

Meeting: May 4, 2016
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Oral Health Commission – May 4, 2016
The meeting was held at the town offices at 5:30 PM

Present: Mary Lou Albert, Jim Carroll, Marylou Chicote, Jackie Kelley, Don Miller, Michael Brady, Rob Cauley DMD

Guest: Meg Outwater, Tooth Tutor in the Bennington Elementary Schools

- First line of business was to approve the minutes from March 16, with no additions and minor corrections of names, i.e., Tim Payne , not James Culkeen; Laura Boudreau.
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- Meg Outwater presented the Tooth Tutor program in the elementary schools. Reaching the parents in the 'target group' is a problem. Having a uniform permission used in all the schools was suggested, Jackie Kelly will discuss this with school board. When asked to name a dram list, meg offered three items:
 1. having permission to screen any child in the true target group.
 2. better compliance (follow through) from parents with regard to paperwork return/contacts/making appointmentts with dentist
 3. finding a dental home (dentist) for all children who need it (true target group).
- The S.20 legislative bill for a 'Dental Therapist' has passed, it will be two years before it goes into effect. How effective the program will be is yet to be determined.
- The criteria for programs presented to the select board by the commission should be sustainable and affordable with stated goals. The commission's role is to advise to the Select board in a pro active manner.
- Marylou Chicote will invite Sue Andrews to represent the Bennington Oral Health Coalition at the next meeting.
- The next meeting date and time is scheduled for June 8, at 5:30 PM at the town offices.

Respectfully submitted



Marylou Chicote