

The group narrowed down their SBIRT objectives to two focus areas:

- Promoting the new dental periodicity schedule (in process of being finalized)
- Compiling or developing user-friendly, plain language resources for the general public regarding SDF.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Before the next meeting, we are asking each member of the VOHC MCH subcommittee to submit a SMART objective related to at least one of these focus areas. More than one is fine, but we are requesting at least one. Our next meeting is scheduled for 1/12/18, so please send me this information by **1/11/18** so that we can vote on your suggestions at our 1/12 meeting.

As a reminder, the time deadline for our SMART objectives to be completed is 8/31/18, but we can have SMART objectives within that timeframe (e.g., by 6/30/18 a survey regarding knowledge about and use of the updated periodicity schedule will be disseminated to all dental health care providers in Vermont).

Please [see this document](#) for examples of process, impact, and outcome SMART objectives. There are other resources out there for writing SMART objectives, but I liked this one.... feel free to Google for more.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need clarification about this task.

Other topics of conversation at our December meeting included:

- Heather suggested that we promote the [Brush, Book, Bed campaign](#) to medical and dental health care providers. I have added information about this campaign to the dental periodicity schedule's supplemental resources section. **Heather, would you consider writing an article about this campaign for our next VOHC newsletter?**
- **Heather is going to research adding a “dental public health” course as part of the VDHA annual meeting**
- **Heather is going to research providing information to UVM MC outpatient health care providers regarding the updated medical and dental periodicity schedules**
- **I will reach out to Liz Cote to ask about the barriers providers are facing when it comes to implementing the From the First Tooth Program in their offices.** Perhaps our subcommittee can help address the barriers?

Thank you for getting me your SMART objective and accompanying process measures by **1/11/18**.

Have a wonderful holiday season if I don't speak with you before our next meeting.

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