

Indiana Oral Health Coalition (IOHC) Minutes

Amended

Friday, December 5, 2014

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:

Leila Alter
Frances Brooks
Douglas Bush
Diane Buyer
Sherri Foran
Sue Germain
Mary Ryker Hernandez

Richard Martin
Ashley Miller
Patty Morris
Charles Poland
Ed Rosenbaum
Holly Seabury
Armando Soto-Rojas

Brenda Valliere
Roger Valliere
John N. Williams
Karen Yoder

WELCOME

Dr. Buyer, Chair of the IOHC, opened the meeting at 10:04 a.m. by welcoming everyone and thanking them for coming.

Everyone was then allowed to introduce themselves and the organization they were representing.

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 12, 2014, meeting were approved as submitted by a unanimous voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dr. Sue Germain: Mission of Mercy 2014

The Indiana Mission of Mercy (MOM) is hosting a two-day dental clinic to be held at the Indiana State Fairground's Agricultural Building from April 24 to 25, 2015, at no cost for participants and it is on a first come, first serve basis. This is a statewide event but dental patients are expected to come from the local and surrounding communities of Indianapolis. The event will be focusing on immediate care and emergency care. The objective of the "after care" of the participants is to get them connected to a dental home. Oral surgeons will be available for participants who need immediate "after care".

They expect around 1,500 – 2,000 participants. Dental patients will be seen on Friday, April 24th and Saturday, April 25th, beginning at 5:30 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. each day. MOM needs around 1,000 volunteers: 300 dentists; 300 dental auxiliary; and the remaining will be other medical professionals and community volunteers. The volunteers can choose between two shifts with the first shift being from 5:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and the second shift from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Volunteers are also needed to set up the event on April 23rd and break it down on April 26th.

MOM has a budget of around \$200,000 to \$250,000 to pay for equipment, dental chairs, dental supplies, food for the volunteers, and organizing the event. Their current fundraising efforts have received around \$100,000, so far, with the expectation of some big donations coming in soon.

Legislators and radio/television media are also expected to attend this event. The public will be made aware of the event about one month in advance.

For more information about volunteering for this event, visit <http://indianamom.org/>

There was a question and answer session.

- Dr. Leila Alter: Indiana Medicaid Update

There are a lot of things going on with Medicaid with the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) proposal that will include a dental benefit. However, the dental benefit will be limited with a co-pay for an office visit. The HIP program will now cover 350,000 people who were never insured before. It will also cover around 100,000 people from the existing Hoosier Healthwise program. Medicaid contracts will have three state-sponsored medical care organizations: Anthem, MDwise, and Managed Health Services. The state-sponsored dental program will be subcontracted out to DentaQuest, an organization out of Massachusetts.

The 2013 Indiana General Assembly formed the Aged, Blind and Disabled Task Force. The work completed by this Task Force laid the foundation for development of the Hoosier Care Connect program through FSSA. This program will **have** healthcare management for the aged, blind and disabled population in Indiana. Dental benefits will be included and will use the same entity as the HIP program. **Program starts April 1st.**

Hoosier Healthwise may **be renewed when** their contracts are up next December. Dr. Alter reported that since **2006**, data collection and evaluation has never been done for the dental portion of the program.

There was a question and answer session.

- Dr. Mark Stetzel: Indiana State Board of Dental Examiners
Dr. Stetzel was unable to attend today's meeting.
- Ms. Frances Brooks: 2015 Interprofessional Children's Oral Health Summit

The McMillen Center will host the 2015 Interprofessional Children's Oral Health Summit, *made possible with support from Delta Dental*. The event will be held at the Grand Wayne Convention Center, in Fort Wayne, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on Thursday, February 5, 2015.

The agenda includes three Keynote Speakers; Interprofessional Panel Discussion; Lunch and Networking; Multiple Breakout Sessions; and a *Brush* Reception. Keynote speakers include: David M. Krol from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (Princeton, NJ); Patrice Pascual, from the Children's Dental Health Project (Washington, DC); and Paul and Lisa Rudolph from the Children's Oral Health Network and Oyler School (Cincinnati, OH).

This event is designed to address unmet needs, solve problems, and seize opportunities to improve children's oral health.

For more information or to register today, contact them at 888/240-7268 or email them at specialevents@mcmillencenter.org.

PRESENTATION

Indiana Dental Workforce – Dr. John Williams

Dr. John Williams is the Dean of the Indiana University School of Dentistry (IUSD) and one of his responsibilities is to work with the faculty, staff, and alumni to attract exceptional students and faculty to serve the citizens of Indiana. He is leading the campaign to build new clinical and research facilities at the IUSD.

Dr. Williams discussed the difficulty of workforce planning because of changes in the dental marketplace. These can be direct or indirect changes. Direct changes include the rise of corporate dentistry. Indirect changes can include financial choices medical care facilities feel compelled to make under the Affordable Care Act, which can impact dentistry. For example, when Wishard Hospital swapped land with Indiana University in order to build the new Eskenazi Hospital, the Hospital felt compelled under provisions of the ACA to cut costs, which resulted in the termination of a large contract that Wishard had with the IUSD. This decision has also altered the patient population in Marion County, which has had an additional financial impact on the IUSD.

Other financial considerations for the ISUD are that it only gets about 24% of its total operating budget from the state of Indiana and other funding sources must pay the rest; but, there is a decrease in these other funding sources. Dean Williams emphasized that the IUSD must have steady and reliable sources of revenue in order to meet their expenses. There is a real challenge, and pressure is being felt to increase tuition.

Dr. Williams has served on the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) and has also served on the Board of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA). He reported that the national picture shows the following:

- From 2004-2013, enrollees in dental schools nationally almost doubled in different ethnic groups. Also, there is an increase in the number of dental schools nationally and they are expanding enrollment. The range of debt for graduating dentists varies, with one-third of graduating dental students nationally having over \$300,000 debt, while some graduates have no debt whatsoever. The average debt per graduating dental student is over \$241,000.
- In 2013-2014, nationally, about 80% of dental graduates went into private group practice and just a very small percentage went into private solo practice. The cost of private solo practice and student debt issues are likely the main reasons dental graduates decide to go into group practices.
- Last year, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) drafted dental accreditation standards for dental therapy after requests from states seeking national standards. A report came out recently showing the FTC voted 5 to 0 to adopt these accreditation standards. A nationwide dental therapy profession could improve access to care, and at the same time increase competition for dental care.
- A recent report by the American Dental Association indicates that the supply of dentists in the U.S. is likely to grow. Dentists will likely work longer, not only because they are living longer, but also because there is often a need by dentists for income during the years frequently reserved for retirement. Dentists, on average, are retiring 3-5 years later than in previous generations.
- Another health policy report sites that the most important barrier to dental care is financial. It costs too much. The population has a need but either doesn't have the resources or they don't value the investment.

Dr. Williams reported that for the recently enrolled freshman class at the IUSD:

- Over 1,400 applicants enrolled and 105 were accepted;
- The female to male ratio was 46:59; and
- The GPA overall average was 3.65.

The number of Indiana dental licenses increased by 27% this year over last year.

The distribution of dentists in Indiana has seen significant changes in the dentist-to-population ratio by county, with fewer dentists in rural areas of the state. Dr. Williams reported a similar situation exists for dental hygienists as well.

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) was discussed. Dr. Williams reported that the federal government is trying to persuade dental graduates to work for FQHCs in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA). The federal government incentive is to offer \$30,000 a year to assist the dental graduate with their student loan repayment. This is tax-free dollars and is in addition to earning \$140,000 a year working for a FQHC.

There was a question and answer session that followed this presentation.

BUSINESS MEETING

Old Business: There was no old business discussed.

New Business:

- Dr. Buyer discussed that nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair positions of the IOHC are currently be accepted. She asked that members consider who they would like for these leadership positions and then email her your recommendations.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Next IOHC Meeting

March 13, 2015 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH

2015 IOHC Meetings

June 5, 2015 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH
September 11, 2015 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH
December 11, 2015 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH