Hello Oral Health Leaders,

I am excited to share that on March 29, the DentaQuest Partnership for Oral Health Advancement will become a part of a new organization called the CareQuest Institute for Oral Health. CareQuest Institute is a nonprofit committed to building a future in which equitable systems promote excellent health, allowing people everywhere to reach their full potential.

This next evolution of our work amplifies and expands upon the programming, resources, and strengths of our past organizations, including the DentaQuest Partnership, DentaQuest Foundation, and DentaQuest Institute. As CareQuest Institute, our more robust portfolio reaches across grantmaking, research, health improvement programs, policy and advocacy, and education as well as dental benefits, care delivery, and innovation advancements designed to improve the oral health system. As a new organization, we can broaden our impact and move faster together toward a system designed for everyone.

**Why are we making this change?**
Our oral health care system doesn’t work for everyone because it wasn’t built for everyone. Millions of people are left out and left alone to suffer the medical, economic, and emotional consequences of poor oral health. It’s a nationwide failure. And a failure we’ve worked hard to address in partnership with you and others across oral health and health care. Together, we’ve made great strides in our journey toward better health for all. And as the CareQuest Institute, we can do more to champion progress, transform oral health, and accelerate changes that make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in marginalized communities.

**What does this change mean for you?**
In the CareQuest Institute, you get a collaborator that is resolute in our commitment to create a more equitable, accessible and integrated health system for everyone. We are bringing together the people who are changing oral health care for the better and providing them with the tools and resources needed to make an impact at the local, state, and national level. Although our offerings and resources are expanding, the way you work with us will remain the same. I’m only a call or email away if you have any questions.

**Also Introducing: CareQuest Innovation Partners**
Additionally, we are in the process of preparing for the launch of CareQuest Innovation Partners. CareQuest Innovation Partners is a for-profit company that operates for the benefit of the nonprofit parent organization, CareQuest Institute for Oral Health. Its goal is to produce outcomes that combine positive social and financial impact, and like the CareQuest Institute, works toward the mission of improving the oral health of all. We will officially announce our CareQuest Innovation Partners brand later this summer.
To be sure you don’t miss an update from me or the broader CareQuest Institute team, please add my new email address to your contacts and whitelist our new domain: @carequest.org. As of Monday, March 29th, you can also find us online at carequest.org and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram.

We all must play a role, use our voice and leverage our lived experience and expertise to change the status quo. We look forward to continued collaboration as we work to make this vision a reality.

Best regards,

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