

What is the FPTDD?

- ◆ Working group with terms of reference.
- ◆ Dental Director or Senior Dental Consultant for each province and territory.
- ◆ Dental Consultant for FNIHB.

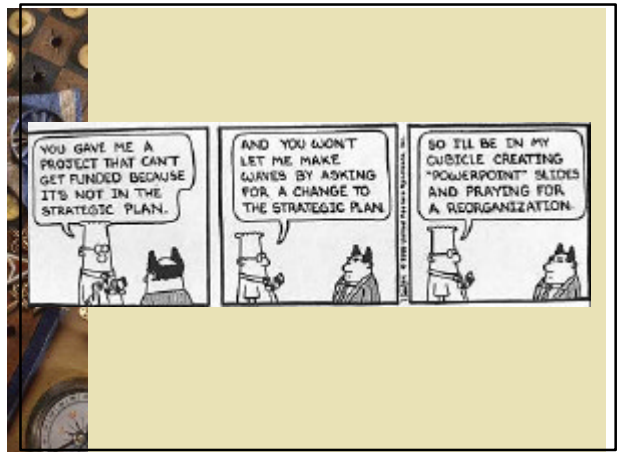
Countries with National Oral Health Strategies

- ◆ Cambodia
- ◆ Finland
- ◆ Northern Ireland
- ◆ New Zealand
- ◆ Poland
- ◆ Scotland
- ◆ South Africa
- ◆ USA

◆ *Canada appears to be one of few developed and even developing countries that does not have a national oral health strategy or plan...*

What is a Canadian Oral Health Strategy?

- ♦ A Canadian Oral Health Strategy (COHS) is a **strategic planning process**
 - we look at where we are now, where we would like to be by a certain time, and strategies that can be used to get there.
 - key purpose of the COHS is to **improve the overall health of Canadians**, including identifying inequities in the system, disparities in health and barriers to achieving optimal oral health, and to address these using a strategic planning approach.



What a COHS is not!

- ♦ Everything for everybody regarding oral health.
- ♦ A textbook of oral conditions or their cures.
- ♦ Policy setting.
- ♦ A move to change the main source of oral health care or the delivery of dental services.
- ♦ A national oral health survey.

What Purpose will a COHS Serve?

- ♦ The COHS will provide governments, health regions and dental organizations with a framework for determining the degree of problems, recommendations or strategies for dealing with the problems, and a method of measuring the effect of programs that they might initiate.



The COHS Development Process

- ◆ **FPTDD initiated development**
 - Contracted review of variety of national oral health strategies from other countries.
 - Development of initial framework of strategy.
 - Zero budget, assistance from Health Canada, FNIHB.
- ◆ **3 FPTDD Teams**
 - 1) Goals & Objectives
 - 2) Database & Monitoring
 - 3) Framework & Strategies



Response from Minister

- ◆ *“...I appreciate being made aware of the FPTDD’s activities...As Minister of Health, I welcome input concerning issues of prevention and health promotion...Please be assured that I note the FPTDD’s concern that oral health is underrepresented within Health Canada...I appreciate the FPTDD’s proactive efforts to embark on the development of a National Oral Health Strategy and look forward to receiving a copy of this strategy once it is completed...I assure you that it will be reviewed with proper follow-up...”*

Anne McLellan, Aug. 11, 03



Stakeholders

- ◆ **Identify stakeholders**
 - **100+ organizations/individuals**
 - All provincial/territorial governments
 - Federal government
 - Faculties of dentistry (9)
 - Dental organizations (3)
 - Provincial/territorial dental associations (9)
 - Specialty organizations (3)
 - Individuals - dentists, dental hygienists, dental therapists, DPH professionals, pediatric dentists
 - Other- Canadian Forces, Montreal Public Health, Capitol Health (Edmonton), Capitol Health (NS), CCCPG, CCCD, CIHI



Process

- ◆ Each of the following items went for review to FPTDD working group and then to all stakeholders for input:
 1. Format of COHS
 2. List of strategies
 3. Survey data
 4. Introduction
 5. Five Major Themes
 6. Whole draft
 7. Whole draft second version



Process...

- ♦ Written reviews and comments from stakeholders were incorporated into the document.
 - Ranged from “wordsmithing” to realignment of topics to significant additions/deletions.
 - Overwhelming support for the development of a COHS and significant positive support for current draft document.

Input on Strategies...

- ♦ For example, these 3 questions were asked of stakeholder organizations and individuals:
 - What can dental professionals do to improve public education and awareness?
 - What can dental organizations and/or regional health authorities do?
 - What can governments do?

Challenges...

- ♦ Funding (there is none)
- ♦ Need for increased national role by Federal government
- ♦ Varying expectations and ideas about what a COHS should be
- ♦ Ensuring that all stakeholders had opportunity for input and involvement
- ♦ Producing a document that can be accepted and used by a variety of organizations/individuals without being so generalized that it cannot be effective (i.e. how do you keep everyone happy?)

Where are we now?

- ◆ Draft of COHS now completed
 - Executive Summary
 - Section 1 - Introduction
 - Section 2 - Themes (with background, strategies, goals)
 - Section 3 - Conclusions
 - Appendices
 - References & Resources

What's Next?

- ◆ Listening sessions (?)
- ◆ Final input & document
- ◆ Document sent to Minister
- ◆ Continued support for National Dental Director position/Canadian Public Health Agency
- ◆ Garnering official support and acceptance of the document
- ◆ Promoting/advocating
- ◆ Health Service Accreditation
- ◆ Determining/listing Best Practices

Themes

- ◆ 1) Oral Health Promotion & Awareness
- ◆ 2) Oral Health, Oral Disease & Disabilities
- ◆ 3) Improving Access & Reducing Barriers to Oral Health Care
- ◆ 4) Monitoring, Surveillance & Research
- ◆ 5) Human Resources

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