

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, 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