

**Indiana Oral Health Coalition (IOHC) Minutes**  
**Friday, January 14, 2022**  
**Hosted by the**  
**Indiana Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA)**

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	Jae Chul Lee	Shawn Matthews
Ronnie Coleman	Ed Rosenbaum	David Austin
Nicole Fairchild	Melanie Brune	Lora Rusel
Karla Marin	Gregory Velligan	Doug Bush
Holli Seabury	Heather Taylor	Alexandria Foster
Heather Waldron	JJ Nelson	Tyler Kimmel
Patti Jones	Armando Soto	Nancy Ward
Tonya Stewart	Colleen Sullivan	Stephanie Vestal
Brian Grcevich	Anu Shulka	Charles Poland
Shane Springer	Patti Jones	Candace Ervin
Ronnie Coleman	Amanda Brown	Andrew Derry
Isaac Zeckel		

**WELCOME**

The Indiana Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) hosted a seventh meeting for the IOHC through Zoom. Everyone appreciates what IPHCA has done in providing us a safe way to meet during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Dr. Leila Alter, Chair, began the meeting at 10:07 a.m. welcoming everyone and recognizing new attendees. Everyone introduced themselves and stated who 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 October 29, 2021, meeting were approved as submitted by a unanimous voice vote.

**PRESENTATION: Dr. Heather Taylor: Factors and Outcomes Associated with Dental Care Use Among Medicaid-enrolled Adults**

Dr Taylor presented the results of her dissertation which was designed to result in three publishable papers. Dental disease is still an issue with low-income adults and their outcomes have not been as good as the rest of the population. States are not required to provide dental coverage for adults under Medicaid. Her dissertation asked three questions: 1. What are the factors associated with dental benefits use 2. Does preventive dental care lead to improved dental health 3. Does preventive dental care lead to improved medical health. Barriers to adult Medicaid include 56 million people living in dental shortage areas, only 39% of dentists accept Medicaid, and there are few studies on adult Medicaid. Heather's study looked at adults enrolled in Indiana HIP Plus or HIP State Plan Plus for at least 12 months from 2015-2018. She looked at claims data to determine the likelihood that a person would have 1. Any visit 2. Any preventive visit 3. Any non-preventive visit. Over 600,000 adults met the study criteria. 40% had at least one dental visit; 28% had a preventive visit; 28% had a non-preventive visit. Persons most likely to have

dental visits were those who had an annual medical well visit; females, and those who identify as Black or Hispanic. The more dentists in their home county who accepted Medicaid, the higher the likelihood of a dental visit. Having an FQHC in the county also increased the likelihood of a visit. Having an annual well medical visit was the strongest predictor of a dental visit. Holli Seabury asked if there was a way to know if well visits had been done at FQHCs – it was not part of the algorithm, but Dr Taylor said it could be looked at.

Her second paper asked if preventive dental care reduced non preventive visits among adults. This study had about 108,000 people. Majority were female and White. 36% had a dental visit. Average enrollees had 2.4 dental visits per year at a cost of \$352 per enrollee. The third study looked at the relationship between dental visits and overall medical costs. There were about 24,000 individuals in this study. Close to 88% had a medical expenditure averaging \$2700. Dr Taylor did not find a correlation between dental visits and medical costs.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Update – ISDH**

No update.

### **Brush Update – Nicole Fairchild**

- Continuing the Indiana Oral Health Needs Assessment for individuals with DD/ID. Conducting one-on-one surveys, secret shoppers, and focus groups.
- The access partner agreement with local FQHC has been put on hold until summer 2022.
- Currently working with an organization out of Oregon who is working with a Guatemalan population who do not speak a specific language. The language of Mam has been created and that is what this population speaks. They are in dire need for oral health education as they do not understand the impact of not brushing their teeth, how nutrition impacts overall health etc. McMillen has proposed developing videos with no written language and purely animated.
- McMillen has 12 IU dental hygiene interns this semester who they have trained to become Train the Trainers of their oral health resources for adults with chronic health conditions. These students will also be helping with Brush kick-off sessions.

### **Medicaid Update – Dr. Leila Alter**

- HHW/HIP RFP award for 2023 was announced with Anthem, MDWise, Managed Health Services (MHS) and Care Source that will receive contracts.
- IN Medicaid Program Integrity has released a 15-minute presentation that can be accessed on the Indiana Medicaid website on the review of provider audits for 2021 ([https://indiana.adobeconnect.com/\\_a1252260970/p8rt14o6k4ek/](https://indiana.adobeconnect.com/_a1252260970/p8rt14o6k4ek/)). Missing documentation was the number one issue. Program Integrity is also starting a new program called *Targeted Probe Education*, that randomly selects providers and reviews claims and give feedback to providers. This program is purely education and designed to improve provider claim submission accuracy.
- The Network Participation Project that helps standardize the credentialing process with MCEs among providers.
- The Long-Term Support Services Project is continuing to meet with stakeholders.
- The Medicaid proposed telehealth plan would allow dentists to bill D0140 emergency exam and D1310 tobacco counseling.
- HB1331 would allow hygienists to administer vaccines

## **Access to Dental Care for Those with Disabilities**

This is a new agenda item to allow members to provide updates on work they are doing.

- Jae Chul Lee announced two in person training dates for disabilities treatment of June 24 in Indy and July 15 in Fort Wayne. Trainings will be recorded and available.

## **NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr Jim Miller retired as IN Oral Health Director and his replacement has not been announced.

In 2022 we will continue the regular meeting schedule by Zoom unless there is feedback to change. Karla announced that IPHCA is transitioning to Teams from Zoom but would be happy to continue to host. Proposed dates are:

Friday, March 11, 2022 @ 10AM to Noon

Friday, June 10, 2022 @ 10AM to Noon

Friday, September 9, 2022 @ 10AM to Noon

Friday, December 9, 2022 @ 10AM to Noon

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

### **Next IOHC Meeting**

Friday, March 11, 2022 @ 10AM to Noon via ZOOM

### **Future IOHC Meetings**

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