

# ORAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

Tuesday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019  
Wildhorse Casino Resort  
Pendleton, OR

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**Subject:** Fwd: Oral Health committee report  
**Date:** Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 8:41:49 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
**From:** Joe Finkbonner  
**To:** Laura Platero

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**From:** Tacey Mason <tmason@npaihb.org>  
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From NDTI in case anyone asks :)

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From NDTI:

1. Washington Tribes are employing 8 DHATs at Lower Elwha, Port Gamble S'Klallam, Lummi, Swinomish, and Colville. There is one student from Tulalip who will graduate next summer. The Washington Dental Therapy Education Program (Skagit Valley College/Swinomish) is set to open doors in fall of 2020. Statewide dental therapy legislation will continue to move in the 2020 legislative session, and if passed will allow dental therapists to be employed in UIPs, and should take away CMS main argument for denying SPA update to reimburse tribal DHATs. The state legislature authorized funding for Medicaid reimbursement as a stopgap measure until CMS reverses decision.
2. Oregon Pilot Project which has trained 5 DHATs from CTCLUSI, Coquille and NARA, expires in May 2021 and legislation is being introduced in 2020 to authorize dental therapy statewide. NPAIHB is actively involved in drafting and advocating the bill, and is reaching out to Oregon Tribes to gain support and engagement in the campaign.
3. Idaho passed legislation in 2019 that will grant a state license to DHATs practicing on tribal lands. Coeur d'Alene has one DHAT who graduated this past summer.
4. The Native Dental Therapy Initiative will hold its annual meeting on Nov. 20 and 21 in Portland. Contact Tanya Firemoon tfiremoon@npaihb.org if you are interested in attending.

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Hi Joe, me, Miranda and Pam were the only ones there, so the only report I have to provide is the upcoming meetings for the Northwest Tribal Dental Support Center:

- Select tribes will be meeting on 10/23 for the Baby Teeth Matter meeting in Seattle, WA
  - There are eight programs currently participating
- Select tribes will be meeting on 10/29 for the Elder Initiative meeting in Seattle, WA
  - We asked for dental programs to bring an elder and elder coordinator to this meeting
  - There are ten programs currently participating
- We are scheduling site visits for both Bonnie and Bruce, so if there is an interested tribe who would like a site visit for clinical support and a presentation on prevention, please contact me.
- CDE are provided at the site visits, as well as both initiative meetings
- The next annual dental meeting for all 36 dental programs will be in June 2020

Stats in case you are asked:

- 30 out of our 43 tribes have dental clinics
- 36 dental programs to include:
  - NARA
  - SIHB
  - Chemawa
  - Yakama satellite offices
  - Colville satellite offices