

Indiana Oral Health Coalition (IOHC) Minutes
Annual Meeting
Friday, March 10, 2017
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

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| Leila Alter | Scott Gartenman | Liz Ramos |
| Steven Barefoot | Karlene Ketola | Jeff Rector |
| Becky Bolon | Richard Martin | Brian Riggs |
| Laura Brown | Elizabeth McClure | Ed Rosenbaum |
| Doug Bush | James Miller | Holli Seabury |
| Tamara Button | Patty Morris | Armando Soto-Rojas |
| Carla Chance | Amy Nolan | Colleen Sullivan |
| Candice Ervin | Beth Parks | Nancy Ward |
| Robbin Flippin | Michelle Phillips | Karen Yoder |
| Anita Gaillard | Ed Popchreff | Isaac Zeckel |

WELCOME

Dr. Miller, State Oral Health Director began the meeting at 10:00 a.m. welcoming everyone.

Only one nomination for the Chair was received and only one nomination for the Vice-Chair was received. Dr. Leila Alter and Dr. Karen Ellis accepted these respective nominations. Thus, Dr. Alter is the new Chair and Dr. Ellis is the new Vice-Chair of the IOHC. Dr. Miller offered his congratulations.

Dr. Miller reminded presenters for the IOHC that the best way to get a PowerPoint presentation downloaded on state equipment is by emailing the presentation to Patty Morris in advance of the meeting scheduled. If you wait until the day of the meeting, the state IT staff may not be able to download it on state equipment in time for the meeting. Flash drives will not be accepted.

He went over the presentations for today's meeting regarding government advocacy groups. The IOHC has a few members who are state employees. He reminded everyone that there are constraints regarding state employees lobbying for legislation.

New attendees were recognized and everyone was allowed to introduce themselves and the organization they represented.

REVIEW MINUTES

Dr. Miller asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the last meeting; there were none. Dr. Miller 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 9, 2016, meeting were approved as submitted by a unanimous voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS

I. Advocacy and Education Efforts of the Michigan Oral Health Coalition and the American Network of Oral Health Coalition by Ms. Karlene Ketola, MHSA, CA

Ms. Ketola reported the Michigan Oral Health Coalition was formed in 2003 in response to the elimination of the Medicaid Adult Dental Program. She stated that for the last five years, this program has been put back in place.

Their current Medicaid Adult Dental Program is a Fee-for-Service program and covers about 600,000 of low-income adults. For fiscal year 2017-18, their focus will be on the Medicaid Adult Dental Reform with the goal of bringing payment rates in line with other states, and simplifying the administration of the Medicaid Adult Dental Program to make it easier for providers to contract with Medicaid.

The Michigan Oral Health Coalition is a 501c3 non-profit. Their funding comes from membership dues, grant programs, and their continuing education offerings.

Their legislature victories over the last 13 years include Medicaid Adult Dental funding, expanding Medicaid within their state called the *Healthy Michigan Plan* under the Affordable Care Act, and their statewide *Healthy Kids Dental Program* funding support for children on Medicaid and CHIP programs.

The *Healthy Kids Dental (HKD) Program* is a public-private partnership between the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Delta Dental to provide dental coverage for the one million children on Medicaid and CHIP programs in the state of Michigan.

Their coalition was awarded a grant from the DentaQuest Foundation that supports five local oral health coalitions located across the state of Michigan improving the oral health care for children, seniors, and the disabled.

The Michigan Oral Health Coalition supports policies that assure all its residents have equitable, affordable and timely access to oral health knowledge and care. They have identified five key policy priorities to make that happen by 2020.

They work with the State Oral Health Director and the Michigan State Oral Health Program. Ms. Ketola reported the state oral health plan goals are to:

- Enhance professional integration between providers;
- Increase knowledge and awareness of the importance of oral health to overall health; and
- Increase access to oral health care among underserved and/or hard to reach populations.

Ms. Ketola encouraged the IOHC to join the American Network of Oral Health Coalitions (ANOHC) that serves as the collective voice for all state oral health coalitions. The ANOHC provides greater advocacy that promote lifelong oral health by shaping policy, promoting prevention, and educating the public. The ANOHC meet annually at the National Oral Health Conference. For more information about the American Network of Oral Health Coalitions go to <http://anohc.org/>

There was a group discussion.

II. Alliance for a Healthier Indiana by Scott Gartenman, Director of Health Policy, Indiana State Medical Association.

Mr. Gartenman explained that the Alliance for a Healthier Indiana is a five-member group started by Bryan Mills, CEO of the Community Health Network that includes the:

- Community Health Network
- Indiana Hospital Association
- Indiana Chamber of Commerce
- Indiana State Medical Association
- Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Indiana

He reported that the goal of the organization is to improve Indiana health statistics and the overall health of Hoosiers. Currently, Indiana ranks 39th in the nation in terms of the overall health of its citizens. The Alliance for a Healthier Indiana's goal is to bring together health care leaders, employers, policymakers, educators, funders, insurers and make Indiana healthier.

The Alliance will advocate new legislation to help fund programs, initiatives, and innovations in Indiana to improve major public health issues like tobacco, obesity, infant mortality, opioid abuse, heart disease, and diabetes.

Their first priority is to substantially reduce tobacco usage, which is the leading cause of preventable death in Indiana. The cost of health care in Indiana caused by smoking is billions of dollars every year. Medicaid alone spends \$600 million dollars every year for tobacco related illness. Taxpayers pay \$16 for every pack of cigarettes sold to cover health care costs.

The Alliance has a Four-Part Plan to decrease tobacco use that includes:

- 1.) Increasing the price for a pack of cigarettes to at least \$1.50 per pack;
- 2.) Asking policymakers to restore Indiana's funding for prevention & cessation and tobacco control programs to 2001 levels — a \$35 million commitment, which will put us in the top 10 states for prevention & cessation and tobacco control programs;
- 3.) Raising the age for sale of tobacco products from 18 to 21; and
- 4.) Repealing preferential treatment for smokers enacted in 1991 by the Indiana General Assembly.

The Alliance for a Healthier Indiana are holding community town hall breakfast meetings across the state to provide the public an opportunity to network with community leaders and hear about ways we can all work together to improve Indiana's poor health rankings.

Although they work for the overall health of citizens of Indiana, Mr. Gartenman stated that the IOHC can help with oral health changes by becoming a partner of the Alliance.

For more information go to <http://healthierindiana.org/>

There was a group discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

Indiana State Department of Health – Dr. James Miller

Dr. Miller had nothing to report today.

Brush – Dr. Holli Seabury

A free parent handout about Opioids is available thru Brush. If anybody wants a copy of it, let Dr. Seabury know. She will send you a PDF document that you can print out for yourself. In Michigan, Brush is expanding their WIC program in the Detroit area and working with the Nurse Family Partnership in Flint. Dr. Seabury works with the *Healthy Kids Dental Program* and Brush will be texting 90,000 parents in Michigan whose children are part of this program but have never utilized their benefits. A disability specific flipchart on oral health has been designed for one-on-one teaching by non-oral health professionals such as Head Start, WIC, and Early Intervention to help families and caregivers of special needs children.

IDA/IPHCA Oral Health Grant – Dr. Jeff Rector and Mr. Doug Bush

Mr. Bush talked about the initiative of an educational promotion that focuses on the one-year dental visit. He reported that there has been some delays and there hasn't been a lot of progress yet; but there are meetings scheduled within the next couple of weeks and he thinks they will see more progress after that.

Introduction of Vice-Chair, Dr. Karen Ellis – Dr. Leila Alter

Dr. Stewart has finished her term and Dr. Ellis has taken over the Vice-Chair position for the IOHC. Dr. Alter reported that Dr. Ellis was very pleased to accept this position. Dr. Ellis was not able to attend today's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Alter asked the members of the IOHC if they would like to become a supporting partner of the Alliance for a Healthier Indiana. There was a group discussion and a decision was made to join. Dr. Alter asked for a motion and second to join the Alliance for a Healthier Indiana. A motion and second were offered for the Indiana Oral Health Coalition to become a supporting partner of the Alliance for a Healthier Indiana and it was approved as submitted by a unanimous voice vote.

Dr. Alter asked the IOHC members for someone to volunteer to attend the American Network of Oral Health Coalitions (ANOHC) annual meeting at the 2017 National Oral Health Conference (NOHC) being held in Albuquerque, New Mexico from April 24-26, 2017. She made it clear that the volunteer would have to be responsible for all the costs involved because the IOHC has no budget. There was a discussion among the

members and a decision was made to not only attend the conference but to also join ANOHC. Dr. Alter asked for a motion and second to join ANOHC. A motion and second were offered for the Indiana Oral Health Coalition to become a member of the American Network of Oral Health Coalitions and it was approved as submitted by a unanimous voice vote.

During the group discussion, it was discovered that Dr. Holli Seabury and Dr. Karen Yoder are planning to attend the National Oral Health Conference and both volunteered to represent the Indiana Oral Health Coalition there.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Jeff Rector reported on IDA's Mission of Mercy (MOM), a large-scale dental clinic that provides free oral health care to be held at the State Fairgrounds on Friday and Saturday, May 12-13, 2017. He reported that the funding is complete. They still need professional and non-professional volunteers. He said they need patients, too. For more information, contact Jeff Rector, Doug Bush, and/or Ed Popcheff.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Next IOHC Annual Meeting

June 2, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH (Note: Date has changed)

Future IOHC Meetings

September 8, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH

December 8, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH