

Indiana Oral Health Coalition (IOHC) Minutes
Friday, September 9, 2016
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
Steven Barefoot
Becky Bolon
Karen Ellis
Candice Ervin
Robbin Flippin
Amy Levander

Elizabeth McClure
James Miller
Patty Morris
Kaylee Morrow
Amy Nolan
Beth Parks
Ed Popcheff

Ed Rosenbaum
Armando Soto-Rojas
Mark Stetzel
Tonya Stewart
Nancy Ward
Elaine Williams

WELCOME

Dr. Alter, Chair of the IOHC, opened the meeting at 10:12 a.m. New attendees were recognized and everyone was allowed to introduce themselves and the organization they represented.

REVIEW MINUTES

Dr. Alter asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the last meeting; there were none. Dr. Alter 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 June 10, 2016, meeting were approved as submitted by a unanimous voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS:

- a. **Efforts to Integrate Oral Health in FQHCs in Northwest Indiana** by Beth Wrobel, CEO of HealthLinc, Inc.

Beth Wrobel was unable to attend the meeting today. She plans to present her information at the next IOHC meeting in December.

- b. **Outreach Efforts of Marion County Public Health Department** by Dr. Tonya Stewart, Dental Director for the Marion County Public Health Dept. (MCPHD)

Dr. Stewart reported that the MCPHD participates in a lot of outreach programs in keeping with the Health Department's commitment of promoting good health throughout the community.

As part of their commitment to the citizens of Marion County, the MCPHD is invited to assist with community events. Their outreach program is called the *Health Education Promotion and Training* (HEPT) program. Each MCPHD staff person is required to work a certain amount of time with outreach programs such as WIC, Immunization, and Chronic Disease. The dental program

provides education to schools, helps moms stay healthy, provides prenatal information, and provides dental and medical screenings. In 2016, staff from the dental dept. alone, participated in over 37 health fairs.

The HEPT program will also link up community agencies, churches, or schools wanting to host an event with the *Health Outreach and Promotional Events* (H.O.P.E.) program. H.O.P.E. helps event coordinators find professional personnel, volunteers, and services they want and/or need for their event. For more information about H.O.P.E., please call 317-221-2089 or email mcphdoutreach@marionhealth.org.

The MCPHD hosts many summer health fairs. One huge event is called *Covering Kids and Families Health Fair*. This event provides oral health education, helps to find a dental home, provides dental and medical screenings, and for children, it provides “tooth prints” and “capture saliva” for DNA identification purposes.

Heavily advertised is their *Back to School* event. This year’s event provided 140 screenings, 120 tooth prints and provided a table for educational purposes for about 1,000 people. The 2015 event provided over a thousand screenings and had educational encounters of a little over 8,500 people.

This year, MCPHD added two new events that they support. One of these is the *2016 WTHR Health and Fitness Expo* sponsored by Channel 13. Last April, it was a huge success as they screened 177 people in one day. The other new event is called the *Convoy of Hope* and is sponsored by about 200 local churches.

MCPHD also works with the I.U. Dental School at the Black Expo each year. They help the students screen dental patients and direct them to a dental home, if needed.

Dr. Stewart finds it rewarding to work at these events. She shared a past memory of one gentleman attending a Black Expo event. He wanted to enter for the prizes but didn’t want to take the required screenings. They encouraged him to have the screenings anyway, in which he was found to have prostate cancer. To this day, he has kept in contact with their outreach program for saving his life.

There was a group question/answer discussion.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Indiana State Oral Health Director Report – Dr. James Miller, State Oral Health Director

- i. The online course, *Infection Control in Dental Facilities in Indiana*, is now available online through the CDC IN-TRAIN system. This free online CE course is offered through the Indiana State Dept. of Health. Information about this course and how to access it through the IN-TRAIN system is available on the Oral Health Program’s (OHP) website at www.in.gov/isdh/18695.htm

Another CE course called *Dentistry and Basic Non-opioid Prescribing in Pain* is finished and will be available soon on the IN-TRAIN system. Check the OHP’s website periodically for information about this course and about how to access it once it becomes available.

- ii. The OHP has entered into a data sharing agreement with Benevis, LLC, and its associated Indiana Kool Smiles clinics in Indiana, to obtain data for the purpose of helping evaluate the effectiveness of the WIC Oral Health Initiative. The OHP plans to collect data for calendar years 2014, 2015,

and 2016 to examine the utilization of the Kool Smiles clinics by various age groups of children during these three years.

- iii. The March 2017 IOHC meeting will be the Annual Meeting for that calendar year. During that meeting, elections will occur for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions for the subsequent two years. More information about this will be sent to members on the IOHC once it is time to start the nomination process. This process is covered in the Bylaws of the IOHC.

There was a group discussion.

b. Brush!

- Dr. Alter went over the June 2016 Brush! handout from the last IOHC meeting. She reported there was an increase in the number of Indiana counties participating in the Brush! education program.
- Dr. Alter reported that the Brush Program is part of the WIC Initiative. Last September and October, they trained health coordinators for the WIC Program in Indiana. The training was through the Internet. They received a lot of good feedback when the Brush Program had their training in the Detroit, Michigan area for Michigan WIC Program.
- The special needs curriculum will come out in the fall. It is going to have a flip-chart and instructions on how to link different videos much like the flip chart that the Early Head Start programs are using
- Last year, Delta Dental Foundation offered to fund every Head Start in Indiana for Brush! Unfortunately, in 2016, since there wasn't much interest from Indiana, Delta Dental Foundation moved a large portion of the grant allocation to Michigan. The Indiana allotment was exhausted by June. When Delta Dental Foundation became aware of this issue, they opened up to Head Starts the opportunity to apply for \$5000 Brighter Futures grants that were awarded in December 2016.
- Brush! was able to fund the pre-K Program with a Delta Dental Foundation grant and second grant from another foundation to fund the Early Head Start portion for Early Learning Indiana.

Kaylee Morrow is the Health Coordinator for Early Learning Indiana—a high quality childcare program. Early Learning Indiana manages eleven Early Learning Centers throughout Indianapolis. A year ago, they applied for the Early Head Start Child Care Network Partnership Grant. This federal grant will allow new or existing Early Head Start programs to partner with local child care centers and family child care providers serving infants and toddlers from low-income families. The grant will also allow their daycare to provide extra services, stay open for longer hours from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and be open 365 days a year. Ms. Morrow reported that they were awarded the grant and are currently serving 88 children. They just applied for an expansion grant with the federal government and with that funding, their enrollment could jump from 88 to 250 children.

- There are some issues with the Early Head Start programs because of their policy for children to have dental screenings when the child enrolls. It is not happening for one year olds because some dentists decline to see one year olds. They are still educating and pushing for the one year olds to be screened.

c. Medicaid Update

Dr. Alter reported the Hoosier Healthwise and Healthy Indiana Plan contracts were awarded in June 2016 with an implementation date of January 1, 2017. Those awarded were Anthem,

MDwise, MHS, and Care Source. Anthem and MDwise will continue using DentaQuest. Dr. Alter welcome a few representatives at the meeting today. Here are their comments:

Candace Ervin, Provider Relations Specialist, from Envolve Dental, Inc. explained that they are having provider orientation trainings coming up for Dental Health and Wellness. There will be a live training with the Indiana Dental Association, Indiana Primary Health Care Association, and some interested groups from Hammond and South Bend, Indiana; and Louisville, KY. The live meetings will be from September 19-20, and 26-29; and the webinars begin September 6th. Invitations have gone out to FQHCs and providers. If interested, contact Candace @ candace.ervin@envolvehealth.com.

Amy Nolan from DentaQuest spoke about how they train many providers about Medicaid. They have four representatives available throughout the state. Amy is responsible for the programs to properly address any state issues or member requests.

Dr. Steven Barefoot is also from DentaQuest. His role is to provide clinical guidance and perspective to their team. He said he also engages with providers – *dentist to dentist*.

Dr. Alter reported that she gets a lot of calls with a wide range of Medicaid questions. She shared some of them with the group. There was a group discussion.

d. Dental Lifeline Network-Indiana Update

Dr. Alter asked Dr. Miller if it would be possible for the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) to increase its funding for the Dental Lifeline Network-Indiana.

Dr. Miller explained that although the contract is written and administered by the ISDH, the funding actually comes from the state. The amount of funding is not under the discretion of the ISDH Oral Health Program. The contract, and the funding associated with it, has already been executed for SFY 2016-2017, and is likely not subject to change.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. IUSD/IPHCA Oral Health Summit – October 15, 2016

Elaine Williams stated that the Indiana Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) is pleased to be partnering with many organizations and the I.U. School of Dentistry in sponsoring a conference on October 15, 2016, entitled *Multidisciplinary Approach to Managing Oral Health by Age One*. This is an ambitious process with partners of medical and dental professionals to help overcome the resistance to the recommendation that the first dental visit should be at or before the age of one. This conference will provide continuing education credits for dentists and the cost to attend is minimal.

b. School Smiles

Elizabeth McClure stated that School Smiles provides portable and on-site dentistry. They can bring services to the patient—adult and children. They work with Reid Hospital in Richmond, Head Starts, Early Learning Education Centers, schools, and they host back-to-school events. School Smiles serves patients with Medicaid or private insurance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. It was announced that Elaine Williams from IPHCA will retire next week.
2. The next Mission of Mercy (MOM) event will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on May 12-13, 2017 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Next IOHC Meeting

December 9, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH

2017 IOHC Meetings

March 10, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH
June 9, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH
September 8, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH
December 8, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference