

# **Oral Health Advocacy Work Group Report to Coalition Steering Committee**

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**Report**

(presented by Joe Babb)

The Advocacy Work Group has conducted two conference calls prior to this meeting, the first during the middle of January and the second during the middle of February. During the first meeting we discussed the primary oral health issues that should be addressed, as well as how we might be able to communicate with others and within the oral health community. From that meeting the group began to investigate the possibility of using a listsrv. The second meeting was devoted to discussions about a listsrv, the software available, maintaining the listsrv, resources required and potential costs.

During our meeting today, we were informed that Dr. Brown was already developing a listserv, and to ensure there was not a duplication of efforts, the work group agreed to defer any actions until later this year. The group also acknowledged the urgency associated with the CHIP issue and began discussing what messages should be developed to communicate with legislators. Dr. Vaclav informed the work group that the oral health message had already been developed and was incorporated into the CHIP Day package being given to legislators. The group then turned its discussions to types of materials that might be used for communicating to the public.