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REPORT
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Background

The first Dental Hygiene Visioning Summit was held at the Vancouver Community College Downtown Campus Hospitality, Leadership and Innovation Centre on Saturday April 21st 2007. The Summit Coordinator was Ginny Cathcart BCDHA Educators Director and Vancouver Community College Dental Hygiene Department Head.

The Dental Hygiene Visioning Summit was hosted by the B.C. Council on Admissions and Transfer (BCCAT) Dental Educators Committee on Dental Hygiene consisting of dental hygiene program directors and delegates from six public institutions in BC.

The Dental Hygiene Visioning Summit was funded and administered by the British Columbia Dental Hygienists Association.

The Dental Hygiene educators, program directors and their delegates who hosted the Summit included Shirley Bassett, Dianne Gallagher and faculty members from Camosun College; Margit Strobl for Wendy King from the College of New Caledonia, Mandy Hayre from Malaspina University-College; Shauna Warner from the University College of the Fraser Valley, Bonnie Craig from the University of British Columbia and Ginny Cathcart and faculty members from Vancouver Community College.

Dental hygienists have much to offer the public in terms of education, health promotion, preventive and therapeutic care. Unfortunately the public has few choices in terms of service delivery models when it comes to accessing dental hygiene care. The private system of dental care is often the only choice. For many citizens this system is not an option due to financial, physical, psychological or other barriers.

To achieve improved levels of oral health for a broader segment of the population, new models of dental hygiene service delivery need to be developed. This facilitated Visioning Summit and workshop began the process of developing alternate service models which take full advantage of the dental hygienist’s broad range of skills to enhance the oral health of the public.

The focus was on serving segments of the population who are currently underserved such as the poor, the dental phobic, the homebound and the institutionalized.

The anticipated outcomes of the day included:

- A vision of alternate service and its relevance to the future of the dental hygiene profession
- Identification of those clients and users who may access alternate service delivery
- Discussion of a range of potential alternate service model
- Agreement on the next steps for BCDHA and the Dental Hygiene Program
- Actualizing proposals for alternate service delivery
- Agreement on concrete responsibilities and timelines for implementing alternate delivery models.

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The summit was led by Carol Matthews a facilitator, who has worked with a number of professional groups within the province to develop visions, strategies and action plans.

Summit participants included representation from the following sectors:

- BC Council on Admissions and Transfer (BCCAT) Dental Educators Articulation Committee on Dental Hygiene consisting of Dental Hygiene education program directors from the public dental hygiene educational institutions
- Dental hygienists with various academic preparations including students
- Dental hygienists currently providing service to the underserved groups in society
- Representatives from public health authorities
- Representatives from the membership services organization (BCDHA, CDHA)
- Representatives from the regulatory body (CDHBC)
- Representative from VIPIRG (Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group)
- Consumer representation

The Summit was presented with a small registration fee thanks to generous grants from the British Columbia Dental Hygienists Association (BCDHA).

The Visioning Summit goals meet the BCDHA mission, values and strategic directions found at www.bcdha.com

There were approximately seventy registered participants or delegates who engaged in discussions about how to develop alternate Dental Hygiene service models. The delegates discussed service models which would take full advantage of the dental hygienist’s broad range of skills in education and research, health promotion, preventive and therapeutic care.

Discussions throughout the day emphasized the importance of collaborative approaches, partnerships, and the development of an interprofessional approach which will increase client-centered, collaborative practice. There is a strong interest in providing services in a variety of settings through alternate delivery models. As one participant observed, “Dental hygiene is about more than a mouth; it’s about total wellness.”

The Visioning Summit was immediately followed by joint tactical meetings of the British Columbia Dental Hygienists Association (BCDHA) and the College of Dental Hygienists of British Columbia (CDHBC) boards. These meetings were to further identify issues of interest regarding Dental Hygiene education, practice, access and regulation and jointly develop solutions for addressing those issues.

Some challenges in future directions were noted at the Visioning Summit, including the need for mapping advocacy and setting strategic action plans. However, the discussion for the summit was directed primarily towards the larger vision for the profession. Action-planning will take place at follow-up joint meetings of the BCDHA and CDHBC Boards of Directors. As the Visioning Summit keynote speaker quoted, “Forward is a direction not a speed.”

The Visioning Summit report; keynote and panel slide presentations and presenter biographies and images from the Summit follow.
Carol Matthews- Dental Hygiene Visioning Summit Facilitator

Final Visioning Summit Report

CLICK HERE TO READ “More than a Mouth: Report from the Dental Hygiene Visioning Summit”

Prepared by Carol Matthews M. Ed, Facilitator

Carol Matthews Biography

Carol Matthews is a writer and consultant who has worked as a hospital social worker, Executive Director of a family service organization, and as a college instructor and administrator. As a consultant she has assisted a variety of community organizations, government departments and educational institutions to develop and implement strategic planning exercises, and has facilitated vision and mission creation, leadership development, change management, team-building and problem-solving sessions.

As a former Dean of Human Services and Community Education at Malaspina University-College between 1988 and 1999, Carol continues to be involved in Malaspina activities as an Honorary Research Associate and a sessional instructor. In 1999 she was awarded the Association of Community Colleges National Award for Excellence in Leadership. She helped to develop and served as Chair of The Institute for Community Leadership at Malaspina’s Centre for Continuing Studies, and frequently teaches courses in leadership development at Malaspina. She has served on a number of local and provincial Boards of Directors, including the Nanaimo Port Authority, Nanaimo Youth Services Association, the Social Planning and Research Council (SPARC) of B.C. and the B.C. Association of Social Workers. Currently she is a director of the Port Theatre and of Kids International Development Society (KIDS).

Carol’s articles have appeared in a number of educational and literary publications, including the Learning Quarterly, College Canada, Canadian Journal on Aging, the B.C. Medical Association Journal, the Canadian Medical Association Journal, Essays on Canadian Writing, The Malahat Review, NUVO, Affilia, The Times Colonist, and The National Post. She has contributed chapters to a several textbooks, and has edited a number of professional journals. She is a regular book reviewer for Event Magazine and the Malahat Review, and writes a quarterly column for The Relational Journal of Child and Youth Care, which has recently been published as a book entitled The First Three Years of a Grandmother’s Life. Carol’s short stories have appeared in many literary journals, e.g. The New Quarterly, Room of One's Own, The Canadian Journal of Fiction, and in anthologies such as The BCFed Anthology. Her collection of short stories, Incidental Music, will be published by Oolichan Books in the fall of 2007.

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Ms. Lesley Bainbridge BSc (PT), M.Ed., PhD (cert)

Interprofessional Possibilities in Healthcare: What do they mean for oral health? (Click here to view PowerPoint presentation).

Lesley Bainbridge Biography

Lesley Bainbridge is the Director Interprofessional Education in the Faculty of Medicine and Principal pro tem in the College of Health Disciplines at the University of British Columbia.

Her areas of special interest are interprofessional health education (IPE), collaborative practice, leadership, evaluation of IPE, curriculum development related to IPE, interprofessional practice education and other areas related to IPE such as rural health and underserved populations.

She has acted as Head of the Physical Therapy program and interim Director of the School of Rehabilitation Sciences prior to her current positions. She was responsible for leading the change to a master’s entry level degree in physical therapy and occupational therapy at UBC.

She has been co-investigator on several Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund grants, Health Canada’s “Interprofessional Education for Collaborative Patient Centred Practice” project in BC, and several other research grants related to IPE.

She has published in peer reviewed journals on IPE and informed shared decision making and has presented on IPE related topics at several national and international conferences.

The following article describes the amalgamation of the core competencies for medicine, nursing, physical therapy and occupational therapy and the “harmonization” of these competencies into a framework for interprofessional education. These competencies can be reviewed on-line here:


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Ginny Cathcart BA, Dip. DH, M Ed, RDH

Visioning Summit Coordinator and Panel Moderator

Panel Topic: [Mapping Vulnerable Populations: Who is Primary Care? (Click here to view PowerPoint presentation).

Ginny Cathcart Biography:

Ginny earned her BA in English and Political Science and a Diploma in Dental Hygiene from the University of Alberta in Edmonton; a Provincial Instructor’s Diploma in Adult Education from VCC and a Master of Education Administration and Leadership from Simon Fraser University. Her graduate work focused on women’s leadership values.

Ginny taught at the U of A Dental Hygiene program from 1980-1985 and full time Dental Hygiene at VCC since 1986. She instructs oral health professionals in BC, Canada, the US and Japan in many areas of dental hygiene theory and practice. In 2006 she collaborated with Japanese scholars in writing a textbook on dental hygiene process of care and she has an article currently in press for the May/June 2007 issue of the International Journal of Dental Hygiene.

Ginny has practiced in general, periodontal, hospital and residential care facilities over the past three decades. Since 2001 she has been the Department Head of the VCC Dental Hygiene program and the Health Sciences representative to VCC’s Education Council. Ginny is currently the BC Director for Dental Hygiene Educators Canada.

In 2004 she was awarded life membership in BCDHA and in March 2006 Ginny volunteered to participate with the BCDHA board to develop education policy as its first dental hygiene educators’ director. These are times of change for dental hygiene education in BC and Ginny is very proud of BCDHA’s change agency role in the profession of dental hygiene.
Dorthy Rosenberg BGS, Dip. DH, RDH

Panel Topic: Population Health: Beyond Clinical Practice (Click here to view PowerPoint presentation).

Dorthy Rosenberg Biography

Dorthy Rosenberg is a Senior Dental Hygienist with the Vancouver Island Health Authority.

She has been in public health dentistry for 19 years as a certified dental assistant and then as a dental hygienist.

During her career she has worked in private practice, long term care, with adults with developmental disabilities, and as an instructor at Camosun College.

Dorthy had a paper published on the Role of Dental Hygienists in a Multicultural Society when she was a dental hygiene student at Camosun College.

She continues to be interested in how dental hygienists can reduce the physical, emotional and financial impact of oral disease through prevention strategies.
Leeann Donnelly BDSc, M. Sc, RDH

Panel Topic: Mentoring Research: A Collaborative Model for Undergraduates (Click here to view PowerPoint presentation).

Leeann Donnelly Biography:

Leeann received her diploma in dental hygiene from VCC in 1996 and her BDSc from UBC in 2002.

She received her MSc in 2005 from UBC for the thesis “The Evaluation of a Comprehensive Daily Mouth Care Program for Long-Term Care Facilities.”

In June 2006 she entered the PhD program at UBC in which she is exploring the relationship between social isolation, body-image and oral health among institutionalized frail elders.

Leeann has taught in the Faculty of Dentistry at UBC since 2002 in 3rd year Periodontics and 4th year Prosthodontics, Oral Health Care in Residential Care Settings, and is currently an on-line instructor in the BDSc program for the courses Assessment and Treatment Planning for Advanced Periodontal Diseases and Dental Hygiene Practice 2.

Leeann’s primary area of interest is in understanding and improving the oral health of older adults.

Currently along with her PhD studies, Leeann provides dental hygiene services to six Residential Care facilities and works with two inter-professional teams one which is analyzing current oral health care delivery models for Residential Care facilities and other which is developing educational modules for the care of elders.
Cindy Fletcher Dip. DH, CAE, RDH

Panel Topic: Advanced Dental Hygiene Therapist: The North American Model (Click here to view PowerPoint presentation).

Cindy Fletcher Biography:

Cindy graduated from the University of British Columbia Dental Hygiene program in 1981.

After seven years of clinical practice, Cindy joined the Vancouver Health Department, working as a community dental hygienist with the residents of Vancouver’s downtown eastside.

In 1989, Cindy became the Coordinator of the Community Dental Health Programs for the city of Vancouver and remained in this position for nine years.

In 1996, Cindy became the second Executive Director of the British Columbia Dental Hygienists’ Association.

After working in the position on a part time basis for two years, Cindy became a full time employee of the Association in 1998.

In 2004, Cindy earned the designation of Certified Association Executive after successfully completing the post graduate certification program offered by the Canadian Society of Association Executives.
Sherry Saunderson, Dip. DH, RDH

Panel Topic: A Community Based Dental Health Program for Aboriginal Families Tsewultun Health Centre Cowichan Tribes Duncan, B.C (Click here to view Presentation).

Sherry Saunderson Biography

Sherry Saunderson received her Diploma in Dental Hygiene from the University of Alberta in 1969.

Her career path has allowed her to combine her passion for people, healthy smiles and travel during the past 35 years. 28 years in private practice settings in Calgary, Sydney, Australia and Duncan, BC were balanced with travels to a number of countries around the world.

Prior to moving to Vancouver Island in 1982, Sherry was active for seven years on professional association boards.

In 1977 Sherry was awarded the American Dental Association’s Community Preventive Dentistry Award for the development of a Dental Health Education Program in Tortola, British Virgin Islands, funded by Rotary International.

In 1997 Sherry contracted with the largest First Nations Community in BC, the Cowichan Tribes, and worked for eight years in a community health setting in their community with her target client group being First Nation children under the age of five.

Sherry received the 1998 CDHA Colgate Community Health Grant to assist in creating audiovisual resources for her Infant Tooth Decay Program.

Sherry worked with a federal dental therapist to provide a wide range of not-for-fee services in an inter-disciplinary setting.

She has delivered presentations on First Nations Health to many dental professionals all over the world. Sherry is an advocate for change, to assist under serviced communities in accessing basic dental health care.

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Leeann Donnelly, Sherry Saunderson, Ginny Cathcart, Cindy Fletcher, Dorthy Rosenberg

Dental Hygiene Visioning Summit Delegates listen attentively

Ginny Cathcart & Cindy Fletcher  Carol Matthews  Lesley Bainbridge