

August 22, 2008

TO: Oral Health Practitioner Work Group Members and Interested Persons

FROM: Joan Sheppard, DDS – MN Board of Dentistry and OHP Work Group Chair

RE: Materials for the August 29, 2008 meeting

Greetings and thank you to the OHP Work Group members for entrusting me with your confidence as chair. I intend to work hard together with all of you over the next few months to help us achieve our common goals.

We have a responsibility, given to us. We have responded, we have “taken it on,” so, therefore, we are answerable to it, and, we will answer. Responsibility is often regarded as a burden; however, it can actually become a great source of motivational power. May this work group proceed carefully, with our responsibility, to the legislature, to the public, and to each other.

Welcome to all who are receiving this information. You are considered to be an important “interested party.” As such, your observations, participation, and reflections will be helpful to us. As we proceed through our workplan, we invite your input.

Please forward any information or feedback concerning agenda topics to the OHP Work Group via the MDH Project Staff Kristine Gjerde at kristine.gjerde@state.mn.us. Note that our meetings are open to the public, although opportunities for input at these meetings may not be possible due to time constraints.

Again, thank you for your interest in this project, and in our progress as we accomplish our goals and deadlines.

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