

**Indiana Oral Health Coalition (IOHC) Minutes**  
**Friday, March 13, 2015**  
**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	Richard Martin	Tonya Stewart
Frances Brooks	James Miller	Stephen Towns
Diane Buyer	Patty Morris	Brenda Valliere
Ronnie Coleman	Charles Poland	Roger Valliere
Amber Cordova	Ed Popcheff	Karen Yoder
Sue Germain	John Roberts	
Mary Ryker Hernandez	Ed Rosenbaum	
David Holwager	Holly Seabury	
Joan E. Kowolik	Mark Stetzel	

**WELCOME**

Dr. Buyer, Chair of the IOHC, opened the meeting at 10:00 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 some errors found. Dr. Buyer asked for a motion and second to approve the amended minutes. A motion and second were offered and the Indiana Oral Health Coalition minutes from the December 5, 2014, meeting were approved as submitted by a unanimous voice vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Ms. Frances Brooks gave highlights from the *2015 Interprofessional Children's Oral Health Summit*, hosted by the McMillen Center. Ms. Brooks explained that there were actually three Keynote Speakers. The first Keynote Speaker was Patrice Pascual from the Children's Dental Health Project out of Washington, DC. Her presentation was about trying to get CHIP funding secured across the country. The second Keynote Speaker was Lisa Rudolph, a pediatric dentist out of the Cincinnati Children's Hospital, and her husband, Paul, who works with the Cincinnati Children's Health Project. They presented a dual presentation on three school based oral health clinics in Ohio. These clinics are located in the school in addition to the school nurse. The presentation specifically reported on the Oyler School in Cincinnati. The lunchtime Keynote Speaker was David M. Krol, who represented the American Association of Pediatrics. Dr. Krol is also with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Ms. Brooks reported that the multiple breakout sessions included speaker Dr. Jacobson from Delta Dental in Michigan. He spoke about the 9 million dollar grant given to the Altarum Institute in Michigan. Ms. Brooks was pleased to announce that she has been invited to a meeting in April to talk about *Brush* and the Altarum Institute.

Ms. Brooks has a PowerPoint presentation on the summit that she will be glad to share with anyone who would like a copy of it.

2. Dr. Sue Germain gave information about the *Mission of Mercy* (MOM) event coming up in April at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. They are seeking oral surgeons, dentists, and auxiliary volunteers. They are welcoming volunteers of dental students, student hygienists, and student dental assistants to perform non-clinical work. There will be two shifts available. Dr. Germain explained that their funding goal was \$250,000 and Indiana MOM has received donations in the amount of \$230,000 from different sources.

There is still time to get involved and sign up to volunteer. For more information, visit [www.indianamom.org](http://www.indianamom.org).

3. Dr. Brenda Valliere reported on the Midwest Oral Health Coalition Regional Meeting. It was sponsored by the DentalQuest Foundation. Their philanthropic grant writing organization will write grants for 100 million dollars for public health within the next 5-7 years. The DentalQuest Foundation has an oral health campaign they started last year.

She explained the Midwest Oral Health Coalition Regional Group is made up of Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Indiana working together to learn from each other. With all the states having different needs, they agreed to work on top issues such as public relations, advertising, and social media for dentistry. There were lots of ideas and information exchanged.

4. Dr. Leila Alter gave information about Indiana HIP 2.0. There are three adult programs: Hoosier Healthwise; Healthy Indiana Plan; and Hoosier Care Connect. The Healthy Indiana Plus Plan will have limited dental benefits. Dental has been subcontracted out to DentalQuest. The HIP program will cover 350,000 people who were never insured before. It will also cover about 100,000 people from the existing Hoosier Healthwise program that has covered pregnant women and low-income families within the state. As a result of legislation from 2013, FSSA evaluated how to better manage the care of the aged, blind, and disabled population. The result of member and provider stakeholder meetings resulted in a new program called Hoosier Care Connect that will start April 1<sup>st</sup>. Hoosier Healthwise contracts will expire this December and the state will use an extension to renew the contract. In 2016 a RFP will be issued for Hoosier Healthwise and HIP.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **Indiana State Board of Dentistry Rules and Regulations on Dental Hygiene Supervision – Dr. Mark Stetzel**

Dr. Stetzel suggested the use the Indiana State Board of Dentistry website <http://www.in.gov/pla/dental.htm> for resourceful and helpful information on who to complain to, statutes and rules, board meeting dates and minutes are public. Dentists are encumbered to report

gross malpractice or deficiencies in care. If you would like to make a consumer complaint, the forms are also on this website.

### Prescription Supervision:

Dr. Stetzel reported that the statutes come from the state legislature with the broad determination on what we are supposed to do. The rules for Prescription Supervision in Indiana are being written now item by item. He explained some of the draft rules.

- *A prescription* needs to be documented by a dentist for a specific patient on a specific day for a specific service.
- *Hygienist must have two years under direct supervision before working under prescription.* He explained that this means a licensed hygienist must work 20-30 hours a week for two years.
- *In an office setting, comprehensive exam within seven months.* He explained that this is a periodic exam. This is not what the ADA would code as an exam.
- *Prescription is authorized for 45 days in public health settings other than fixed dental offices.* This would be community health centers and non-traditional private practice. Dr. Stetzel said that the board has nothing to do with this rule. The public health setting has been on the books for a long time and the 45 days restriction will probably need another legislative action just to define it. There was some discussion about this.
- *No local anesthetic under prescription supervision.*
- *No lasers to be used by hygienists.* The hygienist cannot use a dental diagnostic laser. He explained that the board is split on this rule.

### The Compliance Fund:

Dr. Stetzel explained that a dental complainant has three options available to them: 1.) The IDA's peer review; 2.) Complain to the Attorney General's office; or 3.) File a malpractice suit. IDA tries to convince the complainant to choose peer review as their first action.

Dr. Stetzel explained about the Compliance Fund. The Indiana Dental Association along with the legislature recommended a raised tax be placed upon dentists, when they renew their license, to fund a compliance officer to investigate cases. It is administered by the Indiana Professional Licensing Association. The compliance officer is under a memorandum of understanding between the Indiana Professional Licensing Association (IPLA) and the Attorney General's office. The commission is to conduct investigations to pursue a course of actions against violators.

### Dr. Stetzel's Final Observations:

Dr. Stetzel said that good oral health is an achievement. It cannot be given to anyone. It's got to be earned and participated. He said that we need to focus more on the value of oral health. He spoke on his observations about how the payment systems modify the treatment; what happens when you pay less for restoration and nothing for education; and if poor care is better than no care.

There was a question and answer session.

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

1. IOHC Financial structures for grants. Dr. Buyer wants the IOHC members to consider becoming a non-profit organization and writing and accepting grants.
2. There were two qualified candidates for the position of Chair: Dr. Leila Alter and Dr. Brenda Valliere. Dr. Valliere reconsidered the position and declined the nomination. Dr. Buyer congratulated Dr. Leila Alter as Chair and Dr. Tonya Stewart as Vice Chair. There was no election at this meeting because both positions were uncontested.
3. Dr. Leila Alter discussed the *BRUSH* Rural Intervention project and explained that she would like the IOHC to get involved with it. She explained that rural areas have higher rates of untreated decay in children; there are 46 counties that have rural designations. Rural counties have a higher patient to dentist ratios. This program integrates Brush materials into WIC, Early Head Start, Head Start First Steps, primary care provider offices and dental offices and provides a cohesive oral health message. Training is provided by the McMillen Center for Education.

Another project for IOHC members to consider working on is 21% of general dentists who won't screen a child before age one. Dr. Alter explained the different projects that IOHC can help with to find funding and solutions for this problem.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

### **Next IOHC Meeting**

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

### **2015 IOHC Meetings**

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

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