

# Working Teams Overview

Pandemic Response  
Workgroup

April 21, 2021

## PRW Broadened its Agenda to Include Much Needed Oral Health Systems Change Work

- After the initial workgroup meetings, the PRW agreed that, in addition to its COVID-19 work, it also would focus on critical oral health system change issues
- The PRW identified an initial list of 11 oral health system change issues
- After a series of priority-setting Workgroup discussions, the initial list was narrowed down to:
  - Four (4) “Advocacy Strategies;” and
  - Two (2) “Underlying Foundational Issues”

# Initial List of 11 Oral Health Issues Was Narrowed Down to 4 “Advocacy Strategies” and 2 “Underlying Foundational Issues”

## Initial List of Oral Health Issues

- A. Advocating for better oral health coverage in Medicaid and a dental benefit in Medicare
- B. Increasing the use of tele-health and other new technologies in oral health care
- C. Addressing structural racism in the oral health system so that we move instead toward structural equity
- D. Diversifying leadership in the dental industry
- E. Improving the oral health public health infrastructure Ensuring adequate safety and infection control as dental offices re-open during the pandemic
- F. Understanding the root causes of the obstacles to achieving equitable oral health in the U.S.
- G. Envisioning a post pandemic oral health system that prioritizes equity and moves from procedures to treat disease to promoting oral health
- H. Increasing equitable access to oral health services across the U.S.
- I. Improving the availability of data and research to support better-informed policy decision-making
- J. Integrating oral health into overall health
- K. Developing and deploying effective messaging about oral health



## **Advocacy Strategies/ Underlying Foundational Issues**

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# “Lay of the Land” Presentations for Each Advocacy Strategy Summarized Context, Current Work and Key Players

**IMPROVING THE AVAILABILITY OF DATA AND RESEARCH TO SUPPORT BETTER-INFORMED POLICY DECISION-MAKING**



Dr. Caswell Evans  
Dr. Cherry Houston

**DentaQuest**  
Partnership  
for Oral Health Advancement

**Messaging that advances our goals**

Developing and deploying solid messages about oral health



Jacob Strategies

A virtual presentation by Matt Jacob to the  
Pandemic Response Workgroup, Nov. 19, 2020

**NiIOH** National Interprofessional Initiative on Oral Health

**Integrating Oral Health and Overall Health  
Amplifying Interprofessional Care  
Through Medical-Dental Collaboration**

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Integrating Oral Health into Overall Health and Amplifying Interprofessional Care:  
Medical-Dental Integration



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**STATE AND FEDERAL ADVOCACY TO PROTECT AND EXPAND MEDICAID ADULT DENTAL BENEFITS**

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**FAMILIESUSA**  
THE VOICE FOR HEALTH CARE CONSUMERS

Lay of the Land:  
Medicare Oral Health Coverage

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# Health Equity Presentation on Underlying Foundational Issues

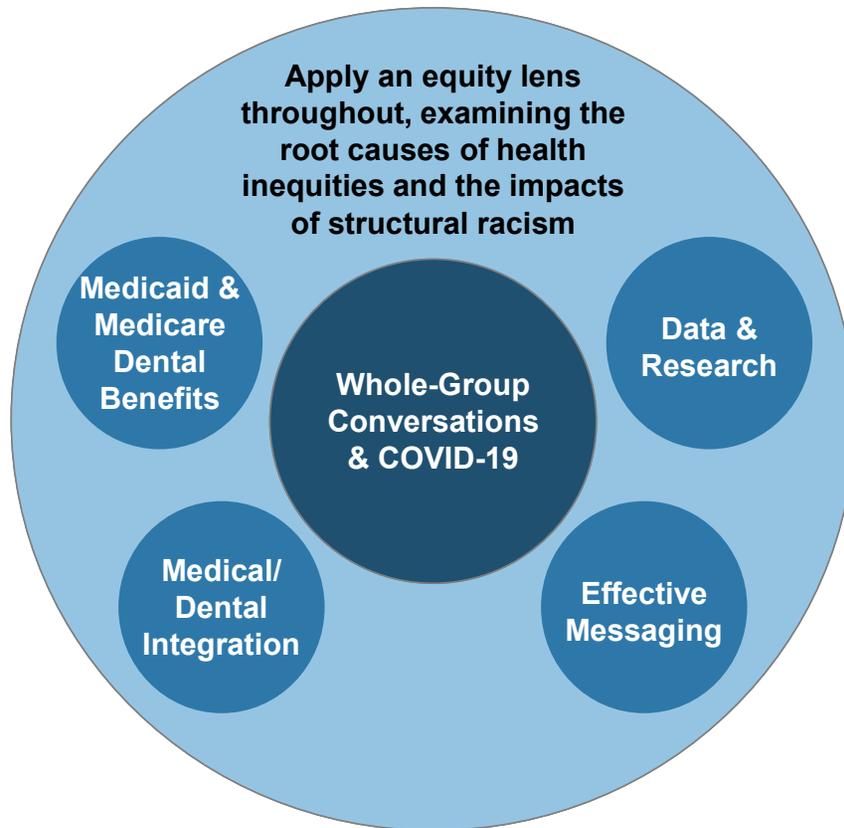
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## Understanding Health Disparities and Opportunities to Advance Health Equity

Cara V. James, PhD  
President and CEO  
Grantmakers In Health  
March 17, 2021

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# Working Teams Process Proposal



## Whole Group

- Continues to meet regularly in 2021
- Coordinates around COVID-19
- Receives updates from the Working Teams
- Identifies and leverages synergies across Teams

## Working Teams

- PRW participants will self-select which Team(s) to join
- Teams will have facilitation and administrative support
- Teams will meet as needed to understand the eco-system of the particular advocacy strategy, and to make and execute a plan to amplify and unify around the work underway
- Subject Matter Experts from individual organizations can be included in Team meetings
- Teams will apply an equity lens throughout

## “Audience” and “Objective”

- **Audience**
  - Entities that can make or impede the desired changes (e.g., policy-makers, thought leaders, the provider community, the consumer community, advocacy organizations, and others engaged in the U.S. oral health system)
  - Specific audience will depend on the particular advocacy strategy
- **Objective**
  - By end of the year, each Working Team would bring back to the full PRW opportunities for action in their specific issue area (either for the full PRW or certain PRW members)

# Today...We Launch the Working Teams!

- We will break into 4 small groups...one for each of the Working Teams
- Please join the Working Team in which you are most interested
- Each Working Team will have a Facilitator who will be joining you today
- During your Working Team discussion, we ask each person to:
  - *Introduce yourself and your organization;*
  - *Share what motivated you to join this team (including facilitators); and*
  - *Describe how your organization is engaged in this arena?*
- Working Teams should also begin initial planning for how to move forward