the issues raised** and using the feedback from the OHA **constructively** to ensure that their **commitment to patient safety, quality care and clinic efficiency is met;**
- Project staff has met several times with OHA to clear up misunderstandings and gain a clearer understanding of OHA's expectations
- Communications within the project has dramatically improved
- Communications with OHA have dramatically improved



Oregon Pilot Project Update

- While the **Dental Pilot Project** is still very much in its beginning phase, there are several positive results worth noting:
- The **first student graduated** from the Alaska Dental Therapy Education Program in 2017 with **three (3) additional students set to graduate this year** in the class of 2018;
- An **experienced dental therapist** (an Oregon tribal citizen from the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians) **returned** to Oregon and joined the NARA (Native American Rehabilitation Association) dental team and the Urban Indian Health Program in Portland;
- Preliminary data from the Pilot sites shows an **increase in patients seen;**
- **Patients report being happy** with the care they are receiving from dental therapists in the Pilot Project; and,
- **Patients report being comfortable** with dental therapists and supervising dentists report that dental therapists have been able to connect personally with their patients.



	
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Summary of project

Accomplishments:

- Naomi is nearing the end of her preceptorship
- DHAT students co authored a paper that was presented at the NOHA Conference in Louisville, KY in April
- Dr. Gita Yitta has been hired to provide additional management support to the pilot project



Summary of project

Key Current Activities:

- Collecting data and preparing Quarter 2 reports
- Standard operating procedures being written with training to follow
- Working with Coquille to create a plan for their students
- Revising all project documents (application, evaluation plan, etc...) to reflect current status
- Participating in Rules Advisory Committee
- Upgrading intraoral cameras for better image quality
- CTCLUSI clinic temporary expansion near complete, adding two chairs to accommodate DHAT providers. Clinic building expansion resulting in a 7 chair clinic expected to break ground early fall.

