

Nomination Statement Tamara D. Baca, RDH, MPH  
Candidate for Board of Directors

My name is Tamara D Baca MPH and I am one of the first Affiliated Practice Dental Hygienist in the state of Arizona. I work for Mountain Park Health Center and I oversee the pediatric integration program. I have my master's degree in public health with an emphasis on epidemiology. An important goal of why I obtained my master's degree was to aid in the outreach of underserved population within our community. And my job focuses on this task. Furthermore, MPH is works to lobby congress in reference to the Affordable Care Act (Obama Care).

My reasons for choosing to run for a board member is to aid in the lobbying process and develop reachable goals within the dental hygiene association, dental board and licensing. We as dental hygienist should be given more opportunity to work unsupervised so that we have the ability to reach more people. Because our state is so large and a large majority of the population lives in rural communities there are many individuals in need of dental care. I believe that I have the ability and the personality to bring together people with a common goal.

Finally, I hope you all will consider me as a valuable asset and give me the opportunity to serve the dental hygiene community.

**PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY: TAMARA BACA, RDH, MPH**

**EDUCATION**

Master's Degree in Public Health, Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ  
Bachelor of Science Dental Hygiene, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ  
Associates Degree in Dental Hygiene, Rio Salado Community College, Tempe, AZ

**PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

- Experience of 30 years in the field of Dentistry and 2 years in Public Health emphasis on epidemiology
- Excellent ability of planning, managing and organizing
- Energetic and enthusiastic dental hygienist with excellent communication skills and ability to learn new technology and skills.
- Proficient in developing techniques with streamline the process of data recovery.
- Excellent aptitude and techniques in Word, Excel, 2013. Along with various dental software.
- Enthusiastic and experienced in production, marketing and troubleshooting.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Affiliated Practice Dental Hygienist – Public Health (October 2016 – Present)

- Processing and screening of pediatric patients for dental home establishment. Teledentistry throughout the entire clinic system with an affiliated practice dentist.

- Development of teaching Power point presentations for staff along with educational meeting.
- Development of spreadsheets to track the amount of pediatric patients seen within the pediatric department.
- Organization of all necessary APDH form and processes.

#### Clinical Dental Hygienist (2010 – 2017)

- Soft Tissue Management within the office including but not limited to new and existing patients
- Patient education concerning necessary treatment, oral hygiene instructions, Sales of preventive dentifrices, bleaching and treatments.
- Educated in Laser dentistry which is used for Laser Bacterial reduction, Scale and Root Planing curettage, elimination of herpetic lesion and aphthous ulcers.
- Scheduling of Patients for further therapy and maintain continuous

#### **ASSOCIATION EXPERIENCE**

SADHA Class President