



## News for HAP Partner Agencies and Friends

### Highlights of HAP Monthly Meeting

May 25, 2010

#### **Attendees**

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#### **Presentation: Washington Dental Service Foundation**

Jessica Mortensen of the Washington Dental Service Foundation (WDSF) spoke about the mission of the Foundation and their community projects throughout the state.

The Washington Dental Service Foundation is operated by Delta Dental and funded through the Washington Dental Service. Their strategic focus is to prevent oral disease among children and seniors. They accomplish this by driving systems change so that policy makers, and the public, understand the importance of oral health, best practices are implemented by providers, and enough providers offer

accessible and efficient services.

Their core strategies include building public awareness and support for policy change, ensuring early intervention, increasing coverage and improving access to care, and fluoridating community water supplies.

WDSF is currently working on projects to integrate oral health into existing service delivery systems by working with medical providers, Area Agencies on Aging, and public health offices. The Foundation has created and implemented a successful training curriculum that teaches professional caregivers to add oral health activities into their daily routines with clients. Other projects include connecting to community health centers, mobile dental clinics, and exploration of financial models for private dentists that are supportive to older adults.

WDSF has two grant cycles ending March 15<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup> each year. Community agencies interested in applying should contact the Foundation to discuss their ideas for a mission-focused sustainable project. The Foundation staff will work with agencies to develop their ideas further.

For more information on the Washington Dental Service Foundation, contact Jessica Mortensen at [jmortensen@deltadentalwa.com](mailto:jmortensen@deltadentalwa.com). The powerpoint for her presentation is posted on the HAP web site [www.4elders.org](http://www.4elders.org).

### **Aging at Home Initiative**

In August of 2010, HAP will host an event to raise awareness of strategies that communities and individuals can adopt to improve their ability to age at home. The event will feature speakers to inspire innovative aging at home ideas and provide a framework for community discussion. The goal of this event is to encourage people to identify small projects in their communities that promote aging at home principles and form teams to take these projects on.

HAP will provide release a Request for Proposals to fund project teams interested in implementing aging at home projects in the following four areas:

1. Emergency Preparedness
2. Health Promotion and Supportive Living
3. Culture and Lifelong Learning
4. Civic Engagement and Volunteerism

Each team will be awarded up to \$5,000 for a community project with a limit of \$20,000 total available. The RFP will be released in early July and distributed widely through HAP networks. The deadline for submittals will be approximately 30 days after the August Aging at Home event.

Some of the requirements to receive funding are:

1. Teams must focus on an aging at home project in at least one of the four areas listed above.
2. At least half of the team members must be age 60 or older.
3. Teams will need to identify an agency whose mission aligns with the project and can act as a fiscal sponsor for the grant funds (an MoU is required).

More discussion and clarification will be provided at the Aging at Home event and questions and answers will be posted on the HAP web site once the RFP is released ([www.4elders.org](http://www.4elders.org)).

Once the projects are underway, HAP will host a recognition event for project teams and explore project replication and ongoing sustainability.

Anyone interested in participating in the planning process for the Aging at Home initiative is welcome to join the Aging at Home subcommittee. Please contact Sally Brown at [sallyb@seniorservices.org](mailto:sallyb@seniorservices.org) for more information.

Next HAP meeting: June 22, 2010, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Senior Services.

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