TRANSLATING COLLABORATIONS INTO ACTIONS

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On the Agenda

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Background

- Oral health is integral to overall health and well-being
- A transformative movement focused on systems level change
- Our values:
  COMMUNITY
  COLLABORATION
  CONSENSUS BUILDING
  COMMUNICATION
  COLLECTIVE WISDOM
• **Advancing the Oral Health Movement in Texas**

• With support from the DentaQuest Foundation, a collaborative initiative between the Texas Health Institute and the Texas Oral Health Coalition

• Our Vision – In the spirit of empowerment and transparency, building a collaborative, data-driven movement to achieve system improvements in the oral health landscape in Texas
Objective

• Develop a shared understanding of our problems,

• Develop mutually reinforced shared solutions

• To achieve what none of us can achieve alone!
Our Framework

ACADEMIA
Develop and/ or support cross-sectoral training in medical, dental, and nursing schools

COMMUNICATIONS
Improve the perception of oral health as an integral component of overall health and well-being

INTERPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION
Pursue and support care coordination and collaboration between various health professionals

POLICY
Develop resources to support the inclusion of adult dental coverage in Medicaid, review and update guidelines/ policies of the existing mode

ORAL HEALTH EQUITY
Improve access to dental care for low-income, rural, disabled, and special needs populations

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Successes

• A policy success
• Best practice approach on oral health integration in other health curricula
• A data-based fact sheet on oral health disparities in Texas
• A resource for interprofessional collaboration
• A communications campaign
Translational Collaborations
Questions??
Thank You!

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