Oral Health Action Summit: Dental Therapy in VT

Monday, Sept. 23rd
8:30 am -1:00 pm
@ Burlington Hilton

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VERMONT Oral Health Care for All COALITION

Agenda

8:30 – 9:15	**Setting the stage: Where dental therapy in VT stands today**
9:15 – 10:30	Expanding Access: Aligning Policies and Rethinking Service Models
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 – 12:00	Educating and Employing Dental Therapists
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch & presentation of summaries/action steps/key takeaways from small group work.

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American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), American Federation of Teachers/United Professions, Community of Vermont Elders, Disability Rights VT, Green Mountain Self-Advocates, Hunger Free Vermont, King Street Center, Mercy Connections, National Association of Social Workers, VT Chapter, People's Health & Wellness Clinic, Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, Valley Health Connections, VT Assembly of Home Health Agencies, VT Association of Adult Day Services, VT Association of Area Agencies on Aging, VT Center for Independent Living, VT Coalition for Disability Rights, VT Coalition of Clinics for the Uninsured, VT Coalition of Residential Providers, VT Coalition of Runaway & Homeless Youth, VT Community Action Agencies Network, VT Dental Hygienists' Association, VT Developmental Disabilities Council, VT Early Childhood Alliance, VT Family Network, VT Office of the Health Care Advocate, VT Kin As Parents, VT Long-Term Care Ombudsman, VT Low Income Advocacy Council, VT Migrant Workers Coalition, VT National Education Association (NEA), VT Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, VT Nurse Practitioners Association, VT Parent Child Center Network, VT Public Interest Research Group, VT State Nurses' Association, VT Workers' Center, Voices for Vermont's Children

Addressing Health Disparities Among…

- Communities of color
- Low-income populations
- People with disabilities
- Older Adults
- Children
- Tribal communities
- Rural communities

Oral Health Scorecard

			Time Period	Current Actual Value	Current Target Value	Current Trend
O	Oral Health	Vermonters have good oral health				
I	Oral Health	% of adults age 45-64 with tooth extraction	2016	49%	45%	→ 1
I	Oral Health	% of children in grades K-6 using dental system yearly	2017	77%	80%	→ 2
I	Oral Health	% of children in grades 7-12 using dental system yearly	2017	62%	70%	↗ 2
I	HPDP	% of adults using dental system yearly	2016	71%	85%	↘ 1
I	Oral Health	% of population served by community public water systems that have optimally fluoridated water	2018	53%	65%	↘ 1
I	Oral Health	% of third graders with dental decay	2017	37%	30%	↗ 1
P	Oral Health	Vermont Department of Health - Oral Health	Time Period	Current Actual Value	Current Target Value	Current Trend
PM	Oral Health	% pregnant women using WIC seen by Vermont Department of Health public health dental hygienists	Q1 2019	25%	30%	↗ 1
PM	Oral Health	# of dentists recruited to Vermont by the Vermont State Dental Society	2017	7	10	↘ 1

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2016: Dental Therapy Authorized

Rulemaking

- Process expected to take 6-8 mos, now in year 3
- Board of Dental Examiners & OPR attorney revising all dental profession rules
- Draft rules submitted to OPR for review, formal public comment period to follow.
- License by endorsement possible for DTs from states with substantially equivalent licensing requirements.

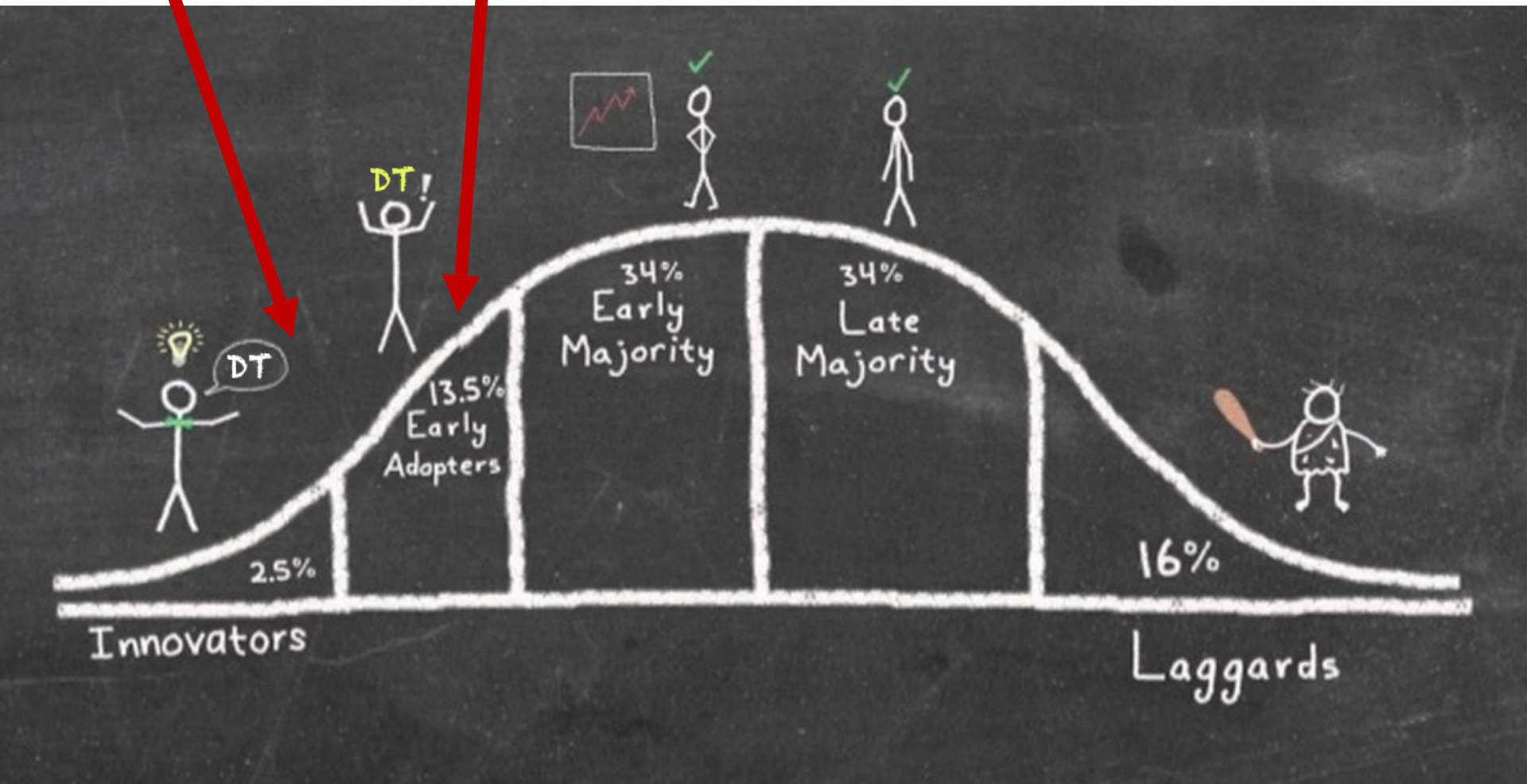
Education & Outreach

- Series of 4 webinars presented earlier this year; recordings and slides are available on Voices' website.
- Dr. Warren and coalition members are available to provide information about becoming a training site or employer of dental therapists.
- Employer toolkit in development; first version should be available once rulemaking is complete. Looking for a permanent host.

Standard Innovation Curve

2017:
10-15 dentists supportive

2018:
~30 dentists supportive



A Workforce in Waiting

"There are so many Vermonters who are not getting their basic dental needs met. I know that I can do more. That is why I plan to enroll in VTC's dental therapy track as soon as it becomes available."

- AMRA HECO, REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENIST

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