

# 2015 Committee Update

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## Committee Members:

- Lisa LaSpina
- John Fisher
- Kathy Eklund
- Katherine Pelullo
- LuAnne Chester
- Carly Levy
- Marlena Wilson
- Lisa Johnson
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- Chris Libby
- Jessica Holloman
- Maria Dolce
- Laura Suarez
- Marlene Barnett
- Harris Contos
- Sandra Nicholas
- Jackie Toledo

# 2015 Access & Workforce Committee Report

1. We had 10 committee meetings (offered in-person or conference call) this year.
2. Held Medical-Dental Connections Initiative follow-up meeting in May.
3. MCPHS graduate student completed her thesis work, conducted 8 MA key informant interviews. Manuscript is being prepared for journal submission.

# Medical-Dental Initiative follow-up meeting

- Meeting with focus group participants to review results from the study, and to brainstorm potential next steps.
- The majority of attendance consisted of dental professionals (3 dentists, 7 RDHs, 2 PHDHs, 2 dental students);
- Other participants consisted of 1 PH Educator, 1 Dentaquest representative, 1 medical student (MMS student representative), and 1 Pharmacist
- Presented PPT briefing attendees on the Medical/Dental Initiative Report, and Access & Workforce Committee ideas for Wilmington, MA.
- Feedback was positive and has assisted Committee in the Wilmington project next steps.

# Wilmington Medical/Dental Survey

- SLOW PROGRESS...
- Sought and received buy-in from MMS and MDS to promote survey participation.
- Launched survey late November
- Lack of response led to a walk-in approach to ask for participation.
- To date only 6 surveys have been completed. It is believed that all responders are dental professionals.

# Looking Ahead

- Continue Medical-Dental Wilmington Project efforts
- Thank you to all committee members for your continued support and hard work!