

The End of the Saskatchewan Health Dental Plan – June, 1987.

June 11, 2017 marks the 30 th anniversary of the announcement of the end of the Saskatchewan Health Dental Plan (SHDP).

On June 11, 1987, over 420 SHDP employees were ushered into meeting rooms in cities and towns throughout Saskatchewan. They were informed that effective June 30, 1987, the SHDP was cut, and would be fully dismantled by August 31, 1987. The majority of the employees were women, and they were issued their “pink slips” that day. It was devastatingly painful.

To mark the 30 th anniversary of the end of the SHDP, the SOHC will place on their website:

- All of the SHDP annual reports, 1975 – 1987
- Scientific articles related to evaluations of the SHDP
- Grey literature/thesis’ written by various individuals

In addition, June 30, 2017 marks the 6 th anniversary of the closure of the National School of Dental Therapy in Prince Albert. Since its’ closure in June 2011, many groups and individuals have worked tirelessly to find innovative ways to train dental therapists for Saskatchewan and Canada.

To honour this anniversary, the SOHC will place on its’ website scientific articles related to dental therapists and the future of Dental Therapy.

If anyone has articles or information to contribute, please forward it to our administrative coordinator, at sohcadmin@saskohc.ca