

Oral Health Coalition of Alabama Subcommittee Report

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Three Key Objectives

- Beginning FY 2009, annual Recruitment & Retention Fairs will be provided to Freshmen and Junior dental students at the UAB School of Dentistry to increase the number of dental providers in underserved areas, based on current HPSA data from the ADPH Office of Rural Health.
- By 2010, accessibility for Medicaid dental services will increase through the establishment of three (3) new dental clinics or mobile dental van programs targeting underserved areas or populations throughout the state.
- Beginning in FY2009, three 1st Look certification classes will be presented at the Alabama Chapter of the Academy of Pediatrics state conference, the School of Dentistry Alumni Weekend, and the Alabama Dental Association's state meeting, in an effort to increase the number of dentists providing services and codes through partnerships with non-dental healthcare professionals.

Discussion Summary:

The 3 new objectives were established on November 6, 2008. Members present were: Sheila Brantley, Carlisle Harrison, Nikia Kyler, Linda Lee, Gwen Lipscomb, Dr. Charles Hall and Dr. Max Mayer. The new objectives were modified on July 14, 2009 and will be provided to members for approval.