

Oral Health Colorado - 501c3
a non-profit providing preventive oral care for indigent senior & adult disabled

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SURVEY response requested: **Dental pilot program for qualified Teller County residents**
"Oral Health Care for Indigent Senior & Adult Disabled"

October 29, 2010

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Stephanie Kaufmann, DDS
Timberland Dental Care
791 W Kelly Rd
Woodland Park, CO 80863-3014

Dear Drs. Yardumian and Kaufmann,

In collaboration with Health Advocate Henriette Gregorio of Community Partnership Family Resource Center, we are pleased to announce a dental pilot program targeted to qualified, indigent senior and adult disabled persons residing in Teller County. We are asking for your help by your response to the survey questions to follow.

Background:

For the past 30 months, Health Advocacy has sought to launch a dental initiative to address the neediest of the underserved population. For the past 5 years, Oral Health Colorado has desired to refocus its pro bono services from El Paso to Teller County, as it is based in Woodland Park. A collaboration was born, then fueled by COMOM.

38 patients have already been scheduled for the first week of operation, November 8 - 11. These patients have been on the wait list with Health Advocacy for up to 12 months and more, others have had intervention at COMOM 2010 and require further procedures which COMOM could not provide. There are well over 13 referring Teller County agencies who have funneled qualified patients through Health Advocacy, as gatekeeper, for this program.

Services offered & patient responsibility:

For Oral Health Colorado

This dental pilot program, under the 501c3 status, will provide direct preventive oral health care (see page 3), free of charge, to qualified patients. All patients have been assessed for financial need and are within Federal poverty guidelines. El Pomar Foundation grant-funding has underwritten the cost of materials and supplies for hygiene and preventive oral care through Oral Health Colorado for this portion of the pilot program.

For Dental providers

When patients are referred for specific dental intervention requiring dentist or oral surgeon, the patient financial responsibility will be the actual cost of materials, once referred to the appropriate dental provider (i.e.: denture cost). All labor cost of referred dental providers is free of charge.

As a referral dental provider, the patient will be sent to you with all preventive care, x-rays, medical history and full charting already completed so that the sole focus will be on the intervention itself, with no need for administrative or other preparatory labor, costs or patient education.

As all qualified patients are fully screened, charted, educated, prepped and channeled through this dental program, we are asking for your help and participation as a referral dental provider. Thank you for your responses on page 2.

SURVEY

1. What service would you like to provide from your office for this dental program?

- +fillings/cavities
- +extractions
- +simple anterior root canal
- +bridge repair
- +denture reline (hard / soft)
- +other

2. If needed, are you willing to record a Dental Treatment Plan for the purpose of seeking funding for cost of materials?

Note: Dental pilot program advocacy will manage/coordinate the grant/funding application process for patients.
Yes / No

3. How many referral patients are you willing to see? (per month, per quarter, per year)

So that we can better work within your preferred schedule:

4. Is there a time of your operational year that is slow and you can see referral patients during this time?

Yes / No

If yes, please identify time/month(s) per year: _____

5. Are there specific times of the year that you CANNOT accommodate referral patients from this program?

Yes / No

If yes, please identify time/month(s) per year: _____

It is the intention of this program to do the following:

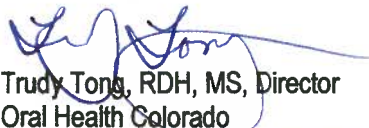
- a. Alleviate the sometimes desperate calls coming into your office from both patients and agencies, for free or reduced price services.
- b. Establish & maintain a gate-keeping system of dental care, whereby Teller County agencies can refer their indigent, senior or adult disabled clients directly to the dental program, instead of directly to you for needed care and/or resolution.
- c. Provide preventive oral health care services, as specifically listed on page 3.


With great pleasure we look forward to addressing some of the most critical needs of the indigent senior and adult disabled population. Prevention is a key and one which this target population has avoided due to cost. This program hopes to decrease this statistic, and, in so doing, reduce the need for emergency room care and infection control.

Please return your responses via fax or US Mail to:

Henriette Gregorio, Health Advocate, Community Partnership Family Resource Center
(719) 686-9129 FAX
P.O. Box 396, Divide, CO 80814

Thanking you, in advance, for your participation and response,


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SERVICES PROVIDED:

1. Oral Cancer Screening
2. Oral evaluation (teeth and oral tissue)
3. Oral prophylaxis (dental cleaning)
4. Evaluation of edentulous patients
5. Periodontal evaluation
6. Periodontal debriding (deep cleaning)
7. Radiographs (x-rays, as needed)
8. Oral Hygiene Education (one-on-one & video)
9. Cleaning dentures and partials
10. Tobacco education (one-on-one & video)
11. Desensitization

Dental Office provided free of charge, courtesy of:
Woodland Park Community Church
800 Valley View Drive
(South wing of church administration building)

Program Management / Coordination provided by:
Health Advocacy, Community Partnership Family Resource Center

Volunteer Staff:
Joanne "Jo" Coleman
Dixie Lee

2010 Hours of Operation, By Appointment Only:
Monday, 11/8 - Friday, 11/12
Monday, 11/29 - Friday, 12/3
Monday, 12/13 - Friday, 12/17

2011 schedule: Proposed for every 3rd week (5 days/scheduled week)

TIME:
10AM - 3PM, Each Day on dates above

Potential Patients must be referred to and screened by this Dental Pilot Program:
"Oral Health Care for Indigent Senior & Adult Disabled" for dental services.
Point of Contact: Henriette Gregorio, Health Advocate & Pilot Program Manager (719) 332-7307