

Indiana Oral Health Coalition (IOHC) Minutes
Annual Meeting
Friday, June 7, 2019
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	Karla Marin	Colleen Sullivan
Becky Bolon	Patty Morris	Kelly White
Candace Ervin	Amy Nolan	
Jessica Griffith	Gabriela Pena-Rodriguez	
Lori Lovett	Ed Popcheff	

WELCOME

Dr. Leila Alter, Chair, began the meeting at 10:09 a.m. welcoming everyone.

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 March 8, 2019, meeting were approved as submitted by a unanimous voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Update on TB/Latent TB Prevalence and Guidelines for Practitioners: Kelly White, MPH, CPH, Director TB/Refugee Health, Tuberculosis Control, Prevention and Elimination Program at the Indiana State Dept. of Health

Kelly White explained the history of tuberculosis as a human pathogen that has been around for over 4,000 years. In 1882, Robert Koch discovered Mycobacterium tuberculosis and in 1884, the first TB sanatorium was established in the U.S. From 1943-1952 drugs to treat TB were discovered. In 1993, with increased funding and enhanced TB control efforts, TB cases declined. In 2018, there were 9,000 reported cases of TB in the United States.

TB transmission is an airborne disease. This is expelled when a person with infectious TB coughs, sneezes, shouts, or sings. Transmission occurs when these droplet nuclei are inhaled and reach the alveoli of the lungs via nasal passages, respiratory tract, and bronchi. Generally, no less than 8 hours is needed for exposure. A small number of tubercle bacilli enter the bloodstream and spread throughout the body. The tubercle bacilli may reach any part of the body, including areas where TB disease is more likely to develop (such as the brain, larynx, lymph node, lung, spine, bones, or kidney).

Two options for testing for M. Tuberculosis infection: The traditional test is the Mantoux tuberculin skin test (TST) and the Interferon-gamma release assays (IGRA) blood test. Both tests measure the immune system to see if it shows the bacteria and if the patient is infected. A chest x-ray will rule out infectious TB disease in most people and show if it is Latent TB instead.

Risk Factors:

Ms. White explained the risk factors for exposure to TB. You must be in close contact to a person with infectious TB, or residents and employees of congregate settings such as correctional facilities; homeless shelters; and/or health care

facilities (notably not in the U.S.). Recent immigrants from TB-endemic regions of the world (within five years of arrival to the U.S.) may also be a risk factor for exposure to TB.

Persons with Latent (LTBI) infection:

- Has a small amount of TB bacteria in his/her body that are alive, but inactive;
- Cannot spread TB bacteria to others;
- Does not feel sick, but may become sick if the bacteria becomes active in his/her body;
- Usually has a TB skin test or TB blood test reaction indicating TB infection;
- Radiograph is typically normal;
- Sputum smears and cultures are negative;
- Should consider treatment for LTBI to prevent TB disease;
- Does not require respiratory isolation; and
- Not a TB case.

Indiana Statistics:

In 2017 - 2018, tuberculosis increased 15.5% in Indiana. There are now around 100 cases reported of TB disease each year in Indiana.

TB cases were reported in Indiana for 2018 in the following counties:

- Marion County: 38 cases;
- St. Joseph County: 16 cases;
- Allen County: 8 cases;
- Lake County: 8 cases; and
- Tippecanoe County: 8 cases.

In Indiana, the number of deaths due to tuberculosis from 2014-2018 were ten; and two patients were not diagnosed until after death.

Local Health Departments Responsibility:

In Indiana, the local health departments are responsible for case managing all patients with TB disease such as:

- Evaluation;
- Isolation of infectious patients;
- Treatment;
- Reporting; and
- Contact investigations.

The ISDH provides oversight and support:

- Case management and medical consultations;
- Laboratory; and
- Surveillance and data management.

If a patient has infectious TB disease, it is the responsibility of the ISDH to find out who the patient has been with over the last two months (that includes healthcare providers) and making sure everyone who has spent time with this person is notified and gets tested for TB.

Summary:

- Tuberculosis is present but rare in Indiana;
- Latent TB Infection is more likely to be encountered and patients are not a risk to the public;
- Only patients with infectious TB disease are a risk to the public/medical providers and those patients are in isolation, overseen by the local health department and by the state, and will not be out of isolation until tests show they are no longer infectious; and
- You should contact your local health department with questions or for consultation.

If you have questions about TB, contact Kelly White at 317/233-7548 or at her email address kewhite@isdh.in.gov

There was a group discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Dr. Miller was not in attendance at today's meeting. Patty Morris announced that there was no report today.

b. Brush Update – Dr. Alter

Dr. Holli Seabury was not in attendance at today's meeting. Dr. Alter reported that Holli has accepted a position with Delta Dental Foundation as their new Executive Director. You can still reach her by her McMillen email address.

c. ANOHC Update – Dr. Leila Alter

Dr. Holli Seabury attended the ANOHC meeting and their biggest focus was funding for individual state's oral health coalitions. Also, Oral Health America had to close their doors due to lack of funding. IOHC is unique because we have no funding.

d. EnCred Medicaid Update – Dr. Leila Alter

EnCred will streamline the process on how providers enroll with Indiana Medicaid and contract/credential with the dental administrators (CareSource, DentaQuest and Envolve). The first phase will be in late summer or early fall for credentialing new providers. A database will be published soon that will let existing providers know when to re-credential.

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) requires rendering providers to update their profiles in to establish an IHCP Provider Healthcare Portal account. See *IHCP bulletin* for May 30, 2019, BT201931.

Addendum: Please note Indiana Medicaid permanently suspended development of Encred on June 12, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dr. Alter explained the new Medicaid Dental Rule Draft for covered dental services.
- Dr. Alter reported how the state is looking to ease the burden of participants who have obtained jobs with better wages in their transition from the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) to commercial health insurance. The *Workforce Bridge* will ensure members move into an exciting and rewarding next phase of their lives without adding the stress of health coverage uncertainty. The member will get a health savings account with \$1,000 in it to use for co-pays or premiums as they transition over to commercial health insurance. Indiana will be the first state to initiate this program pending CMS approval. Dr. Alter asked and it was approved for the IOHC to send a letter of support.
- Dr. Alter, representing the IOHC, sent a letter of support on May 30, 2019, to Ms. Susan Beecher, FSSA Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning at her office in Indianapolis. This letter was in support of the 2019 IHCP Quality Strategy Plan for the Hoosier Healthwise program initiative of achieving a 75 percentile or greater HEDIS score for annual dental visits during the measurement year. The letter explained how the Indiana Oral Health Coalition is a willing partner and support efforts by the Indiana Medicaid and the MCEs in achieving this goal.
- Indiana Medicaid is researching Medicaid services provided in the school setting and whether services should be expanded beyond IEP services that could be provided by school corporations. There was a group discussion.
- Dr. Jae Chul Lee, Director of the IU Center for Health Equity, Indiana Institute on Disability and Community has been funded by the Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities to review oral health needs among

people with disabilities as well as the dental workforce capacity and needs of dentists regarding the delivery of dental care for these members. Dr. Lee gave a presentation at the IOHC meeting last year on June 1, 2018.

- IU Northwest is hosting a dental camp on Friday, June 21, 2019. Dental Hygienists and Dental Assistants students will be allowed to do impressions, polishing, x-rays, and will have hands-on training working on patients.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Next IOHC Meeting

September 13, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH

Future IOHC Meetings

December 13, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH

March 13, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH

June 5, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH

September 11, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH

December 11, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH