

**Indiana Oral Health Coalition (IOHC) Minutes**  
**Friday, December 9, 2011**

*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:**

Diana Buyer	Ed Rosenbaum
Anita Gaillard	Pam Shaw
Judith Ganser	Sarah Sparks
Brittany Gross	Mark Stetzel
Connie Kracher	Beth Summers
James Miller	Brenda Valliere
Patty Morris	Roger Valliere
Ed Popcheff	Sara Viernes
J. Keith Roberts	Terri Winn

Dr. Buyer, Chair IOHC opened the meeting at 10:10 a.m. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming, in spite of the weather. She shared inspiration and insight from a famous football legend, Vince Lombardi, who won five national championships and two Super Bowls with the Green Bay Packers. He gave his last speech in Dayton, Ohio, in June 1970 before succumbing to cancer in that year. Coach Lombardi had a few words to say about success, business, and basically life. Dr. Buyer quoted him: *Football and life have the same qualities that are necessary for success. Courage and stamina with coordinated team work.* She welcomed the IOHC “team” to today’s meeting. Her hope is the Coalition has the courage, the stamina, and the commitment to be successful.

She introduced Dr. Jim Miller, Vice Chair. Then she allowed everyone to introduce themselves and who they represented.

**REVIEW MINUTES**

*Dr. Buyer* asked if there was a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. A motion and second were offered and the Indiana Oral Health Coalition minutes for the September 9, 2011, meeting were approved as submitted by a unanimous voice vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

• **Oral survey of Army and Indiana National Guard personnel:**

*Dr. Buyer* discussed the U.S. Army oral health survey that is done every ten years using the Indiana National Guard personnel. Colonel Steven Eikenberg, an epidemiologist dentist is in charge of this survey. Dr. Miller has invited him to come and speak at one of the IOHC meetings.

Dr. Buyer explained that the latest veterans returning from the Gulf are in much poorer dental shape than the first Gulf War veterans. Stress, too much sugar, and too much pop consumed in the Gulf are responsible. Although dentists prescreen enlisted men to verify

they can go into the field of battle for at least 12 months, there are 11% of men missing from the front lines because of dental problems.

- **Indiana Department of Education School District Wellness Plans:**

*Dr. Buyer* and *Dr. Miller* will meet with *Phyllis Lewis*, Dept. of Education to discuss the Indiana oral health survey. She wanted to remind everyone that beginning the last week of July 2012 the Indiana Public School Systems are going to a balanced calendar year. This will affect school programs and other health programs within the schools. She would also like to make a presentation soon at one of the IOHC meetings to discuss this and to explain how to access the different school districts and school nurses throughout Indiana.

- **Indiana manpower distribution and diversity:**

Currently the address of the licensed dentist does not reflect his or her practice location. It has been suggested the information about sites of practice be included with the dental licensure.

*Dr. Buyer* explained that *Cindy Lewis*, MPH from the School of Medicine couldn't be here today; however, she sent over the PowerPoint presentation that *Dr. Zollinger* uses to show the draft survey they are recommending for 2012. *Dr. Miller* will present this material.

*Dr. Miller* explained that the 2010 survey was funded through the ISDH, and developed in conjunction with the IUPUI Department of Public Health. *Dr. Zollinger*, DrPH, MSPH, Professor, Epidemiology Division Director and Director of Epidemiology Doctoral Program helped to design the original survey in 2010. *Dr. Miller* provided suggestions for the 2012 survey.

*Dr. Miller* gave a step-by-step review of the dental re-licensure survey. This is a voluntary survey for dentists and dental hygienists to complete when they renew their license. He explained that the 2010 survey had a very high response rate and he anticipates the 2012 survey will also have a high response rate. The reports based on the 2010 survey have been compiled and are available on the IUPUI Public Health website.

- **IN pediatric dentists (ISPD) potential practice based research project:**

*Dr. Miller* met with the Indiana Society of Pediatric Dentists (ISPD) to discuss obtaining information about dental disease of children in their practice. He explained that it is difficult to do a gold-standard survey from a random sample of all the children in the state. A good proxy measurement might be to obtain data from the children who are seen by pediatric dentists within the state.

- **Retrieval database of oral health related datasets:**

*Dr. Miller* talked to different individuals at the ISDH who oversee the management of large datasets and the protocol for accessing those datasets. He hopes to have one of

these individuals speak at an IOHC meeting. There are several issues involved when planning to collect and archive datasets related to oral health into one site and have them accessible to researchers. Among these are privacy issues that need to be addressed before a retrievable database can be constructed.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Topic - Indiana State Oral Health Plan 2012**

Dr. Miller gave a brief presentation on the history of Strategic State Oral Health Plan (SOHP) that was reported in 2009 and developed by the Strategic Oral Health Initiative (SOHI). The SOHI was funded by a grant from the ISDH. The SOHP listed 11 goals to improve oral health in Indiana, which were to be implemented by the Oral Health Task Force (OHTF).

The Oral Health Task Force (OHTF) has now evolved into the Indiana Oral Health Coalition (IOHC). During an IOHC meeting in 2011, the Coalition voted to adopt the 2009 SOHI Project Report as a guide for the IOHC and selected *five* of the SOHP goals as priority goals for the IOHC.

Dr. Miller explained that the ISDH would like an *Indiana Oral Health Plan (IOHP)* submitted for consideration in 2012, and he plans to consider the goals of the SOHP and the IOHC when he proposes the IOHP. He plans to submit a draft of the proposed IOHP to the IOHC for review and comment before presenting the final version to the ISDH for consideration.

Dr. Miller presented the *seven* goals of the Oral Health Program at the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), which will also be considered when preparing the draft of the IOHP. These goals are:

- Monitor the burden of oral diseases;
- Enhance knowledge about dental public health;
- Emphasize the prevention of oral diseases;
- Promote access to oral health services;
- Promote infection control in oral healthcare settings;
- Evaluate programs to ensure cost-effectiveness; and
- Collaborate with others to achieve these goals.

Dr. Miller provided two state plans as potential models for the Indiana Oral Health Plan. These include the Indiana Cancer Control Plan and the Oral Health Plan for New York State. These can be found at the following websites:

<http://Indianacancer.org/Indiana-cancer-control-plan/>; and  
[http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/dental/oral\\_health\\_plan.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/dental/oral_health_plan.htm).

Dr. Buyer brought a puzzle of the United States to today's meeting. Upon arrival, every member chose two states to research and report on their population data (including their geriatric population) and their respective State Oral Health Plan. She wants everybody's report by February 14, 2012. She explained that this review is essential for the IOHC to contribute to the implementation of the Indiana Oral Health Plan (IOHP), create a website for the IOHC, create a letterhead for the IOHC, and apply for non-profit status for the IOHC in order to apply for funding opportunities.

## **Topic – Drinks Destroy Teeth**

*Dr. Buyer* presented Drinks Destroy Teeth at the IOHC meeting back in August 2010. She announced that on September 9, 2011, the American Dental Association (ADA) awarded Drinks Destroy Teeth, an oral health outreach program for Indiana children, with its prestigious 2011 Golden Apple Award. CONGRATULATIONS were offered by all!! The program is a special initiative of the Indiana Dental Association to educate young people about the harmful effects of sugary and acidic drinks. Awarded annually, the Golden Apple is the ADA's highest award to state initiatives to advance oral health.

She explained that this year the Drinks Destroy Teeth program will distribute oral health science kits to all 1,048 public elementary schools in Indiana. The program currently targets fourth and fifth grade students, but is expected to expand to reach a broader demographic in future years. In the coming months, *Dr. Buyer* will travel the state to present the program to local dental societies, schools, and other groups. She has also planned several webinars. For more information, please visit [DrinksDestroyTeeth.com](http://DrinksDestroyTeeth.com)

## **DISCUSSION**

There was no discussion.

## **BUSINESS**

*Dr. Buyer* opened the floor for old and new business. One person requested that Medicaid change their policy on fluoride varnish. After some discussion, *Dr. Buyer* said that the Coalition is not at a point to lobby the legislature for policy changes.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

### **NEXT IOHC MEETING**

*March 9, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m., Rooms 8T1 and 8T2 (8<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Rooms), ISDH*

### **FUTURE IOHC MEETINGS**

*June 8, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m., IDA Annual Session, "Theory" Room, Hyatt*

*September 7, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m., Rooms 8T1, 8T2 (8<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Rooms), ISDH*

*December 7, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m., Rooms 8T1, 8T2 (8<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Rooms), ISDH*