



4th Annual Rural Oral Health Conference
September 11, 2009
"Improving Rural Oral Health Through
Innovative Programs"

Maine

Initiative: Governor's Task Force on Expanding Access to oral Health Care for Maine People

Purpose: to develop recommendations for short-and long-term solutions to expand access to oral health care programs for all Maine citizens. The Task Force was directed to identify existing barriers to access and provide recommendations for removing those barriers and for expanding access to adequate oral health care for Maine citizens.

- ◆ **Key Features:** 14 recommendations in six areas, including one specific to workforce
 - ◆ **Outcomes:** The report's recommendations formed the basis of or were cited in at least 13 proposals in the 2009 legislative session, and have also been cited in successful grant applications. Some of the proposals resulted in changes in statutes.
 - ◆ **Next Steps/Future Direction:** Remains to be seen
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