

Indiana Oral Health Coalition (IOHC) Minutes
Friday, December 7, 2012
Hosted by the
Indiana State Department of Health

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:

Brandi Applegate
Diane Buyer
Anita Gaillard
Ray Guest
Joan Kowolik

Richard Martin
James Miller
Patty Morris
Ed Popcheff
David Roos

Ed Rosenbaum
Armando Soto-Rojas
Brenda Valliere
Roger Valliere
Toni Elzy

WELCOME

Dr. Buyer, Chair IOHC opened the meeting at 10:10 a.m. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. She introduced Dr. James Miller, Vice Chair IOHC. The members and new attendees were given time to introduce themselves and to report on anything going on in each attendee's department.

REVIEW MINUTES

Dr. Buyer asked if there was a motion to accept the minutes. A motion and second were offered and the Indiana Oral Health Coalition minutes from the September 7, 2012, meeting were approved as submitted by a unanimous voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Buyer announced that on September 27th, the Richard Fairbanks School of Public Health at the IU School of Medicine opened.

Dr. James Miller explained that the IOHC Annual Meeting is March 2013. The elections of the Chair and the Vice Chair will occur at this meeting. He went over the By-laws regarding the nomination process.

TOPIC-Report: *Characteristics of General Dentists Practicing in Indiana*

Dr. Miller explained how he worked with the Professional Licensing Agency (PLA) to obtain the information needed to complete the 2012 report on the *Characteristics of General Dentists Practicing in Indiana*. The PLA offered a voluntary 2011-2012 Indiana Dental Re-licensure Survey to dentists when renewing their license electronically. The survey included data that Dr. Miller and Lisa Eastcott, Epidemiologist at ISDH, analyzed. The purpose of this report was to summarize the demographic characteristics of general dentists practicing in Indiana. A secondary function was to examine the geographic distribution of general dentists practicing in Indiana. The four regions used in this study were derived from the 10 Public Health Preparedness Districts in Indiana. These four regions were Central, Eastern/Western, Northern, and Southern.

He summarized the report as follows:

The demographic characteristics of Indiana general dentists that took the survey, with respect to age, race, ethnicity, and gender, were: median age of 49.0 years; 89.9% White, 2.6% Black and 7.5% Other; 2.0% Hispanic and 98.0% Non-Hispanic; and 74.5% male and 25.5% female.

The demographic characteristics of the population of Indiana according to the 2010 U.S. Census, with respect to age, race, ethnicity, gender and socioeconomic status were: median age of 39.4 years; 86.9% White, 9.3% Black and 3.8% Other; 6.0% Hispanic and 94.0% Non-Hispanic; 49.2% male and 50.8% female; and \$45,616 median family income.

General dentists appeared to be unevenly distributed by region.

There was a group discussion about this report.

BUSINESS MEETING

Old Business: Indiana Oral Health Plan (IOHP)

Dr. Miller gave an overview of the IOHP for 2012. The IOHP has four goals, with two of these goals being the gathering data on the oral health status of the residents of Indiana and promoting the prevention of oral diseases. He thanked the Coalition members for their help and he thinks he has succeeded in getting their major points into the plan.

ADJOURNMENT

There were no other updates and so the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

Annual Meeting

March 8, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m., 8T1, 8T2 (8th Floor Training Rooms), ISDH