

Indiana Oral Health Coalition (IOHC) Minutes
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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

Ann Alley
Leila Alter
Jonathan Barclay
Jolene Bracale
Natalie Brown
Diane Buyer
Carla Chance
Ronnie Coleman
Anna Curry
Anita Gaillard

Mary Ryker Hernandez
Rick Kiovsky
Richard Martin
E. Angeles Martinez-Mier
Hannah Maxey
James Miller
Patty Morris
Ed Popcheff
Caitlin Priest
Keith Roberts

Ed Rosenbaum
Rhonda Stephens
Tonya Stewart
Cynthia Stone
Brenda Valliere
Roger Valliere
John Williams
Gretchen Willkie

WELCOME

Dr. Buyer, Chair of the IOHC opened the meeting at 9:58 a.m. welcoming everyone and thanking them for coming.

She explained that in addition to her work as Chairman of the IOHC, she is also Chairman with the *Drinks Destroy Teeth* program at the Indiana Dental Association (IDA). This program has supplied 4th and 5th grade public school students with science kits for over the past four years. Dr. Buyer is working with several of the staff and students at Franklin College taking the *Drinks Destroy Teeth* lesson plan and making it an interactive lesson plan then placing it on a mobile app.

Everyone was then allowed to introduce themselves and to talk about any of their current projects.

REVIEW MINUTES

Dr. Buyer asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the last meeting; there were none. Dr. Buyer asked for a motion and second to approve the minutes. A motion and second were offered and the Indiana Oral Health Coalition minutes from the September 6, 2013, meeting were approved as submitted by a unanimous voice vote. The IOHC meeting scheduled in December had to be cancelled because of bad weather.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Jim Miller

Dr. Jim Miller, Vice Chair, talked about the staff of the Oral Health Program (OHP) and gave a review of his program's recent accomplishments in two of its priority areas; measuring the oral health status of the population and preventing oral disease.

- The OHP sent members of the IOHC a Data Brief with the results from the recently completed survey of the oral health status of 3rd graders in the state. This was the first statewide survey in twenty years.
- The OHP has just completed a pilot project collecting data in pediatric dental practices among members of the Indiana Society of Pediatric Dentistry. The dental records of over 700 patients in several dental practices throughout the state were abstracted. This was done using both paper and online abstraction forms. The use of the online forms was well-received and will likely serve as the basis for future surveillance projects.
- The OHP routinely asks for data from Medicaid each year to measure the oral health status of children enrolled in Medicaid.
- The OHP has recently signed a data sharing agreement with NCDR, LLC and Kool Smiles to obtain surveillance data from several of their clinics.
- The OHP approached the IUPUI Dept. of Biostatistics requesting their collaboration in writing a grant application to NICDR to develop a model to aggregate surveillance data from various sources so the OHP can get valid population estimates on the oral health status of the population periodically and in a cost-effective manner.
- The OHP is currently participating in a 3-year collaborative effort with the IUSD, using HRSA funds, to develop dental sealants programs in schools using the prescriptive provision in the dental law.
- The OHP has suggested that the Indiana Rural Health Association (IRHA) consider submitting a grant application to NIH to study ways to improve the oral health literacy in the state.

Mr. Ed Popcheff

Ed Popcheff gave a review of recent legislation pertinent to the dental profession.

- He discussed a prescriptive supervision law for dental hygienists being considered for private dental practice settings and health facilities that is consistent with a similar existing law pertaining to public health settings. For more details about this pending legislation, please contact Ed Popcheff at the IDA.
- Mr. Popcheff also discussed legislation being considered that would provide dentists, who provide charitable care with no compensation, immunity from malpractice liability. For more details about this pending legislation, please contact Ed Popcheff at the IDA.

PRESENTATIONS

Topic 1

Oral Health Service Utilization: Describing Trends in Indiana and Contiguous States

Hannah Maxey, PhD (candidate), MPH, RDH

Ms. Maxey is a PhD candidate and doctoral student in health policy and management at Richard Fairbanks School of Public Health at IUPUI. During her presentation, she discussed dental care in Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) in Indiana. *Please see the attached copy of her presentation for the details.*

In summary, Indiana has been building a great infrastructure in FQHC but dental services are being delivered to fewer patients than contiguous states and significantly less than the nation. The Healthy People 2020 goal sets oral health objectives to increase the number of low income children to receive preventive dental services annually, increase the number of FQHC's services to oral health components, and increase the number of patients who receive oral health care at FQHC. She said that Indiana has a lot to do but she has hope that we can do it.

She closed her presentation with a question and answer session.

Topic 2

Indiana School Nurses advocates for dental health

Jolene Bracale, MSN, RN

Ms. Bracale has been a nurse for over 30 years, 10 years in critical care, 15 years as a school nurse and three years as a program coordinator for student health services at the Indiana Dept. of Education. She explained the challenges that school nurses face today.

School nurses see children in their clinic for many reasons, including: those children who have no food; have had no breakfast; have vision problems; have hearing problems; children with teeth that are bothering them; and those with chronic pain. All of these issues have the potential to distract students from their learning.

There are not enough public health nurses for every school. An individual school nurse may now serve several schools so many students do not have a school nurse every day.

The school nurse is responsible for notifying the parent of students identified with a medical or dental problem. The nurse may have to balance the required learning time as she is helping a child overcome their medical or dental problem. This is because schools are accountable for the class time of each student.

Another barrier for a school nurse is getting students health screenings or getting health care for a student because of the requirement of "active consent." This means that if you are going to do any evaluation on a child, their parent must give you *permission*.

It is also difficult to have health professionals volunteer their time for any kind of health procedure or screening. Indiana legislation mandates a mandatory screening for early entrance students either in Kindergarten or First Grade, which has to be a modified clinical screening.

Another barrier is the confidentiality of the screening because the school's educational records have very strict rules attached to them.

She explained how it is difficult to calculate *how many school absences are caused by dental problems* because there is no uniform reporting among schools. When the parent calls with a sick child who needs to miss school, some schools may log the symptoms that child is having but other schools just write down "sick day" as the excuse for the child's absence.

She explained how it would be most helpful to school nurses if they had a resource list to give to the parents of students having a medical or dental health issues. Dr. Miller reported that the OHP has just completed a dental resource list for the Indiana Family Helpline (IFHL). He suggested the school nurse recommend parents to call the IFHL's telephone number, which is toll-free number (855)435-7178.

Ms. Bracale closed her presentation with a question and answer session.

BUSINESS MEETING

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business: Dr. Buyer said that both speakers brought up issues in their presentations today. She asked them if they had a directive for IOHC to address at a future time. Ms. Bracale requested a list of referrals that school nurses could recommend to the parents of students who have a dental or medical need. Ms. Maxey suggested the IOHC should get behind the FQHC's critical issues and look deeply into policies and help make needed changes.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Next IOHC Meetings

June 13, 2014 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH

FUTURE IOHC MEETINGS

September 12, 2014 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH

December 12, 2014 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH