

# Door County Medical Center Dental Clinic

## Coalition



# Introduction

- Tanya Fischer, DCMC Dental Clinic manager
- Door County Medical Center – Dental Clinic serves Door and Kewaunee County. Serves those that are on Medicaid and/or are on low income with no dental insurance.
- Clinic is open M-F, 8-4:30pm, fully staffed
- Preventative and Restorative
- The help of a Coalition keeps our momentum going

# How and Why did we form a Coalition

- DC Public Health and DCMC collaborate; organizing a community needs assessment.
- Public health needs assessment showed Oral Health as a priority
  - \* Kids in pain at school w/ no dental home
  - \* High Emergency Room visits for Adults
  - \* Human services patients with MA, not having dental Home

# Community Meeting

- A community meeting (Schools, Public Health, Medical clinics, United Way, Human Services, Boys and Girls club, etc)
- A needs assessment was done
- Top 3 needs
- Oral Health was identified as a top 3 since 2011

# Coalition formed in 2012

## ➤ Members of Coalition

- \* Door County Human Services
- \* Door County Medical Center
- \* Door County Medical Center – Dental Clinic
- \* Door County Partnership for Children and Families
- \* Door County Public Health
- \* United Way
- \* Family Services
- \* Door County Senior Resource Center
- \* Wisconsin Oral Health Coalition

# Accomplishments

- Increasing fluoride varnish clinics to youth
  - \* Washington Island
  - \* Headstart
  - \* Getting fluoride varnish offered at DCMC pediatrician visits
  
- Participated in the Seal A Smile program
  
- Increased services of DCMC Dental Clinic
  - \* Adults and Youth
  - \* Service to CSP clients
  - \* Pregnant Women through WIC/Public Health
  - \* Dental Emergencies

# Teamed with Oral Health Coalition

- 2015 participated in Midwest Oral Health Coalition team
- Rejuvenated the DCMC Coalition
- Recreated Mission and Vision Statements
- Team started to meet bi-monthly

# More Accomplishments since 2015

- Supplying toothbrush bags to birthing center at DCMC with educational material for new parents
- Supplying toothbrush bags to Public Health with educational material for new parents
- Improved referral relationships between Door County Public Health Department and the DC Medical Center through Healthy Smiles for Mom and Baby Project



# Cont. Accomplishments

- Skilled nursing home residents exams and Fluoride varnish application quarterly
  
- Education presentations for community
  - \* Schools
  - \* Boys and Girls Club
  - \* YMCA
  - \* Senior Resource center
  - \* Washington Island
  - \* Jak's Place (Mental Health center)

# Future Goals

- Continue supporting fluoride varnish clinics
- Continue support for DCMC Dental Clinic
- Continue Oral Health education
- Increase offering of dental Care to seniors in nursing homes
- Reach out to neighbor county – Kewaunee
- Increase involvement from more local dentists to help represent private dentistry
- With aging population in DC, consider looking into resources or assistants to help older adults

# Barriers

- Private Dental offices involvement
- Operational expenses
- Team time/ availability