**Dianne Baum, Dental Program Administrator**

**Bio for 2016 Presentation to PCOHC**

Dianne has worked for the Health Care Authority (previously DSHS) for 32 years.  Most of that time has been spent in prior authorization, except for a short 4-year re-assignment to the Provider One development project to develop the prior authorization sub-system.

In 2011, Dianne assumed management of the Dental program.  While not a dentist, 2 dentists and 3 orthodontists report to her.

Her staff reviews all prior authorization requests with clinical (x-rays mostly) documentation.  In her day to day oversight of the dental program operations, she is responsible for making sure WA State’s HCA’s rules and regulations are kept up to date and implemented in the payment system. In addition, Dianne manages the separate “Access to Baby and Child Dentistry” (ABCD) contracts for Washington’s 32 counties.