Oral Health Pre-Recorded Session



Kelly Braun, RDH, MSDH, PHDHP, serves as the dental delivery systems coordinator at the Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health. Kelly leads the implementation of the Medical Oral Expanded Care (MORE Care) Collaborative in Pennsylvania, in partnership with the DentaQuest Institute. This program is focused on integrating oral health, specifically the primary and secondary prevention of dental disease, into primary care practice, specifically in Rural Health Clinics. Kelly also leads the office's Rural Health Clinic Technical Assistance Program. A Registered Dental Hygienist and a Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioner, Kelly worked in a hospital-based clinical practice prior to coming to the Office of Rural Health. She also is an adjunct faculty member at Pennsylvania College of Technology in the dental hygiene program. Kelly holds an AS and BSDH, both from Pennsylvania College of Technology. She also obtained a Master's of Science in Dental Hygiene, with an emphasis on education, from the University of Bridgeport in 2013.



 Debra ("Deb") Barr, RDH, M.Ed, CSDH, PHDHP is the president of the Certified School Dental Hygienists' section of DPS. She has been employed as a full-time Certified School Dental Hygienist for the West Shore School District for 24 years. She is also a part-time adjunct clinical faculty member in Harrisburg Area Community College's Dental Hygiene program. Deb's experience of more than 40 years in the dental profession includes: clinical practice, dental hygiene education, public school education and public health dentistry.

Since 2010, as part of West Shore School District's Dental Hygiene Services Program, Deb has operated a Dental Hygiene Preventative Services Program for uninsured and under-insured students in West Shore School District. Using portable dental equipment and traveling from school to school, she has provided dental care to 1,087 West Shore students and has applied nearly 7,500 sealants. Although Deb enjoys the clinical aspects of dental hygiene, she is most passionate about educating students at both the public school and college levels.

Deb has taken leadership positions at the State level as a former Harrisburg Area Dental Hygiene Association Trustee to the Pennsylvania Dental Hygienists' Association (PDHA) Board of Trustees, and she currently serves as the PSEA liaison to PDHA.