

**DESCRIPTION:** Under the administrative direction of the Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Services Director, prescribes and plans the promotional, educational, and clinical aspects of the agency's public health dental activities; provides consultation to agency staff regarding public dental health practices and issues; performs other duties as assigned.

**EXAMPLES OF WORK:** (A position may not be assigned all the duties listed, nor do the listed examples include all the duties that may be assigned.)

Conducts consultations with agency staff on dental health activities, programs, and services.

Provides advice on dental health needs and services to assist agency planning efforts.

Designs evaluation tools for determining effectiveness and accountability of agency programs and services related to dental health.

Answers inquiries regarding dental problems and concerns and the availability of services.

Promotes and assists in establishing and maintaining statewide standards of dental care.

Conducts consultations and advises local health units and community agencies in developing and implementing dental aspects of their public health programs.

Employs local communities to support education and prevention programs and to develop interest in providing funds for dental care for children of indigent parents.

Organizes county and city communities to support local programs of dental health education.

Provides advice and coordination with the officers or committees of the State Dental Association.

Coordinates dental health activities with health education and disease prevention programs by way of presentations at conferences, workshops, seminars, and meetings.

Works closely with professional schools and institutions concerning the teaching and training of public health aspects of dental health.

Develops for distribution educational material on dental health for schools and community groups, in cooperation with the Division of Health Promotion and Education and other professional personnel.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED:** (These are needed to perform the work assigned.)

Knowledge of: agency programs and activities through which dental health objectives may be met; organization and operation of State's system of dental care both public and private; Federal and State statutes, regulations and policies related to dental care; principles of epidemiology.

Ability to: identify dental health needs of communities and develop strategies for addressing these needs; apply principles of epidemiology; coordinate dental health activities within a variety of settings; adapt public dental health messages and interventions for different populations.

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**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** (Applicants will be screened for possession of these qualifications. Applicants who need accommodation in the selection process should request this in advance.)

Graduation from an accredited school of dentistry; possession of, or eligibility for, a license to practice dentistry in the State of Nebraska; and professional experience in the practice of dentistry, including experience in the field of public health.

Graduate training in public health is desirable.