

Indiana Oral Health Coalition

Amended

Minutes - Friday, May 17, 2013

Indianapolis Hyatt Hotel, Studio 5

Members present: D. Buyer, A. Gaillard, M. Mallatt, R. Martin, J. Oldham, C. Poland, E. Popcheff, C. Priest, K. Roberts, P. Shaw, A. Soto-Rojas, M. Stetzel, T. Stewart, A. Writt, B. Yoder

Welcome

Meeting was called to order by IOHC Chair, D. Buyer. Attendees were welcomed, a short Indianapolis 500 trivia game ended with A. Gaillard winning an Indy 500 cap.

All members introduced themselves and who they represented.

Review of Minutes

Minutes for March 8, 2013 were approved by a motion and second. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Announcements

E. Popcheff, IDA legislative representative, reports that **Medicaid is not expanding at this point in time**. The Healthy Indiana Plan may not be allowed to continue. HSA has a good preventive aspect but no provision for dentistry. SB590 passed for foreign dentists who have passed Part I and II of the National Board and have fluency in English will be allowed to matriculate at IUSD and earn an American DDS. There will be a summer study on non-dentist owners of dental practices and how the business owners have abandoned patients. This issue falls outside the Indiana Dental Practice Act, out-of-state non-dental owners cannot be held accountable. Patients have been harmed, including no access to records and abandonment of patients. It is a misdemeanor to withhold records and yet it happened in the past year.

Indiana State Board of Dentistry Report: Dr. Mark Stetzel, member of the Indiana State Board of Dental Examiners, reports there are 4,365 hygienists and 3,332 dentists licensed in Indiana. He showed a map indicating the distribution of dentists and hygienists with Indiana licenses, according to their primary place of business.

Dr. M. Stetzel reported from the Dental Board the incidence of cases heard by the Dental Board. The number one reason a dentist or hygienist is brought before the Board is due to drug addiction, number two is Medicaid fraud, number three is alcohol impairment and number four is complaints of sexual misconduct. For further information Dr. Stetzel gave the public web address <http://www.in.gov/pla/dental.htm>.

Topics

A Contrarian view on Access by Dr. Mark Stetzel.

Dr. Stetzel gave a presentation which reviewed the expenditures for Indiana Medicaid dental care and compared it to the incidence of disease. Indiana has increased expenditures for public funded dentistry by over 700% in the last 15 years. However, the percentage of those eligible who take advantage of this free care has not changed significantly. The population of working poor not eligible for free care has less dental disease than children who qualify for unlimited free care. Free dental care does not mean reduced disease. It does not teach responsibility for preventive measures. Therefore, it is Dr. Stetzel's opinion that public dollars for free dental care may actually increase the incidence of disease over time.

The Marion County Public Health Department Dental Services Program: Things We Do by Dr. Tonya Stewart, Director of Dental Services.

Dr. Stewart gave a presentation explaining the responsibilities of the Marion County Dental Services. As the largest county dental health program in the state, the program has 8 dental clinics including the Smile Mobile. Marion County employs 8 dentists, 3 dental hygienists, 8 dental assistants and 3 office personnel. Their mission is to provide and oral health safety net for underserved Marion county residents. They see those under 18 for \$10.00 per visit without insurance, prenatal women, adults on Medicaid and adults in the Wishard Advantage Program for \$20.00 per visit. In addition to performing dental services, they sponsor health fairs, Oral Health Education Programs, summer camps and community programs. Challenges include limited resources, increasing numbers seeking care and decreasing number of providers for the underserved. The Marion County Dental Department is in Phase 1 of electronic dental records and has digital radiography in 3 clinics. They will assist the ISDH with conducting a statewide survey on the oral health and BMI status of 3rd graders in Indiana. The Department provides dental education for prenatal, postnatal and the newborn. They provide dental services for refugees from Burma. Funding needs include a new Smile Mobile, the current one is 15 years old. A new mobile clinic will cost \$300,000. They are seeking

PHAB Accreditation and how to interact with the Affordable Health Care Act. Dr. Stewart may be reached at the MCPDH, 3838 N. Rural Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205, or by calling 317-221-2329 or emailing tstewart@hccorp.org.

Old Business: None.

New Business: An announcement was made by A. Guillard about the smoking cessation resources available through the Nicotine prevention program at ISDH.

Dr. B. Yoder, IDA Council on Public Health, gave a status report on the Mission of Mercy for Indiana which may involve the dental school as a site. No date has been set.

Meeting Adjourned

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Diane Buyer, D.D.S.