



Agenda

Friday September 16, 2011. 10:00-12:00
 Snelling Office Park and teleconference to all MDH sites

Time	Task	Lead
9:45	Bring up remote sites/coffee	Todd/Jenny
10:00-10:15	Welcome & Introductions Coalition attendees (first timers?), numbers of members so far, etc. Regional offices New MDH Staff Introduce Patrick and turn meeting over	Erica
10:15-10:20	Introduce executive board	Patrick
10:20-10:40	How organizations form	Patrick
10:40-11:30	Coalition-update 501(c) (3) status Board meetings Wednesdays at noon Membership groups and rosters Nomination process and elections Handouts: DentaQuest application By-laws Alliance information	Patrick
	Planning process calendar	
11:30-11:40	Website update	Erica
11:40-11:50	Evaluation report and evaluations	Bilquis
11:50-12:00	Wrap up/questions	
12:00	Adjourn and call to next meeting	Patrick

Patrick's presentation
 Elections:
 Broad representation
 Talk about some of the skill sets that we need to tap into
 People to help organize committees
 People who can create and read documents



Advancing local leaders
for national impact

Request for Proposals

Letters of Intent: July 22, 2011 • Proposal Deadline: September 9, 2011

Key Dates and Deadlines

June 29, 2011

Release of Request for Proposals

July 7, 2011

Informational web conference for potential applicants.

July 22, 2011 (3 p.m. EST)

Deadline for receipt of Letters of Intent (LOI).

August 10, 2011

Applicants notified if invited to submit a full proposal for Planning Phase.

September 9, 2011 (3 p.m. EST)

Deadline for receipt of proposals for Planning Grant.

October 14, 2011

Finalists notified of award decisions for Planning Grant.

November 9 - 10, 2011

Grantee gathering.

June 14, 2012

Release of application invitation for Year I – Implementation Grant.

August 15, 2012 (3 p.m. ET)

Deadline for receipt of proposals for Year I – Implementation Grant.

Inquiries

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Background

In March 2009, over 140 stakeholders from a variety of groups and communities convened for a historic three-day Access to Dental Care Summit in Chicago, hosted by the American Dental Association. Participants included dentists and other members of the dental industry, representatives of the medical profession, consumer advocates, foundations, dental benefits entities, academics and other stakeholders. The key question of the 2009 Summit was: What will we do, collectively and independently, to ensure access to oral health care [and optimal oral health] for underserved populations by 2014?

The date is significant to this Initiative. Participants left the Summit with agreement to work collaboratively on solutions that would contribute to greater access to oral care with the following focus areas:

- Prevention and public health infrastructure;
- Oral health literacy;
- Medical/dental collaboration;
- Developing metrics for improving oral health;
- Financing models;
- Strengthening the dental care delivery system.

A dedicated group continued work after the Summit to develop the U.S. National Oral Health Alliance (usnoha.org) as a national infrastructure to address the key question and focus areas.

The US National Oral Health Alliance will formally launch in 2011 to facilitate cross-sector collaboration to improve oral health access. Mobilizing oral health providers, medical providers, consumer advocacy groups, insurers, foundations, researchers and local, state and national policy makers, the Alliance is building public-private partnerships, linking efforts at the state and national levels, and promoting common strategies and nationally-recognized best practices for meeting the oral health needs of underserved children and adults.

The Alliance gives a wide range of oral health stakeholders a place to find common ground, speak with a common voice on oral health access, and achieve results for the millions of Americans without access to oral health care.

With the passage of Health Reform, Congress responded to the considerable advocacy from multiple stakeholders, including foundations, that oral health is an essential component of health. Successful implementation of the law as we approach 2014 will require that

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foundations, through grants and relationships with national partners, support the specific policies (rules, regulations) that are developed to effectively execute each area of the law. State-level organizations will play a critical role in the implementation of health reform policies.

In addition to its support of the national Alliance as a new collaborative enterprise, the DentaQuest Foundation (DQF) is committing to a multi-year, strategic investment to build leadership and support for state and local collaboration to promote oral health improvement. This investment will be a blended model of grants and active engagement with grantees. Applicants for this initiative will be required to select up to two of the Alliance focus areas as the core of their activities. This is an exciting opportunity for organizations to engage new partners to develop solutions that address root causes of inadequate access to oral health care in their states and regions.

Recipients of this grant will receive one year of funding to conduct and establish a roadmap with action-based goal planning to broaden constituencies focused on oral health improvements that impact on one or more of the Alliance focus areas. Successful Year One grantees have the potential for an additional two years of funding and technical improvement assistance to support implementation of the goals of their action plan. This program intends to support policy development as well as strengthen collaborations to improve oral health.

In developing a response to this request, applicants should clearly identify how current/proposed activities are aligned with the focus areas of the Alliance and demonstrate their ability to convene a broad range of stakeholders and lead them to effectively develop a plan for change. Success will require the engagement of cross-disciplinary and non-traditional stakeholders to develop solutions that lead to improved oral health. Applicants should present evidence of existing community collaborations for which they have served as convener, describe the nature of those engagements, and describe their proposals for new opportunities to sustain collaboration across stakeholders and interest groups. The appended theory of change for this initiative shows how the planning elements contribute to the Foundation's long-term goals.

Purpose

Oral Health 2014 provides a unique opportunity to strengthen and accelerate community-driven action, by providing resources to increase local collaborations on behalf of better oral health and strengthening the Alliance with active and engaged partners within states.

Grantees of Oral Health 2014 are expected to maintain alignment with and participate as members of the U.S. National Oral Health Alliance and develop implementation plans for up to two of the focus areas:

- **Prevention and public health infrastructure:** Strengthen the dental public health infrastructure at the national, state and local levels through increased funding support, enhanced leadership, and improved community-based prevention activities.
- **Oral health literacy:** Develop and disseminate evidence-based, culturally-competent tools, materials, and campaigns to increase the oral health literacy of diverse populations.
- **Medical/dental collaboration:** Expand the number and types of health professionals providing preventive oral health services. Implement the Smiles for Life cross-disciplinary training program.
- **Metrics for improving oral health:** Build and implement a system of objective measurements that includes indicators of: (i) optimal oral health; (ii) the impact that access to care has on improving oral health; and (iii) the degree to which these measures are relevant to underserved populations.
- **Financing models:** Design and evaluate financing models, including public, employer-based, and individual benefits and programs that promote optimal oral health through increased disease management and prevention.



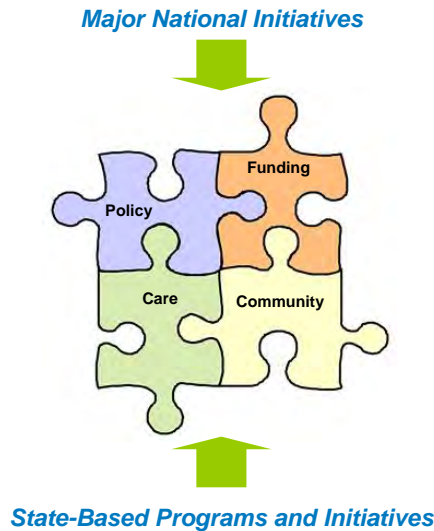
- **Strengthening the dental care delivery system:** Advance dental delivery systems that incorporate incentives to promote population health and include a well-trained-diverse dental workforce with nationwide evaluation standards and regulations.

As the Alliance works to advance national priorities, coordinated action within and among state-based constituencies will support development and exchange of local solutions and best-practices among states. These efforts will strengthen the work of the Alliance at the national level and maximize results. Grantees will be required to support the U.S. National Oral Health Alliance in the following ways:

- **Align activities** with one or more of the focus areas outlined by the U.S. National Oral Health Alliance;
- **Actively participate** in Alliance convenings;
- **Communicate** progress, challenges, and results with the Alliance;
- **Implement new opportunities** for engagement across multiple sectors such as: faith-based organizations, primary medical care, government, social service organizations, education, business groups, consumer advocacy groups, community-based organizations, payers, philanthropy, media, organizations promoting diversity, and public health.

As a result of DQF's investments, we will develop metrics that evaluate the impact of Oral Health 2014 on the following systems:

- Public **policy** that supports improved oral health;
- Increased public and private **funding** for oral health initiatives;
- Improvement in the delivery of oral health **care** and prevention programs;
- Expanded **community** engagement on oral health issues.



Award Process

There are two stages in the competitive proposal process for the Oral Health 2014 Initiative. Interested applicants should first submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) describing their proposed project. The DentaQuest Foundation will then invite qualified applicants to submit full proposals.

Applicants will be selected with input from a national advisory committee made up of leaders in philanthropy, the health professions, social innovation, and public health.

Funding will be awarded as follows:



- **2011–2012 grant year:** DQF will select up to 14 grantees to participate in the planning phase of Oral Health 2014. Each grantee will receive up to \$100,000 to support efforts to convene key stakeholders and to develop a two-year plan to advance one or more of the focus areas of the Alliance at the state or regional level.
- DQF will provide grantees with technical improvement assistance to support these activities. Grantees will be invited to share input to identify areas of need. Grantees will be convened in the fall, 2011 to share progress and receive training and technical assistance.
- **2012–2013 grant year:** From the original 14 grantees, DQF will select up to 10 organizations to receive up to \$150,000 to support the first-year implementation of the state/regional plans.
- Grantees will receive additional technical assistance, funded and coordinated by DQF, to build their capacity to improve communication and advance policy discussions on oral health, and establish program evaluation metrics. Grantees will be convened annually to share progress and to receive training and technical assistance.
- **2013-2014 grant year:** Grantees will be reviewed to evaluate their progress based on benchmarks to be developed in line with the Alliance’s focus areas. If adequate progress is being made, grantees may be eligible to receive an additional year of funding, of up to \$150,000, to continue their work.
- **Matching funds:** Grantees are strongly encouraged to secure local matching resources (including financial and/or in-kind support) of at least 30% of the value of the grant in 2013 and 40% in 2014. Matching funds must be specifically designated to support the proposed project.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicant organizations must be based in the United States and must be non-profit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code.
- Selected grantees must commit to align with and participate in the U.S. National Oral Health Alliance.
- Collaborative applications serving the same geographic region are encouraged as evidence that stakeholders are working together. The combined influence of grantee and partners must be at least statewide.
- Applicants must demonstrate past success in convening diverse stakeholder groups.

Selection Criteria

Applicants for the Oral Health 2014 planning grant will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Fit of proposed project with up to two of the U.S. National Oral Health Alliance focus areas.
- Clarity and practicality of the proposed planning process including the engagement process, scope, anticipated impact, and potential to improve the selected focus area.
- Capacity of the organization to implement the proposed planning process and manage grant funds.
- Capacity of the organization to engage and convene diverse stakeholders, develop trust and common ground, and achieve a result that can be shown to have benefited a community.
- Evidence that members of the community to be served will be involved in the development and leadership of the plan and that the project reflects knowledge and understanding about the community to be served.
- Feasibility of the plan within the allotted timeline.
- Demonstration of the engagement of local financial support, including philanthropy.

Use of Grant Funds

Grant funds may be used for project staff salaries, consultant fees, data collection and analysis, meetings, supplies, project-related travel, and other project expenses, including a limited amount of



equipment essential to the project. In keeping with DentaQuest Foundation's grantmaking policy, grant funds should not be used solely for general operating funds. Foundation funds may not be used for capital expenditures, fundraising, lobbying, endowments, scholarships, or as a substitute for funds currently being used to support similar activities.

Evaluation

In evaluating the DentaQuest Foundation's investment in the Oral Health 2014 Campaign, we will seek to measure the impact of grantees' activities on the four systems of Policy, Funding, Care, and Community. Grantees will be expected to work with the Foundation's evaluator to develop metrics and monitor/measure their local impact on each of these key systems through grant funds. To support these efforts, the Foundation will engage an independent evaluation consultant in 2011 to provide technical assistance to grantees to develop metrics for their individual activities. In addition, the evaluation consultant will develop an overall evaluation of the Oral Health 2014 Campaign, focusing on short- and longer-term outcomes, which will be supported directly by the Foundation. As a condition of accepting funds, grantees must participate in the evaluation process. Grantee participation will include assisting with necessary data collection to accomplish the evaluation objectives.

How to Apply

As a first step, please submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) of no more than two pages to Brenda Lavasta, Programs and Grants Associate, DentaQuest Foundation by July 22, 2011. In preparing the LOI, applicants should address the following 5 areas:

- 1. Current Environment:** Describe the conditions in the oral health environment your organization is currently addressing and how you would build on those efforts.
- 2. Current and Proposed Partnerships:** Describe the past and current impact of the organization's oral health collaborations at a state/regional level, including relationships with key stakeholders.
- 3. Proposed Actions:** Indicate how the proposed project will engage the usual stakeholders in a different way and involve new participants in oral health improvement at the state/regional level.
- 4. Alignment with Priorities:** Clearly identify how current/proposed activities align with the U.S. National Oral Health Alliance focus areas and indicate up to two areas that will be addressed.
- 5. Process Metrics:** What indicators will be used to document the project's progress in meeting its objectives? How will this information be collected?

Following a review of the LOI, DentaQuest Foundation will select and invite finalists to submit a full proposal through the Foundation's Online Application System.

The DentaQuest Foundation's online application process consists of easy-to-follow steps for grant seekers including online data entry, the preparation of standardized forms, adding required attachments, and saving an unfinished application to return to it later for completion and submission. An electronic mail confirmation will be sent to applicants confirming receipt of the submitted application. You may also print a hard copy of your application for your records by pressing the print icon on your computer.

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Minnesota Oral Health Coalition

ARTICLE I
Name and Purposes

Section 1.01. Name. Minnesota Oral Health Coalition, Inc.

Section 1.02. Purpose. The Corporation is organized for the charitable and educational purposes of advancing oral health in the state of Minnesota. In addition, the organization will be guided by a "principles" document titled - Minnesota Oral Health Coalition Initial Guiding Principles.

ARTICLE II
Members

Section 2.01. Classifications. There shall be two membership classifications: Corporate and Individual.

Section 2.02. Qualifications. Membership may be granted to any individual or corporation that supports the mission and purposes of the organization, and pays the annual dues as set by the Board of Directors.

Section 2.03 Rights and Responsibilities of Members. Members shall have the right and responsibility to attend meetings, participate in activities and vote annually on the selection of the Board of Directors.

Section 2.04. Termination of Membership. The Board of Directors, by affirmative vote (in person or by proxy) of two-thirds of all of the members of the Board, may suspend or expel a member, and may, by a majority vote of those present at any regularly constituted meeting, terminate the membership of any member who becomes ineligible for membership, or suspend or expel any member who shall be in default in the payment of dues.

Section 2.05. Resignation. Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary; however, such resignation shall not relieve the member so resigning of the obligation to pay any dues or other charges theretofore accrued and unpaid.

Section 2.06. Dues. Dues for members shall be established by the Board of Directors.

Section 2.07. Meetings. The date of the annual membership meeting shall be determined by the board and will contain a standing agenda item to vote on open board seats for that year. A minimum of 10% of the members present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business at a membership meeting. Meetings may be called by the chairperson or at the request of at least 10% of the members by notice mailed, telephone, or email to each member not less than thirty (30) days before such meeting.

ARTICLE III
AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

Section 3.01. Authority of Directors. The Board of Directors is the governing body and may exercise all the powers and authority granted to the Corporation by law.

Section 3.02. Number, Selection, and Tenure. The Board shall consist of not less than five (5) directors and no more than fifteen (15) directors. Each director shall hold office for a term of three (3) years on a staggered cycle defined by the board. One additional non-voting board position will be occupied by the Minnesota Department of Health, Dental Director or designee (aka ex officio). Vacancies existing by reason of resignation, death, incapacity or removal before the expiration of his/her term shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining directors or the position may be left vacant

until the next annual member vote. In the event of a tie vote, the President shall choose the succeeding director. A director elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of that director's predecessor in office.

Section 3.03. Resignation. Resignations are effective upon receipt by the Secretary of the Corporation of written notification.

Section 3.04. Regular Meetings. The Board of Directors shall hold at least two (2) regular meetings per calendar year. Meetings shall be at such dates, times and places as the Board shall determine.

Section 3.05. Special Meetings. Meetings shall be at such dates, times and places as the Board shall determine.

Section 3.06. Notice. Meetings may be called by the Chairperson or at the request of any two (2) directors by notice emailed, mailed, telephoned, or emailed to each member of the Board not less than forty-eight (48) hours before such meeting.

Section 3.07. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Board attending in person or through teleconferencing. All decisions will be by majority vote of those present at a meeting at which a quorum is present. If less than a majority of the directors is present at said meeting, a majority of the directors present may adjourn the meeting on occasion without further notice.

Section 3.08. Action Without a Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors or of any committee may be taken without a meeting if all the members of the Board or committee consent in writing to taking the action without a meeting and to approving the specific action. Such consents shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the Board or of the committee as the case may be.

Section 3.09. Participation in Meeting by Conference Telephone. Members of the Board may participate in a meeting through use of conference telephone or similar communications equipment, so long as members participating in such meeting can hear one another.

Section 3.10. Committees. The Board of Directors may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors in office, establish committees of the Board composed of at least two (2) persons which, except for an Executive Committee, may include non-Board members. The Board may make such provisions for appointment of the chair of such committees, establish such procedures to govern their activities, and delegate thereto such authority as may be necessary or desirable for the efficient management of the property, affairs, business, and activities of the Corporation.

Section 3.11. Nominating Committee. There shall be a Nominating Committee, composed of the President and at least two (2) other members of the Board of Directors. The nominating committee will make recommendations to the entire board, for its approval. Each member of the committee shall have one (1) vote and decision shall be made by the majority.

Section 3.12. Reimbursement. Directors shall serve without compensation with the exception that expenses incurred in the furtherance of the Corporation's business are allowed to be reimbursed with documentation and prior approval (not including payment for time). In addition, Directors serving the organization in any other capacity, such as staff, are allowed to receive compensation therefore.

ARTICLE IV AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 4.01. Officers. The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary/Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board of Directors may

designate. Any two (2) or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of President and Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 4.02. Appointment of Officers; Terms of Office. The officers of the Corporation shall be elected by the general membership at annual meetings of the Board, or, in the case of vacancies, as soon thereafter as convenient. New offices may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Terms of office may be established by the Board of Directors, but shall not exceed three (3) years. Officers shall hold office until a successor is duly elected and qualified. Officers shall be eligible for reappointment.

Section 4.03. Resignation. Resignations are effective upon receipt by the Secretary of the Board of a written notification.

Section 4.04. Removal. An officer may be removed by the Board of Directors at a meeting, or by action in writing pursuant to Section 3.08, whenever in the Board's judgment the best interests of the Corporation will be served thereby. Any such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed.

Section 4.05. President. The President shall be a director of the Corporation and will preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall perform all duties attendant to that office, subject, however, to the control of the Board of Directors, and shall perform such other duties as on occasion shall be assigned by the Board of Directors.

Section 4.06. Vice-President. The Vice-President shall be a director of the Corporation and will preside at meetings of the Board of Directors in the absence of or request of the President. The Vice-President shall perform other duties as requested and assigned by the President, subject to the control of the Board of Directors.

Section 4.07. Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be director(s) of the Corporation and shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors in the books proper for that purpose. The Secretary/Treasurer shall also report to the Board of Directors at each regular meeting on the status of the Council's finances. The Secretary/Treasurer shall work closely with any paid executive staff of the Corporation to ascertain that appropriate procedures are being followed in the financial affairs of the Corporation, and shall perform such other duties as occasionally may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

Section 4.08. Paid Staff. The Board of Directors may hire such paid staff as they deem proper and necessary for the operations of the Corporation. The powers and duties of the paid staff shall be as assigned or as delegated to be assigned by the Board.

ARTICLE V INDEMNIFICATION

Every member of the Board of Directors, officer or employee of the Corporation may be indemnified by the corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred or imposed upon such members of the Board, officer or employee in connection with any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit or proceeding to which she/he may become involved by reason of her/his being or having been a member of the Board, officer, or employee of the corporation, or any settlement thereof, unless adjudged therein to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of her/his duties. Provided, however, that in the event of a settlement the indemnification herein shall apply only when the Board approves such settlement and reimbursement as being in the best interest of the corporation. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition and not exclusive of all other rights which such member of the Board, officer or employee is entitled.

**ARTICLE VI
ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Section 6.01. Establishment. The Board of Directors may establish one or more Advisory Boards or Committees.

Section 6.02. Size, Duration, and Responsibilities. The size, duration, and responsibilities of such boards and committees shall be established by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE VII
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION**

Section 7.01. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be January 1 - December 31 but may be changed by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Section 7.02. Checks, Drafts, Etc. All checks, orders for the payment of money, bills of lading, warehouse receipts, obligations, bills of exchange, and insurance certificates shall be signed or endorsed by such officer or officers or agent or agents of the Corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors or of any committee to which such authority has been delegated by the Board.

Section 7.03. Deposits and Accounts. All funds of the Corporation, not otherwise employed, shall be deposited from time to time in general or special accounts in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors or any committee to which such authority has been delegated by the Board may select, or as may be selected by the President or by any other officer or officers or agent or agents of the Corporation, to whom such power may from time to time be delegated by the Board. For the purpose of deposit and for the purpose of collection for that account of the Corporation, checks, drafts, and other orders of the Corporation may be endorsed, assigned, and delivered on behalf of the Corporation by any officer or agent of the Corporation.

Section 7.04. Investments. The funds of the Corporation may be retained in whole or in part in cash or be invested and reinvested on occasion in such property, real, personal, or otherwise, or stock, bonds, or other securities, as the Board of Directors in its sole discretion may deem desirable, without regard to the limitations, if any, now imposed or which may hereafter be imposed by law regarding such investments, and which are permitted to organizations exempt from Federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**ARTICLE VIII
BOOKS AND RECORDS**

Correct books of account of the activities and transactions of the Corporation shall be kept at the office of the Corporation. These shall include a minute book, which shall contain a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation, a copy of these Bylaws, and all minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE IX
AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, provided prior notice is given of the proposed amendment in the notice of the meeting at which such action is taken, or provided all members of the Board waive such notice. Bylaws changes are subject to a vote from the membership taken at a scheduled meeting and require a quorum of the membership with a majority vote (in person or by proxy).

US National Oral Health Alliance

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Involvement and attendance is one of the requirements of the DentaQuest grant proposal. The Alliance website is at <http://www.usnoha.org/>

Founding members of the Alliance are leaders in dentistry, dental education and the dental industry, medical professionals, health advocates, opinion leaders and policymakers. The Alliance “shared vision” grew out of the American Dental Association’s 2009 Access to Dental Care Summit. Proceedings of the Summit are available at <http://www.usnoha.org/resources/proceedings-of-the-access-to-dental-care-summit/>

The Alliance is committed to ensuring access to care and prevention that supports optimal oral health for the nation’s most vulnerable children and adults by 2014. The Alliance seeks to forge common ground as the basis for finding real solutions.

The Alliance is building a unified community of individuals and organizations spanning care, policy, financing, and community interests, striving for “common ground” in an atmosphere of trust and openness. They are working to clarify and understand other points of view, and promote mutually reinforcing activities and collective impact through work on six priority areas:

The Alliance has identified six priority areas:

- Prevention and public health infrastructure
- Oral health literacy
- Medical and dental collaboration
- Metrics for improving oral health
- Financing models
- Delivery system improvements

The Alliance uses a “colloquium” model which embodies the spirit of collaboration by inviting a broad group of partners to multiple sessions throughout the year with a focus on building common ground. Three colloquia are planned:

November 7-8, 2011	Washington DC
March 13-14, 2012	TBD
June 6-7, 2012	TBD

Vovici

Vovici is used to create and deploy online surveys. You can capture important feedback that can help you improve or see what is going good with your partners. Because of the variety of ways to create questions, Vovici helps you to get the answers you are looking for by creating interactive questions such as sliders or drag and drop answers. You can create any type of survey that you would like depending on what you want to know.

Vovici would be helpful in nominations and elections for the coalition because it keeps track of responses from everyone and will keep the results together so it is easy to read and easy to see everyone's responses. Vovici can even keep track of the date and time that the survey was completed.

The results of the survey are kept track of in the Vovici system and you can print up the reports in many different formats to create evaluations and help you keep track of everyone's input. The reports are very nice in detail with graphs or charts or both depending on how you want to present your information.