

May 1, 2023

Liz Blackwell-Moore, Public Health Director  
Cumberland County Public Health Department  
142 Federal St.  
Portland, Maine 04103

**RE: "Strengthening Oral Health": Building a More Robust Children's Preventative Oral Health Infrastructure in Cumberland County**

Dear Liz Blackwell-Moore:

Mainely Teeth is fully committed as a partner in the collaborative efforts necessary for the duration of the project (May 1, 2023-September 30, 2026) to create a more coordinated and sustainable children's preventative oral health infrastructure for Cumberland County. **Strengthening Oral Health** addresses a critical need to expand and enhance a network of preventative oral health care in preschools and schools for children with the most barriers to care.

Mainely Teeth's mission is to break down barriers to oral health care and provide access to quality, compassionate dental care to individuals, families, and communities. We believe that quality oral health care is a basic human right, not a privilege. Since 2020, Mainely Teeth has worked to build and grow a school-based dental clinic program that currently serves 33 individual public schools and 43 individual childcare/preschool programs across Maine. For years we have worked collaboratively with the Children's Oral Health Network of Maine and would be honored to join COHN and the Cumberland County Public Health Department in their efforts to strengthen the oral health infrastructure in Cumberland County, creating access to care for thousands of children in Maine who for years, have had no other options.

Mainely Teeth is committed to contributing to **Strengthening Oral Health** by:

- Participating as content experts in the mapping and modeling project for Cumberland County.
- Participating in the development of a coverage plan for expanding foundational and advanced preventative services.
- Building internal capacity, with adequate funding, to support the expansion of services identified in the mapping and modeling phase of the project.

Cumberland County and the Children's Oral Health Network of Maine have established a level of experience managing collaboration of the broad coalition of partners around community health. We value the collaborative efforts that are needed to improve the children's preventative oral health infrastructure in Cumberland County. We look forward to the successful award of the grant.

Sincerely,



Amber Lombardi  
CEO/Founder