OPEN Oral Health Progress and Equity Network

DESTINATION: BUILD A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL ORAL HEALTH MEASUREMENT SYSTEM

The Oral Health Progress and Equity Network (OPEN) is building power in states and communities to create the change needed to make our nation as healthy as it can be. We know that healthier mouths mean healthier people. And healthier people mean stronger communities. This DESTINATION is one of five on which OPEN is working collectively to achieve by 2020, in order to create a just oral health system — one where everyone has an equitable chance to thrive.

Target: Public and private health systems and payers are aligned in oral health surveillance and measurement priorities so that data are consistently collected and readily accessible at the national, state, and local levels.

COMMUNITY TACTICS

- ❑ **Support inclusion of oral health** in community needs assessments. Engage promotoras to answer questions.
- ❑ **Partner with local health departments** on community needs assessment.
- ❑ **Advance advocacy for and use of new models for data collection and analysis** by engaging community champions and community-based organizations.
- ❑ **Advance the collection, analysis, and messaging of data in culturally and linguistically appropriate ways** by engaging community members in these processes. Present data findings to the community for input around dissemination and advocacy.
- ❑ **Promote training and use of integrated health IT systems** and other data collection practices by community providers.

STATE TACTICS

- ❑ **Identify and spread examples** of states building model measurement systems that can be replicated.

State tactics, cont.

- ❑ **Develop surveillance plans** for collecting, analyzing, and reporting state-disaggregated data to state and national measurement repositories, in collaboration with state partners.
- ❑ **Promote integrated IT health systems** through engagement of professional associations.

NATIONAL TACTICS

- ❑ **Produce *Surgeon General's Report*** on Oral Health.
- ❑ **Engage national partners to develop and build consensus on core set of measures** for oral health status, oral health related quality of life, and utilization of oral health services, stratified by race/ethnicity and language capacity.
- ❑ **Support national partners to assess and monitor** where states stand on adherence to measurement strategy.
- ❑ **Secure funding appropriations** to ensure sustainable financing model for data collection and analysis.

TACTICS THAT WORK ACROSS ALL LEVELS

- ❑ **Support establishment of a national oral health data repository.**
- ❑ **Support policy changes** requiring integrated medical and dental records.

Tactics that work across all levels, cont.

- ❑ **Engage partners to collect and publicly report state-level data** disaggregated by race/ethnicity, age, language, and geography on:
  - Social determinants of health.
  - Provider network adequacy.
  - Timely access to services.
  - Language access, including language of both beneficiaries and providers.

NOTES, IDEAS, AND PLANS

Check off the tactics you plan to use in getting OPEN to this goal. Work with your team, stakeholders and partners to design a pathway to action.

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