



**MINNESOTA BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

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**To:** Oral Health Practitioner Work Group Members and Interested Parties

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**Subject:** STREAMLINING THE PROCESS FOR PROVIDING INPUT

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Following our initial work group meeting, we've begun to receive public input, along with information and recommendations from various work group members about specific topics to be discussed. I'd like to propose the following process to streamline how information is transmitted to the work group so that we are all "on the same page."

As you are aware, the meetings of the Oral Health Practitioner Work Group are open to the public. Due to time constraints, I'd like to propose that all pertinent information and feedback for consideration by the Work Group be sent to Kristine Gjerde, MDH staff at [kristine.gjerde@state.mn.us](mailto:kristine.gjerde@state.mn.us). Please identify the specific topic\* in our work plan that you are addressing in the subject line. Our website, [www.health.state.mn.us/healthreform/oralhealth](http://www.health.state.mn.us/healthreform/oralhealth) also includes a link for public input. Please note that all correspondence and information will be posted on our website so anyone can access this information.

Kris will forward pertinent information to Work Group members, along with meeting agenda and background materials that will frame the topics to be discussed at each meeting. I'll also present an overview of additional input at each meeting. As we move forward with our work plan, we'll be reviewing draft recommendations, legislation and the report to the Legislature. Again, your written input/comments are welcome.

Thanks for your continued interest and contributions to the process.

\* Oral Health Practitioner Work Group Discussion Topics

- Populations to be served
- Practice settings
- Scope of practice
- Level of supervision
- Competencies, clinical training requirements, program accreditation, licensure
- Economic impact to the provision of dental services and access
- Collaborative management agreement
- Evaluation process, outcomes and process
- Draft legislation
- Final report