

**Indiana Oral Health Coalition (IOHC) Minutes**  
**Friday, June 8, 2012**  
**Hosted by the**  
**Indiana Dental Association (IDA)**

*Mission: The IOHC is a collective voice of individuals, groups, organizations, and businesses working together to promote, protect and provide for the oral health of the residents of Indiana.*

**PRESENT:**

Carol Briley	Gerardo Maupome	Renee Shirer
Diana Buyer	Hannah Maxey	Armando Soto-Rojas
Tina Elliott	James Miller	Beth Summers
Sue Germain	Pamela Rettig	Brenda Valliere
Brittany Gross	J. Keith Roberts	Roger Valliere
Sarah Herd	David Roos	John Williams
Antoinette Holt	Hollis Russinef	Ben Yoder
Richard Martin	Pamella Shaw	

Dr. Buyer, Chair IOHC, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for coming.

She introduced Dr. Jim Miller, Vice Chair IOHC and the State Oral Health Director. Then, she allowed everyone to introduce themselves.

Dr. Buyer explained that she invited members of the Indiana *Acceptance, Inclusion, and Respect* (AIR) program to the meeting today. AIR is a 2-year program that was founded by Dr. Sue Germain. The Indiana Dental Association started this leadership training for the next generation of dental leaders.

**REVIEW MINUTES**

Dr. Buyer asked if there was a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. A motion and second were offered and the Indiana Oral Health Coalition minutes for the March 9, 2012, meeting were approved as submitted by a unanimous voice vote.

**Topic – Status - Indiana Oral Health Plan 2012-2017**

Dr. Miller explained that he plans to submit the Indiana Oral Health Plan (IOHP) to the Commissioner of the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) at the end of this year for review and approval.

The goals of the IOHP will need to coincide with the overall goals of the ISDH. Thus, **Dr. Miller proposes the following four major goals for the Indiana Oral Health Plan (IOHP):**

- 1) Decrease Disease;**
- 2) Improve Use of Information;**
- 3) Improve Partnerships; and**
- 4) Improve Operations and Policies.**

The IOHP will draw heavily from the five goals recently adopted by the IOHC:

- 1) Develop an oral health surveillance system for Indiana;
- 2) Engage Medicaid (OMPP) in discussions on reimbursement;
- 3) Develop a competent and diverse workforce;
- 4) Assist communities with Community Water Fluoridation (CWF); and
- 5) Increase dental students' involvement in underserved areas.

Dr. Miller requested that the members of the IOHC e-mail any comments and recommendations to him that they might have concerning the latest proposed version of the IOHP.

#### **Topic – Status – Community Based Oral Health Surveillance Project**

Dr. Miller discussed *Surveillance of Oral Health Status of Children in Local Communities*; a project that is planned for the summer and fall of 2012, that is being funded by the Delta Dental Foundation. The purpose of this project is to gather surveillance data from local communities to help monitor the oral health status of the children in those communities, which will help guide dental public health efforts.

This project is designed to collect surveillance data from the existing dental records of children, ages 8-9, in private pediatric dental practices in several local communities in Indiana. Since this data will come from children in “local communities”, it will not necessarily come from children in a well-defined geographical area. However, there are certain advantages with this approach: 1) The surveillance data will come from readily available existing data; 2) The records will be abstracted by experienced dental professionals; and 3) The project will be relatively quick and inexpensive.

#### **Topic – Development of a Competent and Diverse Workforce**

Dr. Buyer said that last year at this time, the IOHC prioritized five goals (see above). The third goal was to create a competent and diverse workforce. She asked Dr. Pamela Shaw to come today and present *Development of a Competent and Diverse Workforce*. Dr. Shaw is the Associate Dean of Diversity, Quality, and Inclusion at the Indiana University School of Dentistry (IUSD).

Dr. Shaw discussed the national data on dental admissions. This information came from the American Dental Education Association's applications access system. It shows that applications to dental schools have gone up for the African American population, as well as the Latino/Hispanic population, the American Indian population, and the female population. When the federal government started collecting data from the 2010 census, the multi-race categories were used for the first time.

The IUSD has historically had minorities in their school. There was a period of time in 2006 and 2007 where the applications of minorities appeared to be trending downward. Since Dr. Shaw began working at IUSD two years ago, one of her goals was to increase quality applicants and to work on acceptance. The incoming class of 2011 had eleven under-represented minorities, out of 104 incoming students. The 2012 incoming class, so far, shows eleven applicants who are from an under-represented minority population.

Dr. Shaw reported that about 30% of non-Indiana residents who graduate from the IUSD stay in Indiana, while a much larger percentage of graduates who are Indiana residents stay in Indiana. Dr. Shaw suggests we develop a workforce right here. Her office works with schools throughout Indiana and she especially likes to talk to middle school students to spark an interest in dentistry. She said that the earlier students become interested in a dental career, the more opportunity they have to make choices in high school and college that improve their chances of obtaining admittance to dental school.

Dr. Buyer asked how the coalition could assist in this initiative. Dr. Shaw answered that data on the oral health status in the state would be helpful, especially the data on the under-represented minority population. There was a question and answer session afterward.

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

- The Indiana Rural Health Association 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference is from June 14<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup> at the JW Marriott in Indianapolis. The IOHC helped find dental speakers for this conference. There will be 35 breakout sessions and five concurrent sessions. Also, there will be 120 exhibitors and scholarships for 69 students this year. Dentists can get CE credit for attending.
- Dr. Buyer said that one of the things discussed at the last meeting was to identify people who should be a part of the IOHC. Dr. Roger Valliere reported there has been no activity on this and he had no information to share, at this time.
- Dr. Buyer said she also didn't have any information about establishing an IOHC independent website that was also discussed at the last meeting.
- Dr. Buyer also said she had no current information on getting non-profit status for the IOHC. She explained that there are grants that would be available to IOHC, if it was non-profit. There was a group discussion on this topic.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There were no other updates and so the meeting was adjourned.

### **NEXT IOHC MEETING**

September 7, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m., Rooms 8T1 and 8T2 (8<sup>th</sup> Floor), ISDH

### **Other IOHC Meetings in 2012**

December 7, 2012 @ 10:00AM, Rooms 8T1 and 8T2 (8<sup>th</sup> Floor), ISDH