



Pennsylvania  
Department of Health

04/24/2025 1:00PM-3:00PM

# Oral Health Plan Advisory Group Meeting

Oral Health Program

# Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- OHPAG Member Sharing
- Current Priorities and Progress Update
- Evaluation Update
- Breakout Session
- Member Discussion
- Next Steps and Adjournment



# Welcome and Logistics

- Meeting Purpose
- Desired Meeting Outcomes



# DOH Update

- Ongoing Projects
  - ADA Medicaid Pilot Project
  - Building State Capacity for Integration (BSCI) Learning Collaborative
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
  - Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
  - OHPAG Nomination Information
  - Communication Campaign



# OHPAG Terms/Roles

TERMS EXPIRING JULY 1, 2025



Name	Organization	Sector	Term Ends
Marisa Swarney	PA Dental Association	Association	July 1, 2025
Katyria Rodriguez	Star Community Health	Community Org	July 1, 2025
Dr. Dana Chianese	Temple University Hospital	Education	July 1, 2025
Dr. Jeremy Horst	Self, Consultant	Funder	July 1, 2025
Kelly Braun	PA Office of Rural Health	Government	July 1, 2025
Dr. Michael Verber	Verber Dental Group	Health Provider	July 1, 2025
Susan Washinger	PA Health Access Network	Individual	July 1, 2025
Kristin Haegele Hill	PA Chapter, AAP	Community Support	July 1, 2025
Jessica Rhodes	UPMC for You	Insurance	July 1, 2025

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TERMS EXPIRING JULY 1, 2026

Name	Organization	Sector	Term Ends
Dr. Malini Moni	Berks Community Health Center	Community Support	July 1, 2026 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Kelanie Yordy	PA Assoc of Community Health Centers	Association	July 1, 2026
Andrea Moore	Quality Insights	Government	July 1, 2026
Kristi Mattzela	Centre Volunteers in Medicine	Health Provider	July 1, 2026
Dr. Ben Fredrick	PA Area Health Education Centers	Education	July 1, 2026
Dan White	The Wright Center	Community Org	December 31, 2025
Darcie Schaffer	Volunteers in Medicine	Individual	July 1, 2026
Beth Frushon	SKYGEN	Insurance	July 1, 2026
Dr. Mark Wolff	University of Pennsylvania	Funder	July 1, 2026 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)

# OHPAG Member Sharing

- Kelanie Yordy, PACHC, Oral Health Program Specialist
- Kelly Braun, Organization, PA Office of Rural Health, Rural & Integration Systems Coordinator
- Dr. Dana Chianese, Temple University Hospital Pediatric Dental Residency Program, Clinical Director
- Dr. Mark Wolff, University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, Dean



# **Current Priorities and Progress Update**

# 2024-2025 Priority Action Steps

## Access, Prevention, & Education

- Incorporate oral disease prevention messaging into other health fields including physical, mental, and behavioral health
- Advocate for the use of an oral health curriculum and training program for certified CHWs to assist them in assessing oral disease risk and appropriate referrals
- Promote dental provider use of silver diamine fluoride (SDF) for dental caries control for individuals who cannot receive traditional restorative treatment
- Encourage bi-directional referrals between dental and medical offices

## Workforce

- Promote and support the use of community health workers/navigators in traditionally underserved communities
- Identify and support pipeline program development to ensure a competent and diverse oral health workforce

## Infrastructure

- Share evidence-based data and information to promote collaboration and awareness among dental and non-dental providers as well as the public



# UPDATE ON PROGRESS

2020-2030 State Oral Health Plan



## Action Step #1

Incorporate oral disease prevention messaging into other health fields including physical, mental, and behavioral health

- Blair County School Nurses' Association meeting featured oral health in schools, resources available, mobile services, and future partnership.
- OHP launched a campaign to reduce sugar-sweetened beverage consumption in rural PA counties. Educational materials are placed in health centers, school nurses' offices, and other settings; online ads will be shared via popular adolescent platforms.
- Two oral health exhibit tables at the PA Association of School Nurses and Practitioners (PASNAP) conference shared oral health resources with school nurses

More Info:  
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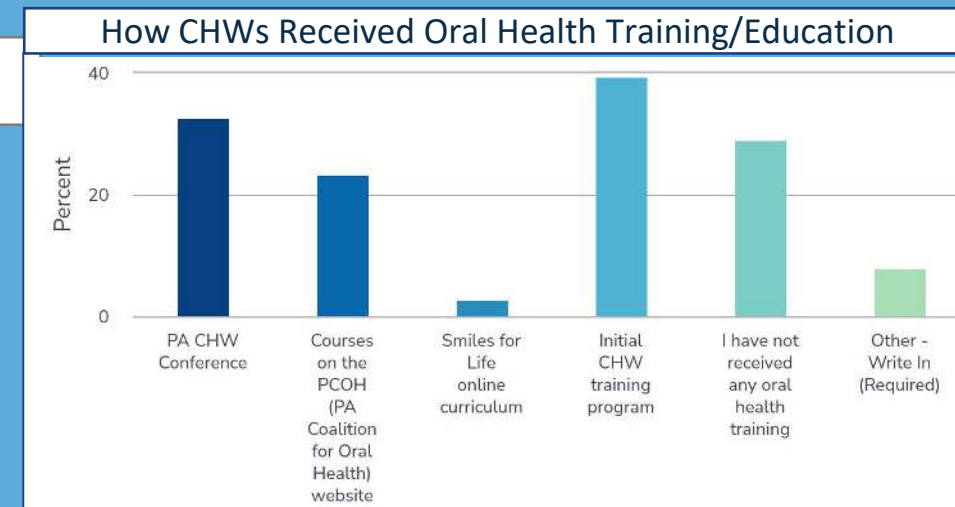
## Action Step #2

Advocate for the use of an oral health curriculum and training program for certified CHWs to assist them in assessing oral disease risk and appropriate referrals

- Oral health voices in the PA Community Health Worker Collaborative; promotion of online courses housed on the PCOH course portal
- Plan mini-grant wrapping up: Eastcentral PA AHEC for Sonrisas Saludables (Healthy Smiles): comprehensive oral health series in Spanish for community health workers (CHWs)

From 2024 PA CHW & Oral Health annual survey:

- 48% received oral health training/education
- 58.4% provided oral health education to clients (46.2% in 2023)
- 80% felt at least somewhat prepared to provide oral health education (69% in 2023)



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## Action Step #3

Promote dental provider use of silver diamine fluoride (SDF) for dental caries control for individuals who cannot receive traditional restorative treatment

- Exhibit table at the Arc of Pennsylvania Disability Health Summit to share resources on finding dental care and educated advocates on products such as SDF that can benefit patients with special healthcare needs.
- PA managed care organization designing a minimally invasive care pilot program
- PCOH presented a minimally invasive care CE course at Pitt; offering at Temple next month

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## Action Step #4

- Encourage bi-directional referrals between dental and medical offices
  - PCOH participated in a healthy living podcast recording with a physician (to be released in June). There was an emphasis on medical-dental integration and oral health education for medical providers.
  - Pennsylvania participation in the Building State Capacity for Integration (BSCI) Learning Collaborative; work will encourage OB providers to talk about oral health
  - Continue to focus on oral health for patients with diabetes as part of the state's CDC grant

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## Action Step #5

- Promote and support the use of community health workers/navigators in traditionally underserved communities
  - All 67 counties represented in PA CHW & Oral Health annual survey responses
  - Continue to support PACHW Collaborative and state waiver submission to allow CHWs to bill Medicaid
  - Additional oral health training offered to 38 CHWs in April through zoom

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## Action Step #6

- Identify and support pipeline program development to ensure a competent and diverse oral health workforce
- PCOH exhibited at the Penn Dental Career Fair in Philadelphia to encourage dental students to consider public health career options
- Two dental schools actively pursuing new rural residency opportunities.
- Re-engaged with Penn HOSA to discuss current workforce issues and future collaboration with students
- Workforce "Hot Topic" webinar held on January 31 focused on AHEC high school recruitment for dental careers
- Dental Assistant Radiology Training (DART) held to help dental assistants prepare to pass the radiology exam
- Funding sought for a Speakers Bureau of dental providers throughout the state interested in speaking to local students about dental career opportunities

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## Action Step #7

- Share evidence-based data and information to promote collaboration and awareness among dental and non-dental providers as well as the public
  - OHP met with PA Dept. Of Environmental Protection (DEP) about data
  - PCOH and OHP launched a call for water quality data as part of the CDC Cooperative Agreement; five water systems have agreed to share data this year.
  - As part of a CareQuest grant, PCOH is currently gathering data on school health in PA from school nurses in four school districts; report will be published in June.
  - Attended the Association for Dental Safety (ADS) Bootcamp in Atlanta; potential ideas for change in dental office infection control for PA
  - Sugar-sweetened beverage campaign roll out

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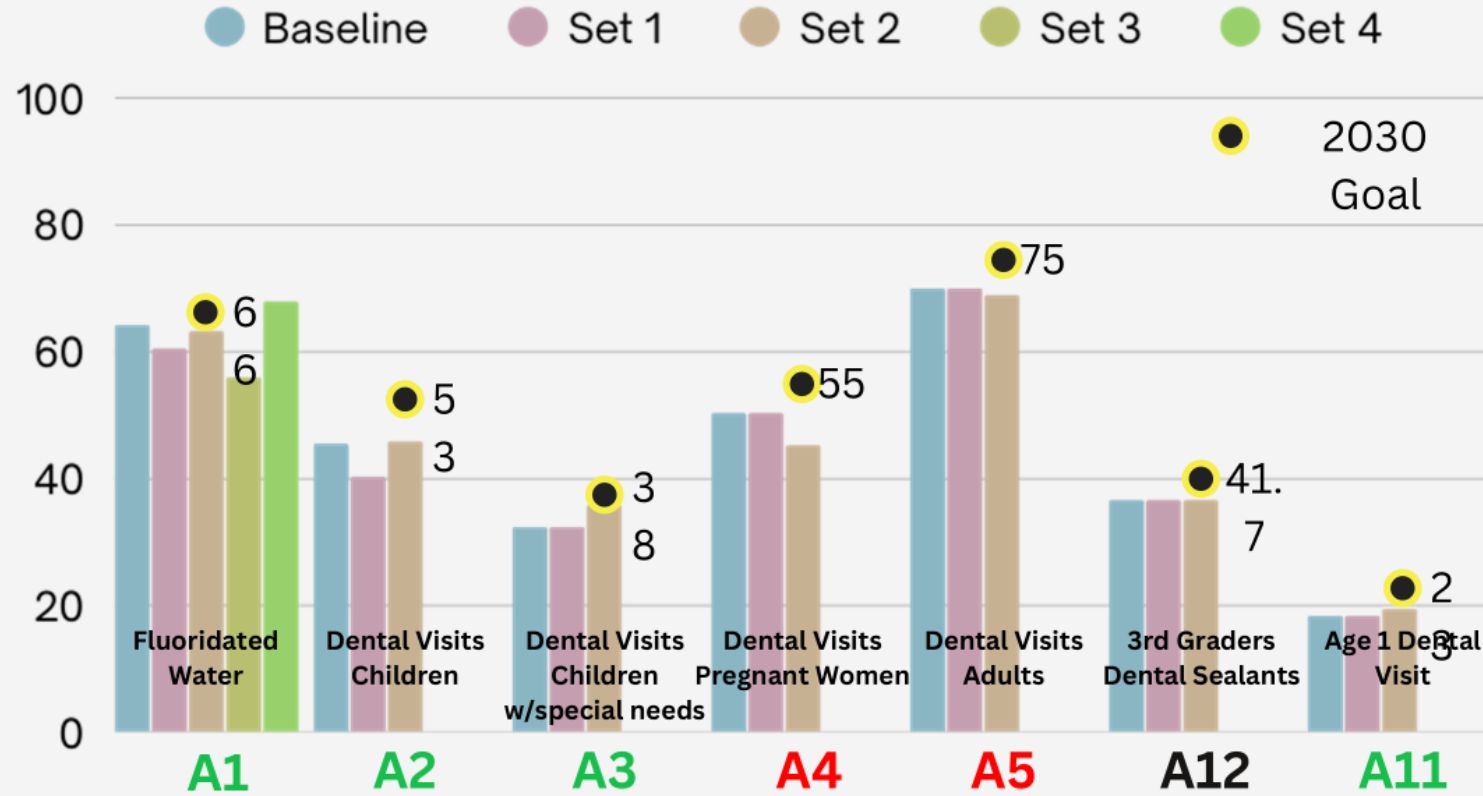


# Oral Health Plan Evaluation

*Laura Crawford, RDH, MHS, PHDHP*

- Parallel Data Tracking Charts – Outcomes A & B
- Updated Health Professional Shortage Areas – PA vs. United States
- Menti.com (code 82169900)

● **Priority A Outcomes – Access, Prevention and Education**  
**(Upward Focus)**



**PENNSYLVANIA**  
**ORAL HEALTH PLAN**  
**2020-2030**

Negative Progression

- A1 (-0.94%)
- A4 (-5.10%)
- A5 (-1.00%)

Positive Progression

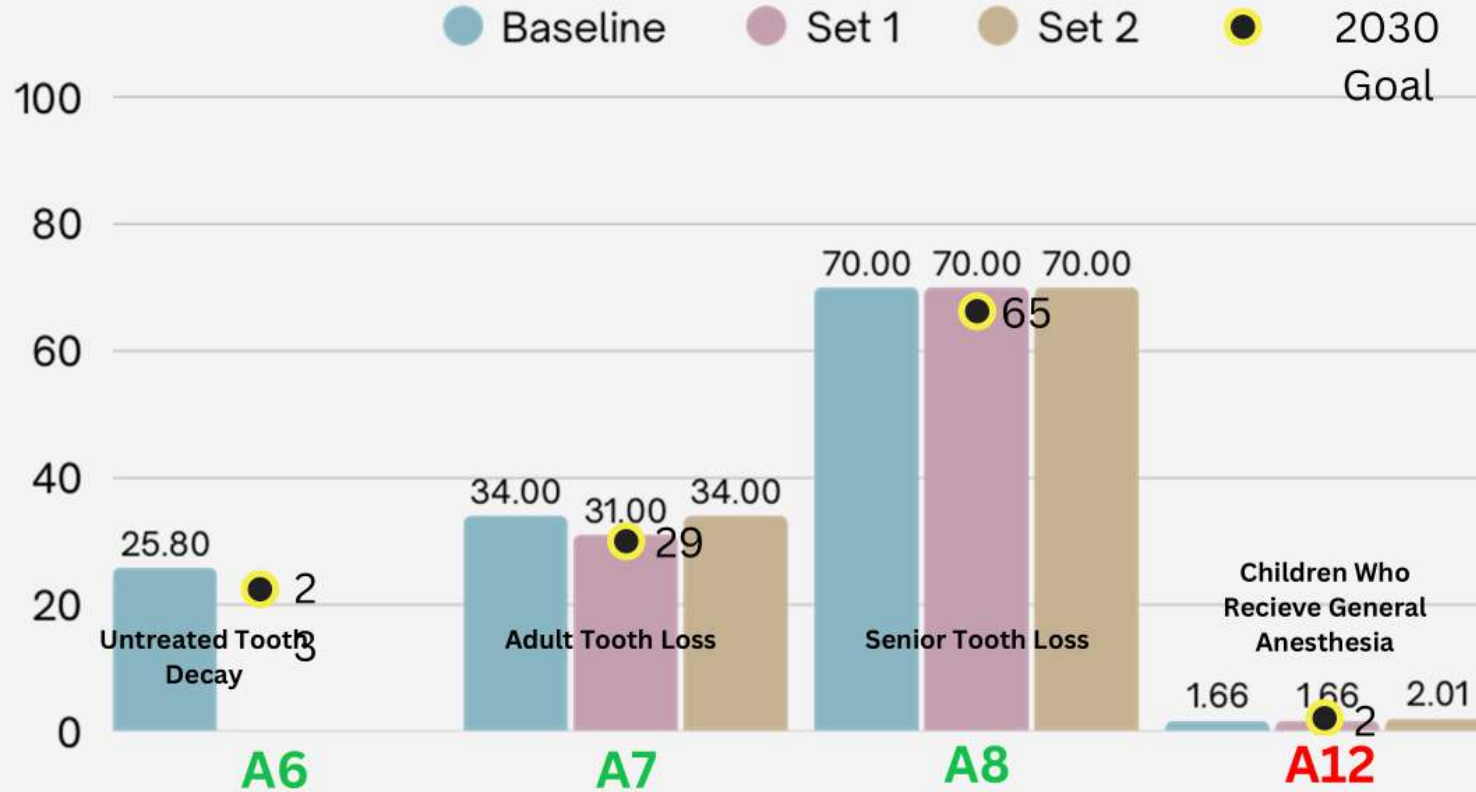
- A2 (+0.43%)
- A3 (+3.53%)
- A11 (+1.10%)

# Priority A Outcomes – Access, Prevention and Education (Downward Focus)

Parallel Data Tracking Chart

Annual Progress

2025



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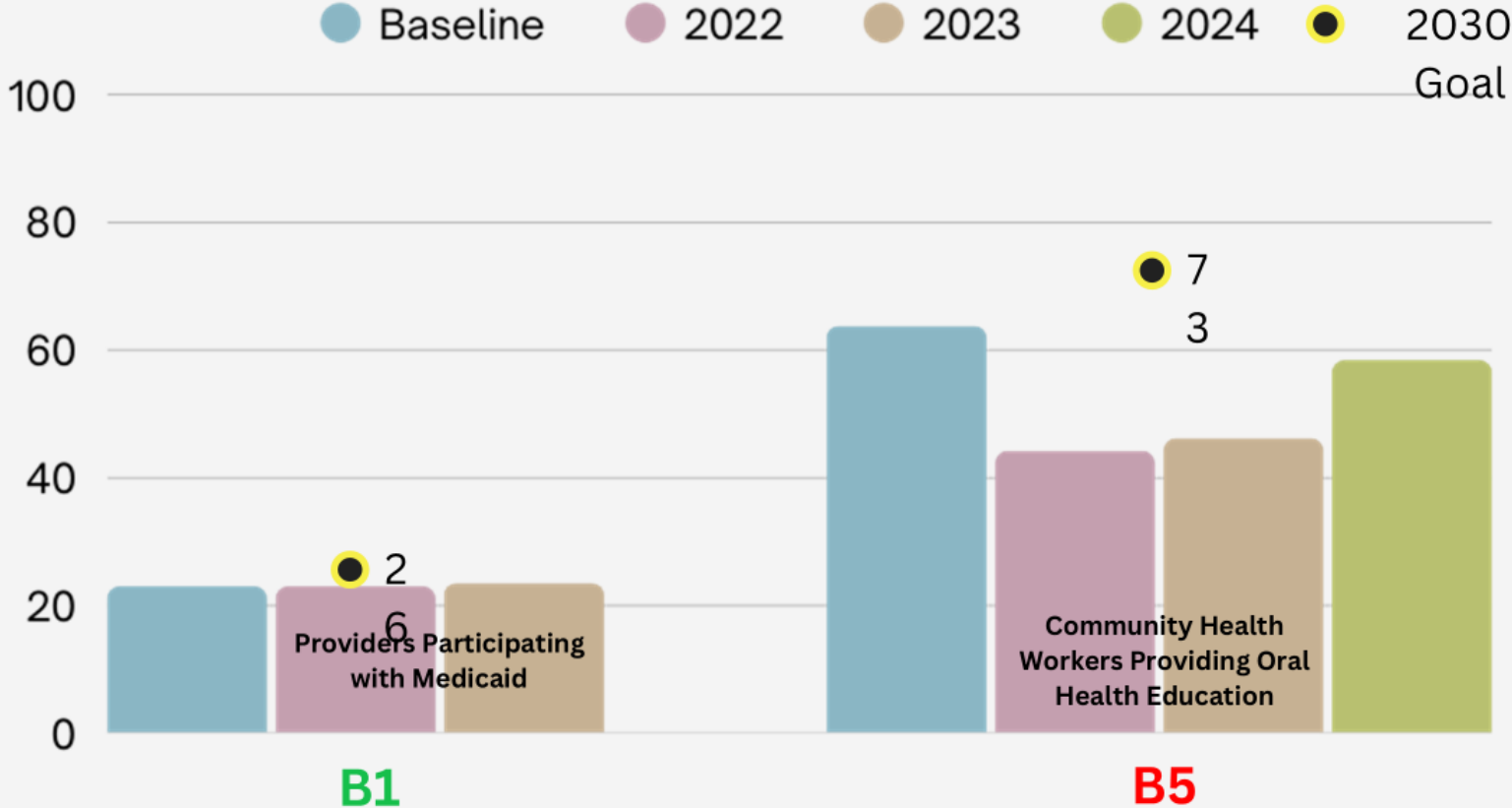
No Progression/Baseline

- A6 (+0/-0) Awaiting 2027 Data
- A8 (+0/-0) No change
- A7 (+0/-0) No change

Positive Progression

- A12 (+0.35%)

● **Priority B Outcomes – Workforce**  
**(Upward Focus)**

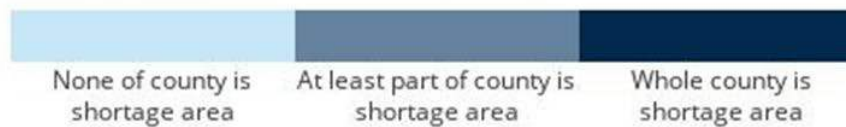
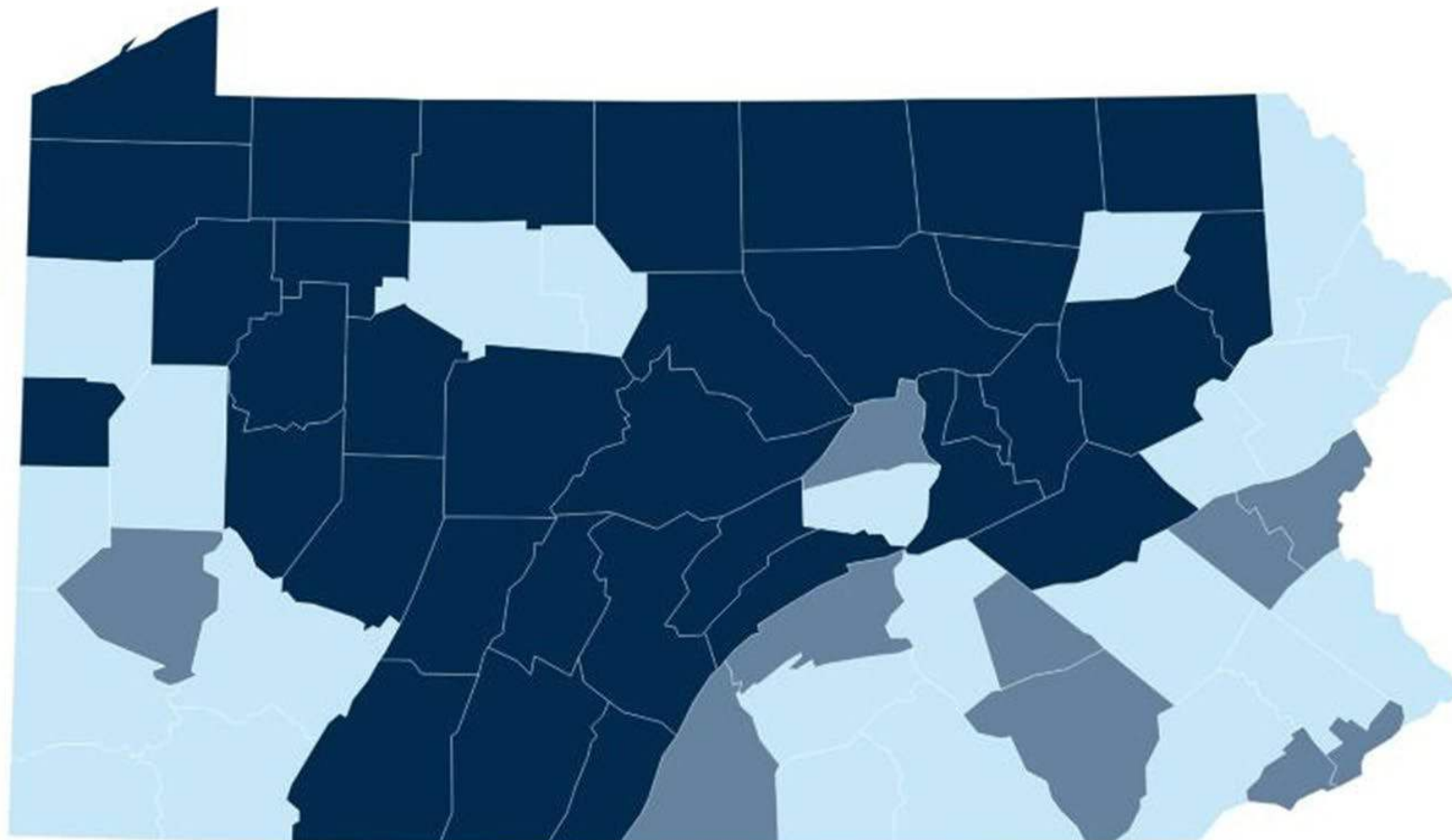


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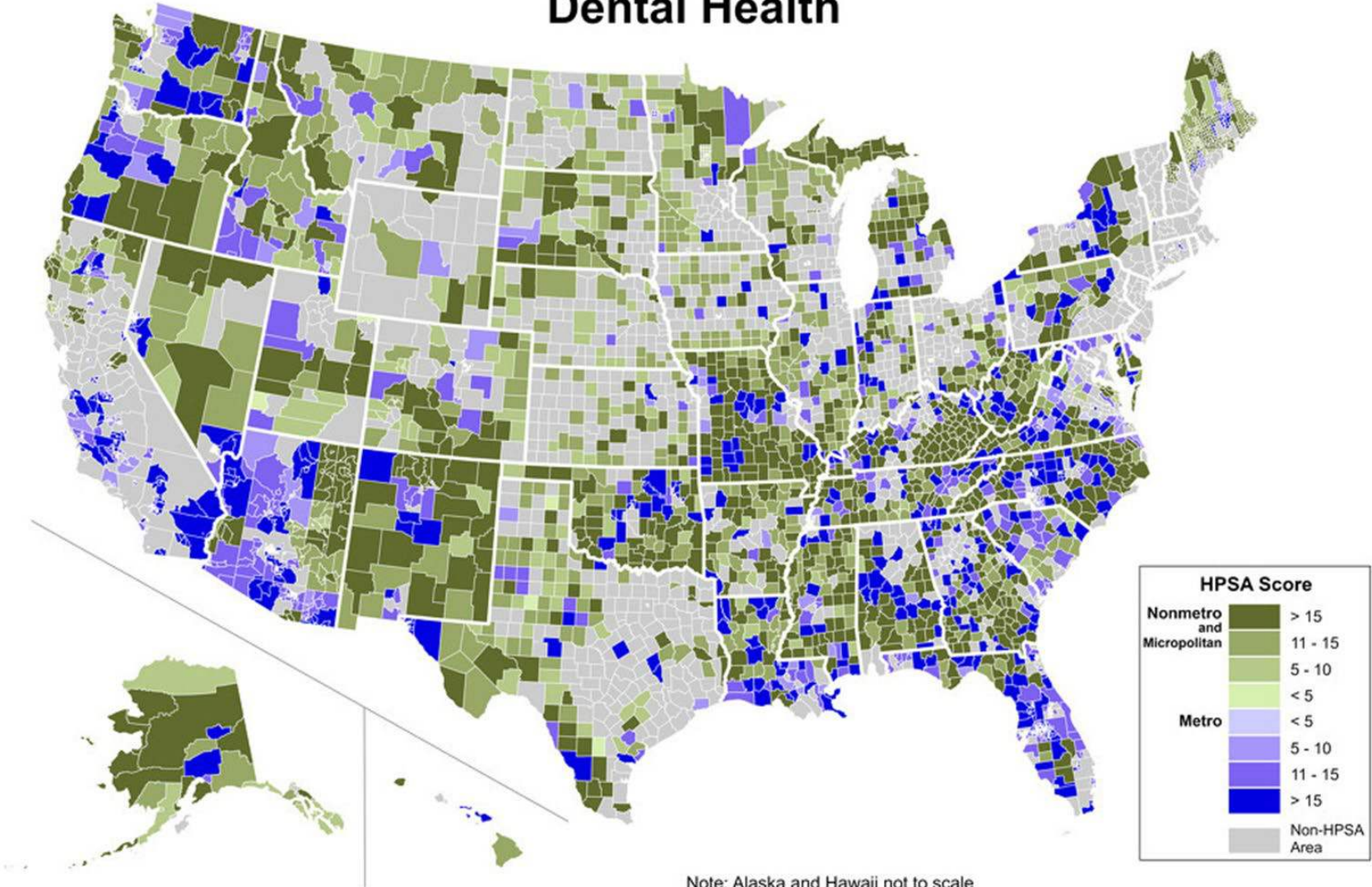
Positive Progression  
 • B1 (+0.43%)

Negative Progression  
 • B5 (-5.40%)

## Health Professional Shortage Areas: Dental Care, by County, January 2025 - Pennsylvania



# Health Professional Shortage Areas Dental Health



Note: Alaska and Hawaii not to scale  
HRSA scores HPSAs on a scale of a whole number (0-26 for dental health), with higher scores indicating greater need

Source(s): data.HRSA.gov, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, April 2025



# Breakout Sessions

# 2024-2025 Priority Action Steps

## **Room A: Access, Prevention, & Education**

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## **Room B: Workforce**

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# Breakout Room Prompts

**Prompt #1:** Reflecting on the action steps selected for 2024-2025, what specific strategies or programs has your organization implemented (or seen implemented) that align with these priorities? What lessons or promising practices can you share with others in the group?

**Prompt #2:** What challenges are you seeing in advancing the Plan's goals within your sector or across systems? How might we overcome these barriers through collaboration, resource sharing, or policy change?

**If time allows.....**Thinking long-term, what would success look like by 2030 if our collective work continues to align with the Plan? How can we ensure momentum beyond 2025?



# Member Discussion

# Closing Remarks and Adjournment

- Next Steps
- Review notes
- Visit [paoralhealth.org/OHPAG](https://paoralhealth.org/OHPAG) to review materials
- Ongoing: Submit success stories
- Send comments/additional materials to [info@paoralhealth.org](mailto:info@paoralhealth.org)





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**Thank you for attending!**