

2020

COVID-19 Escalates Existing Dental Workforce Issues

MDA-HPI Dental Team Scope of Practice Survey — November 2020

2021

Workforce Executive Session at MDA House
MDA House Passes 2021H-9
MDA Exploratory Committee on Workforce Established
November 2021

Focus Area A
RDH Scope & Delegation

Focus Area B
DA/RDH Schools

Focus Area C
EFDA Scope & Delegation

2022

MO Office of Dental Health Workforce Survey
Spring 2022

MDHA Hygiene Workforce Survey
Spring 2022

Dr. Guy Deyton, then State Dental Director, convenes small group of oral health stakeholders to consider all recent available data to address shortages and make recommendations
May 2022

Educational articles in *MDA Focus* relaying findings and recommendations of oral health group
Summer 2022

HB2149 “Missouri Dental Board Pilot Project” passes, giving statutory authority to develop pilot projects to extend dental care to underserved populations
May 2022

Severity of the workforce issues should be addressed immediately
Support dental team scopes to work at top of education
Support RDH local anesthesia under general supervision policy change
Support EFDA Oral Preventive Assistant

MDA Exploratory Committee Presents Report to MDA House
November 2022

MDA House of Delegates changes policy on **RDH Local Anesthesia Delegation**
November 2022

MDA Board **supports pursuing Oral Preventive Assistant EFDA** (regulatory) as part of legislative agenda
November 2022

Missouri Dental Board Authorizes Nursing Home Pilot Project coordinated by Office of Dental Health
December 2022

MDA creates workgroup to pursue Oral Preventive Assistant EFDA Pilot Concept
December 2022

2023

Missouri Dental Board prepares to promulgate rule for RDH Local Anesthesia under General Supervision
January 2023

OPA EFDA Workgroup continues to develop focus areas of a potential pilot project
January 2023

OPA EFDA Curriculum Workgroup creating course content and standards
January 2023 to Present

Full promulgation of Rules for local anesthesia under general supervision
Presently progressing through MDB

Waiver of Rules approval for OPA EFDA Pilot
July 2023

OPA RFA Site Application & Selection Process Begins
October 2023

OPA Didactic & Hands-On Training & Clinicals to Follow in Selected Sites
Anticipated to Begin January 2024

2024

Training of OPA Candidates Commences and is Completed
January – March 2024

OPA EFDA & Local Anesthesia Under General Supervision Rules Posted in the Missouri Register
May 2024

Pending Rule Passage, OPA Training to Commence
Fall 2024