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To: Community Partner

From: VaOHC Leadership

Re: VaOHC Legislative Committee

The Virginia Oral Health Coalition's (VaOHC) mission is to improve the overall health by integrating oral health services, education and referrals into all aspects of health care – enabling Virginians of all ages and abilities to achieve optimal oral health. We work toward this mission through advocacy, provider education and public awareness efforts that are implemented with the help of hundreds of individual and organization partners across the Commonwealth.

VaOHC's legislative committee members help to shape our policy positions by making recommendations to the VaOHC board of directors about specific legislation. Committee members use VaOHC's Guiding Principles, which are based on the Virginia Oral Health Plan, to determine these recommendations. The recommendations may address whether VaOHC should support, oppose or remain neutral on pieces of legislation or recommend if VaOHC should champion a specific policy initiative.

These recommendations are considerably stronger if they represent the views of a wide array of partners. To that end, we seek additional legislative committee members who can offer a diverse set of expert opinions to shape our advocacy initiatives and advance VaOHC's mission.

If you are interested in joining the VaOHC legislative committee, I hope you will review the attached Guiding Principles document and consider submitting an application. **Applications are due by Friday, August 1, 2014.** Individuals and/or organizational partners are all welcome to apply. The committee meets monthly during the year and weekly during the General Assembly session, and holds a legislative lobby day during session. The majority of the meetings are via conference call.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Sarah Bedard Holland at 804.269.8721 or sholland@vaoralhealth.org.

Sincerely,

Sarah Bedard Holland
Executive Director

Robin Haldiman
Chair, Board of Directors



Legislative Committee Application

Please complete this form and email it back to Sarah Bedard Holland with a copy of your CV or résumé at sholland@vaoralhealth.org by Friday, August 1, 2014. If you have any questions, please call Sarah at 804.269.8721. Thank you for your interest.

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Job Title: _____ Employer: _____

Why are you interested in joining the Virginia Oral Health Coalition's legislative committee?

What skills and/or experience would you like to offer to the committee?

Representing underserved populations is an explicit and guiding focus of VaOHC. If you have experience or specific interest in serving underserved populations (e.g. racial, ethnic, or linguistic minorities; rural residents; safety net or publically insured Virginians; people with disabilities, etc.), please tell us here.

Would you like to represent yourself as an individual or an organization? Individual Organization

If you selected "Organization," which organization will you represent?

By signing below, I agree that:

- I have read and understand VaOHC's Guiding Principles.
- I understand that all VaOHC policy positions reflect these principles.
- I agree to use these Guiding Principles to help determine VaOHC's policy positions.

SIGNATURE: _____

Email your completed form to sholland@vaoralhealth.org.



Virginia Oral Health Coalition Guiding Principles

Virginians know that good oral health is essential to overall health.

The prevalence of dental disease is reduced in Virginia through prevention activities and early diagnosis and treatment.

Medical and dental providers and educators understand the links between oral health and overall health and work to ensure Virginians receive comprehensive care.

Virginians have access to quality, affordable, and comprehensive dental insurance coverage.

The oral health workforce in Virginia adequately meets the needs of its citizens and works to the full extent of their education and training.