

# Welcome to the first Dental Therapy Task Force Meeting



**Center**  
For Dialog & Resolution

# Your Facilitation team



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# SB 5092, Section 222 (17)

"The Pierce county center for dispute resolution to

- convene a task force,
- staffed by the Pierce county center for dispute resolution,
- to review and make recommendations
  - on bringing the current practice of dental therapy on tribal lands to a statewide scale, and
  - on the practice, supervision, and practice settings needed to maximize the effectiveness of dental therapy.
- The Pierce county center for dispute resolution must submit a report to the legislature by December 1, 2021."

# Getting to Know You

- **Please share:**
  - Your name (and pronunciation)
  - Your pronouns
  - Your organization
  - How you support Quality Oral Health

# Function of a task force

Bring diverse perspectives and expertise to:

- Understand an issue
- Explore options for addressing the issue
- Make recommendation related to the issue

# Task Force Mandate

## Action

Review and  
recommend

## Timeline

5 months (report  
due to legislature  
December 1,  
2021)

## Topics

Bringing the current  
practice of dental  
therapy on tribal  
lands to a statewide  
scale

The practice,  
supervision, and  
practice settings  
needed to maximize  
the effectiveness of  
dental therapy

# Role – Center for Dialog & Resolution

- Develop framework & schedule for task force
- Facilitate monthly task force meetings & offer facilitative support to individuals and/or small groups
- Hold online space for monthly small group meetings, with tech support
- Compile task force resources & proposals as recommendations
- Deliver recommendations to legislature by 12/1/21

# Role – Task Force Members



Attend  
task  
force  
meetings



Share  
resources  
with task  
force



Between  
meetings:  
individual  
& small  
group work



Share  
experience  
& expertise



Make, review,  
give feedback/  
discuss &  
refine  
proposals



# Individual Reflection

1. What do you need from yourself to be a productive task force member?
2. What do you need from one another to make this a productive task force?

# How will we agree to interact with one another

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## Questions to Ground Dialog

- Please help me understand that and why it is important?
- How does this improve oral health care?
- What informs this opinion?
- How does this impact people who aren't on this task force?

# Taskforce Framework: how we fulfill the mandate

Task forces strength = different perspectives

Task force challenge = limited time to hear  
& understand all perspectives

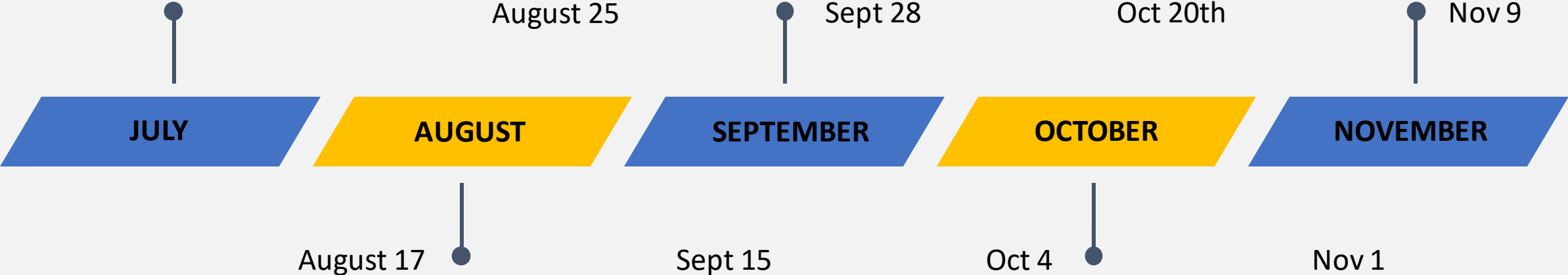
# Task Force Work Product:

how we fulfill the mandate

- Review of current dental therapy practices on tribal lands
- Proposals regarding scaling up which become recommendations to legislature
  - May include multiple recommendations on any topic
  - No decisions made by task force
- Greater understanding between task force members

# Dental Therapy Task Force

## Task Force Meetings



## Small Group Meetings

<b>Task Force Meetings</b>	<b>July Convene task force</b>	<b>August Current tribal dental therapy</b>	<b>September Proposals DT practice &amp; practice settings</b>	<b>October Proposals DT supervision</b>	<b>November Review proposals</b>	<b>Final report</b>
<b>Task force work plan</b>	Welcome & getting to know one another	Review current practice	statewide scale	DT Practice/Supervision		
	Framework for Task Force	What informs best practices on tribal land	Effectiveness measures			
	Interaction agreements	Effectiveness measures	Draft proposal elements			
	Engagement Small groups					

# Monthly Timeline

**Task Force Meeting**

**Proposals to  
Google Drive  
7 days prior**

**Task Force Meeting**

**Individual and group independent work  
and/or  
Small Group meetings to make proposals**

**Review  
and comment  
on proposals**



# Process for Making Proposals:

**Commitment:** learn from one another; think deeply; engage in dialog

**Proposals:** I am willing to:

- **make** proposals
- **share** what informs the proposals
- **hear** reflections on proposals
- **identify** strengths and challenges of proposals
- **discuss** and refine proposals

# Framework for Proposals

## **Brief Issue Statement:**

- What informs your issue / statement (lived experience, research, best practices, etc.)?

## **Concise Proposal:**

- What informs the proposal (lived experience, research, best practices, etc.)?
- What are the strengths and future implications of the proposal?
- What are the challenges and potential unintended consequences of the proposal?

**Getting to know one another:**

**From our introductions...**

**....please ask your questions**

# Group Decisions to Make

- Alternates
- Record sessions
- Small Group work

# CDR: To Do before August 6th

Send emails to task force regarding:

- ❖ Website notice
- ❖ Google drive – how to get set up, how to use, our protocol for use
- ❖ Task force list with corrected information

# Task Force: To Do before August task force meeting

Share	Share resources necessary to inform the Task Force (google drive or email <a href="mailto:DentalTherapyFacilitation@CenterForResolution.org">DentalTherapyFacilitation@CenterForResolution.org</a> )
Review	Review shared resources
Prepare	Prepare questions regarding the current practice of Dental therapy on Tribal Land



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Thank You

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