

Indiana Oral Health Coalition (IOHC) Minutes
Friday, March 11, 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
Becky Bolon
Douglas Bush
Carla Chance
Ronnie Coleman

Karen Ellis
Mary Ryker Hernandez
James Miller
Patty Morris
Tina Oates

Elizabeth Ramos
Armando Soto-Rojas
Nancy Ward
Elaine Williams
Miranda Spitznagle

WELCOME

Dr. Alter, Chair of the IOHC, opened the meeting at 10:06 a.m. introducing two new attendees: Tina Oates, a dental hygienist who works with Dr. Richard Cohen in a community outreach program in the South Bend area; and Dr. Becky Bolon, an orthodontist with offices in the Indianapolis and Greenwood areas. Everyone was then 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 December 11, 2015, meeting were approved as submitted by a unanimous voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS

I. Overview of Community Health Centers – Elaine Williams, Oral Health Program Director for the Indiana Primary Health Care Association

The Indiana Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) represent all the Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and state funded Community Health Centers (CHCs) in Indiana. Grants and requirements to become a FQHC are given through the Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and the Bureau of Primary Health Care that the IPHCA is under.

FQHCs must serve an underserved area or population, offer a sliding fee scale, provide comprehensive services, have an ongoing quality assurance program, and have a governing board of directors. Ms. Williams added that you must be passionate about serving those needing access to health care.

Ms. Williams added that to become a FQHC, you must be located in an area that has been determined as a medically underserved area; or the area must have an underserved population; or it can be designated a medically underserved area by a governor's exception. There are some cases where there

is a high need but by governmental standards it just doesn't meet the criteria as a medically underserved area. The governor has the option to intervene and establish a county or area as being medically underserved.

Overall, there are 19 program requirements that must be met before you can receive designation as a FQHC. One of the cornerstone requirements of the program is that there must be a board which has representation from 51% of the consumers served. FQHCs must also have culturally competent care.

Ms. Williams went over the requirements and responsibilities as shown on the handout called *Comparison of Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Centers*.

She said that not all health centers have dental services onsite but they are required to have preventive dental care and dental screenings for children onsite, contracts with private dentists, or contracts with other health centers, whatever works best for the center. There is much room for improvement in providing dental services within the community health center system. Ms. Williams added that some state funded Community Health Centers have dental programs and that some Behavioral Health Centers are adding primary care to their programs.

Last of all, FQHCs are public entities or private not-for-profit organizations that must meet Indiana's 501 C3 requirements

There was a question and answer session.

OLD BUSINESS

Indiana State Oral Health Director Report—Dr. James Miller

The WIC division at the Indiana State Dept. of Health (ISDH) has a very well-distributed network of sites throughout the state with a lot of resources and they have chosen to pursue an oral health education initiative. Dr. Miller explained this oral health program will likely have an impact that can be measured; however, getting data is difficult and expensive.

Dr. Miller plans to use some of the same measurements that are used in the OHP's annual *Indiana Oral Health Surveillance Report*, which were recommended by the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD), in collaboration with the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists. Data for most of these measurements are obtained from federal databases that are maintained and updated periodically. This makes data easily accessible and very low cost. The *Indiana Oral Health Surveillance Report - 2016* is available on the OHP's website at www.in.gov/isdh/18695.htm. There is a link on this home page called "Data and Reports". Click on this link to find the report.

Dr. Miller announced a change at ISDH with the MCH MOMS Helpline (F/K/A Indiana Family Helpline). The MCH MOMS Helpline is a call center which any person in the state can call and ask for help in finding local health care providers. The MCH MOMS Helpline is funded by MCH Title V Block Grant which promotes public health activities for mothers and children. Dr. Miller showed the new brochure for the MOMS Helpline and distributed samples. One special note is that the telephone number has changed to 1-844-624-6667.

Dr. Miller gave an update on the two CE programs that the OHP plans on releasing soon through an online distribution system. One course is on infection control and emphasizes requirements to comply

with the rules and regulations of universal precautions and infection control for dental facilities in Indiana. (This course does not provide annual OSHA training, which will need to be obtained elsewhere.) The second CE on-line course is on managing pain in dental patients using NSAIDs. The major part of this pain management course was written by a pain specialist.

Dr. Miller is working with the IUSD on a HRSA grant application entitled *Innovative Preventive Program for Pregnant Women in Indiana*.

Finally, Dr. Miller plans to distribute a copy of the ISDH Oral Health Program's Annual Report for calendar year 2015 to members of the IOHC when the next IOHC meeting is announced via email.

Brush!—Dr. Leila Alter

Recently, McMillen Health held a WIC personnel training in Detroit Michigan. Altarum Institute's Michigan Caries Prevention Program (MCP) followed up with an independent evaluation of the Brush! training and pilot survey result found:

- 96% of the staff stated they had never received any dental health training during the time they worked at WIC;
- 25% of the staff had been there for over 21 years and 50% of the staff had worked at WIC for over 11 years;
- 67% of the staff are following up to see if a patient have seen the dentist after giving the parent a referral to a dentist;
- 43% of the staff knew the recommended age of the child's first dental visit; and after training 95% knew the recommended age; and
- 36% of the staff felt comfortable discussing dental issues prior to the training

i. Update on Early Head Start/Head Start Implementation

Head Start programs who didn't join Brush! in the past are being re-visited to see if they would like to participate in Brush! now. The Head Start Programs in the Evansville area have just finished their training and are now participating in Brush! The Indianapolis and Southeastern Indiana Head Start Programs have not been as easy; but after a year of multiple meetings and conference calls several counties are coming on board including Early Learning Indiana in Indianapolis. Brush! is now working on the Northwest part of the state and has had difficulty with finding dentists willing to volunteer to meet with the local Head Start programs about Brush!

ii. Front Office Guidance

Dr. Alter promoted a Brush! handout that provides front office guidance to dental offices that do not see young children in their offices. It provides scripting and provides consistent messaging to parents that children should be seen by age one. She reported that the Indiana Dental Association is incorporating it into a future JIDA pediatric issue. The Isaac Knapp District Dental Society had an article authored by Holli Seabury, CEO for McMillen Health on the first year dental visit and Indianapolis District Dental Society is planning on incorporating the IKDDS article in their summer newsletter. She also mentioned that there have been six more IDA dental components that have distributed the handout by email and one who published the Front Office Guidance on their dental component's Facebook page.

iii Other Initiatives

Dr. Alter gave a follow-up on Dr. Sabir-Holloway, who presented at the last IOHC meeting about her Little Kids Big Smiles Preschool Oral Health Program. Dr. Sabir-Holloway has accepted a position as Director of Admissions at Tufts University in Boston. Dr. Alter met with Dr. Sabir-Holloway about their preschool program and she reports that Early Learning Indiana has a partnership with one of the sites that Little Kids Big Smiles worked with. The Early Learning Indiana partnership sites are coming on board on June 9th with the Brush! Program and on May 26th the Day Early Learning preschool programs educators will be trained.

Medicaid Update—Dr. Leila Alter

In the interest of time, a paper copy of the power point was distributed to attendees.

American Network of Oral Health Coalitions—Dr. Leila Alter

Item tabled to another meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Dental Lifeline Network-Indiana Update

Dr. Alter explained that the Dental Lifeline Network serves people who are aged, have special needs or are disabled. They also provide safety net services to individuals who may have their Medicaid benefits exhausted and also are disabled or elderly. She reported that there are 571 volunteers but more are needed especially in the rural areas. She also reported a milestone is coming up since they are closing in on \$15 million dollars in donated care that has been given to patients since the start of the program in 1991. There have been some loss of grant funding and they have had to cut back on one of the full-time coordinators making her a part-time employee. Dr. Alter gave credit to the ISDH for their assistance with the funding into this program.

b. IUSD and Indiana Oral Health Research Institute Update

- a.** Dr. Alter reported that the Dental School is adding on to their building and the ground breaking will be September 23, 2016. They anticipate that they will be able to start using this new building in the summer of 2018.
- b.** Dr. Alter also reported that the Indiana University School of Dentistry and Regenstrief Institute has received a large grant to study and analyze electronic dental records of patients treated by community dentists across the United States to explore the feasibility of using electronic dental records for data research.
- c.** Dr. Maupome with the Indiana Oral Health Research Institute recently received a NIDCR grant that will examine the social network dynamics in the oral health disparities of minorities. Dr. Maupome is a member of the Indiana Oral Health Coalition.

c. Indiana Dental Association Annual Session Table

- a.** The Indiana Oral Health Coalition will have a table outside the IDA Exhibit Hall and will inquire with MCH about promoting the MCH MOMS Helpline.
- d.** Dr. Alter recently received a survey from somebody interested in knowing what the Indiana Oral Health Coalition's involvement was in promoting community water fluoridation. Dr. Alter reported that in Indiana, 95% of the community water system is fluoridated. She also reported

she recently learned about a grant that the Campaign for Dental Health *Life is Better with Teeth* has created to ensure that all people have access to the most effective and affordable way to protect **teeth** — water fluoridation. Their grant would provide support to different communities to educate communities about water fluoridation. Dr. Alter asked the IOHC if they would like to get involve with notifying communities about this grant. There was a group discussion about the pros and cons of getting involved in promoting community water fluoridation – which in Indiana is ultimately decided by each community and maintained by the ISDH’s Fluoridation program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The building where Dr. Alters’ dental office is located also has First Steps and behavioral health services. As neighbors, they all work collectively on oral and behavioral health issues. Dr. Alter mentioned how much she enjoyed the 14th Annual Systems of Care Conference last summer which will be held June 14th at the Indianapolis Marriott East Conference Center. She encouraged all to attend.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Next IOHC Meeting

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

2016 IOHC Meetings

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

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