

Indiana Oral Health Coalition (IOHC) Minutes
Annual Meeting
Friday, June 2, 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

Leila Alter
Steven Barefoot
Becky Bolon
Laura Brown
Doug Bush
Tamara Button
Carla Chance
Richard Cohen

Ronnie Coleman
Karen Ellis
Anita Gaillard
Luis Garabis
Joan E. Kowolik
Elizabeth McClure
James Miller
Patty Morris

Amy Nolan
Beth Parks
Ed Popcheff
Liz Ramos
Jeff Rector
Holli Seabury
Tonya Stewart
Isaac Zeckel

WELCOME

Dr. Alter, Chair, began the meeting at 10:04 a.m. welcoming everyone. Dr. Karen Ellis was recognized as the new Vice-chair of the IOHC and shared a short background of her experience and work history.

Everyone was 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 March 10, 2017, meeting were approved as submitted by a unanimous voice vote.

PRESENTATION

Dental Visits to Kool Smiles Clinics in Indiana by Infants and Children by Dr. James R. Miller, D.D.S., M.S.D., Ph.D. Dr. Miller is the State Oral Health Director for the Oral Health Program at the Indiana State Department of Health.

Dr. Miller presented the contents of a report for a project conducted by the Oral Health Program, Benevis, LLC, and Kool Smiles. *A copy of the report was distributed during the meeting and is attached. An addendum is also attached.*

The main conclusions of the report were that:

1. There was an increase in the percentage of visits by new patients to Kool Smiles clinics in Indiana in 2016, compared to 2015, among children aged 36 to 71 months.
2. Which factors might have contributed to this increased percentage of visits by new patients is not evident from the data contained in this particular project.

During the presentation, and in the subsequent discussion, several factors were identified that *may have* contributed to this observed increase in the percentage of visits by new patients, including:

1. A WIC oral health initiative in 2016;
2. A change in the population served by Kool Smiles such as a change in its demographic composition; and
3. A change in the population served by Medicaid such as a policy change that increased the patient pool in 2016.

One or more of these factors (or other factors) may have contributed to the observed increase in the percentage of visits by new patients. Further studies are needed to identify the actual factors.

There was a group discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Indiana State Department of Health Director Report – Dr. James Miller

1. Dr. Miller attended a Mission of Mercy event held by the Indiana Dental Association (IDA) in Indianapolis. He congratulated the IDA representatives for the success of this event.
2. The Local Health Department Outreach Division at the ISDH is responsible for interacting with the 92-plus local health departments. Dr. Miller has made arrangements to join the ISDH representative when he makes these visits to present information about oral health.
3. The Indiana State Department of Health has the technical capability to conduct live on-line webcasts. The OHP plans to develop on-line webcasts for various audiences that might be interested in oral health.
4. The OHP is working on the development of a second on-line CE course regarding pain management.
5. Dr. Miller gave a presentation on oral health at a spring symposium sponsored by the Indiana Rural Health Association.

b. Alliance for a Healthier Indiana and Other Updates – Dr. Leila Alter

1. Dr. Alter reported on how the Alliance for a Healthier Indiana advocated new legislation to help fund programs such as tobacco cessation/prevention and opioid abuse. The Alliance for a Healthier Indiana received 7.5 million dollars for Tobacco Cessation Prevention. They did not get the tobacco tax increase.
2. The opioid epidemic parent handout from McMillen Health is free on-line. She encouraged everyone to print it out and circulate it so every parent can read the information.
3. The Indianapolis Business Journal has an article from May 27th about how the state of Indiana is building a “data hub” to combine data from more than a dozen agency’s databases into a series of dashboards that will organize and retrieve information on the opioid epidemic. Dr. Alter can forward the link to anyone interested.
4. Dr. Alter has set up a Facebook page for the Indiana Oral Health Coalition with a link to the Alliance for a Healthier Indiana. You can find the page at *Indiana Oral Health Coalition*.

c. Legislation Updates – Mr. Ed Popcheff

Mr. Popcheff reported there is new legislation that limits dentists to prescribe a seven (7) day supply of opioid drugs, when writing a prescription for a new patient. There is an exemption for professional judgment if the prescriber finds that the opiate is appropriate and necessary for the patient’s care.

d. Recap Indiana MOM – Doug Bush and Ed Popcheff

- The number of people served is not calculated yet, but there were over one thousand patients. There were so many patients that by 1:00 p.m. on Saturday they had to turn away the remaining patients waiting to be served. There just wasn’t enough time to serve everybody. The people were very

gracious and accepted the explanation without complaint—they were grateful that the dentists had tried.

- The Lt. Governor attended to show her support for the event.
- The next MOM event may be in Fort Wayne, and if not there, it will definitely be somewhere in northern Indiana.

e. IDA/IPHCA Oral Health Grant Update – Dr. Jeff Rector

Dr. Rector explained that dental decay is the leading childhood disease. The *Smile Savers* program is a project of the Indiana Dental Association and the Indiana Primary Health Care Association to prevent decay and save smiles because every one-year-old deserves a dental visit. He encouraged all general dentists to sign up with the *Smile Savers* program that includes:

- Performing one-year-old dental exams (training provided);
- Performing risk assessments;
- Educating parents on how to prevent dental decay; and
- Referring young patients to a pediatric dentist, if needed.

The next part of the project is to inform WIC departments, pediatricians, OBGYNs about the *Smile Savers* program. For more information, contact Dr. Jeff Rector at 765-286-4017 or Jardds@comcast.net

f. Brush – Dr. Holli Seabury

- In Michigan, Brush is still implementing trainings and now has trained 30% of the WIC staff statewide. They are partnering with WIC in collecting some interesting data.
- Educational materials and flipcharts are now available for non-oral health professionals and parents concerning children with special needs. There are handouts on-line for parents. Brush has a grant to provide training for early intervention groups to educate parents in Northeast Indiana on how to care for the teeth of their child with special needs. They are seeking grants to reach the rest of Indiana.

g. Medicaid Matters – Dr. Leila Alter

- The Hoosier Healthwise (dental portion) has transitioning to managed care this year.
- Indiana HIP waiver application extension amendment had its first public hearing on May 25th at the Medicaid Advisory Committee meeting.
- The state is going ahead with a centralized credentialing verification project. Providers will no longer have to credential and contract every three years with the Indiana Medicaid and with dental benefit administrators. Providers will only have to credential with the Indiana Medicaid once every 3 years.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Alter has been contacted by First Focus, a nonpartisan advocacy organization out of Washington, DC, dedicated to making children and families the priority in federal policy and budget decisions. Federal funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is set to expire on September 30, 2017. They have requested the IOHC sign on to a letter that will be sent to Congressional leadership supporting the continuation of funding for the CHIP program. Congress must act this year to stabilize the CHIP funding stream in order to ensure that states can continue to operate their programs without interruption. Health coverage for millions of children could be disrupted if CHIP's future is not secured.

Dr. Alter asked for a motion and second for the Indiana Oral Health Coalition to sign on to the letter supporting the continuation of funding for the CHIP program. A motion and second were offered and it was approved as submitted by a unanimous voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Tobacco Prevention and Cessation – Anita Gaillard

The Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Commission at the ISDH has received 2.5 million more dollars. They will use it to fund their *Capacity Building Grant* and have asked for applications from counties who have not had funding in several years. They were able to add six new counties to their already funded 35-36 county grantees. In the near future, they hope to offer this grant again and add an additional six counties.

b) ANOHC Annual Meeting – Holli Seabury

Karen Yoder and Holli Seabury attended the American Network of Oral Health Coalitions (ANOHC) annual meeting at the 2017 National Oral Health Conference in April. Both represented the IOHC. Holli gave a presentation on Oral Health Literacy at this conference.

c) IUSD Children’s Treatment Fund – Joan E. Kowolik

Dr. Kowolik reported an on-going problem at the Indiana University School of Dentistry with children whose families are “without documentation.” Their teeth are not being looked after properly and very often they are in pain. Many times they have to be sent to the Riley Hospital Emergency Room. Dr. Carr has started a fund at IUSD that will help pay for their care and oral health treatment. She is seeking donations to help build up this fund. Any donation will be welcome, no matter how small.

d) Dr. Alter recommends the *2017 Indiana Health Workforce Collaborative* continuing medical education accredited by the IU School of Medicine being held on Tuesday, June 20th at the Indiana Government Center South.

e) Dr. Alter announced the *16th Annual Indiana Systems of Care Conference* that will be held at the Marriott East located at 7202 E. 21st Street, on June 20th. This annual conference is expecting hundreds of professionals and advocates involved in mental health, child welfare, juvenile justice, and education from all over the state to learn new and innovative ways to serve youth and collaborate with families and child serving systems.

f) Dr. Alter said that Nancy Ward from FSSA has asked her to announce that the Early Learning Indiana is sponsoring the *Bridging Early Connections: Indiana Infant Toddler Institute* where Indiana’s early childhood professionals will gather to learn about Infant Toddler Development, Health & Wellness, and Cultural Sensitivity. It will be held on August 25, 2017, at the Indianapolis Marriott East.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Next IOHC Annual Meeting

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

Future IOHC Meetings

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

And

March 9, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH

June 1, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH

September 7, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH

December 7, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH