

**Indiana Oral Health Coalition (IOHC) Minutes**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Friday, March 8, 2019**  
**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	Anita Gaillard	Gabriela Pena-Rodriguez
Steven Barefoot	Yordanos Gebru	Ed Rosenbaum
Becky Bolon (and Freddy)	Jessica Griffith	Holli Seabury
Melania Brune	Jessica Martin	Colleen Sullivan
Candace Ervin	Jim Miller	Isaac Zeckel
Diana Feliciano	Patty Morris	

**WELCOME**

Dr. Alter, Chair, began the meeting at 10:10 a.m. welcoming everyone.

Everyone was allowed to introduce themselves and the organization they represented.

We welcomed a very special guest at today's meeting, Freddy, a service dog in training at the Indiana Canine Assistant Network (ICAN). ICAN trains and places service dogs with people in Indiana with physical or development disabilities. Freddy is a guest of Dr. Becky Bolon. Caring volunteers like Dr. Bolon provide a loving home and give a wonderful start to service dogs like Freddie who will go on to provide increased independence to a person with a disability.

**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 7, 2018, meeting were approved as submitted by a unanimous voice vote.

**PRESENTATION**

**Update on the MOMS Helpline and the LIV Mobile Application – Two presenters:** Yordanos Gebru, Communication/Database Specialist & Liv Resource Coordinator, and Gabriela Pena-Rodriguez, Bilingual Community Outreach Liaison/Resource Data at the Indiana State Dept. of Health

The United States has an unacceptably high rate of infant mortality compared to other wealthy countries. Infant mortality is the death of a baby before his or her first birthday. The five leading causes of infant death are serious birth defects, prematurity and low birth weight, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), pregnancy complications, and injuries. These factors account for approximately 57 percent of all infant deaths in the U.S.

The problem is particularly significant in Indiana. In 2017, Indiana lost 602 infants, equating to 7.3 deaths per 1,000 live births. To combat unacceptable rates of infant mortality in Indiana, the Indiana State Department of Health, Maternal and Child Health program, has a statewide education and outreach effort through the MOMS Helpline. MOMS is committed to reducing the infant mortality rate in Indiana by connecting families with access to available

resources focused on improving the health of mothers and their children. They provide information, referral, education, and they advocate for healthier Hoosier families.

MOMS is expected to receive around 23,400 calls in 2019. Reasons for 57% of these calls are for transportation to medical appointments. The second reason, at 13%, are for callers needing a \*low-cost dental professional. Next, at 5%, are callers searching for a primary care provider and another 5% of the callers need financial assistance. The remaining reasons for calls are questions about WIC, Insurance, Housing, baby supplies, Safe Sleep, car seats, and prenatal care.

The MOMS Helpline connects families and providers through community events across Indiana such as the Baby on Board event, the Black Minority Health Fair, State Fair, Community Baby Showers, and Community Health and Wellness Fairs. There are more events that MOMS participate in but too many to name here.

MOMS Helpline has external partnerships such as with 2-1-1 to ensure more access to resources in Indiana are available. Through their community outreach efforts, MOMS Helpline has been able to inform communities about infant mortality and available resources.

### ***About the Liv pregnancy mobile app:***

As part of statewide efforts to reduce Indiana's infant mortality rates, the MOMS Helpline has launched a pregnancy mobile application called *Liv*. The *Liv pregnancy mobile app* provides valuable health resources to parents, caregivers, and women of child-bearing age who are pregnant or planning to be pregnant. The app is also available in Spanish!

It provides a searchable library filled with articles, checklists, and quizzes; Interactive resource locators with GPS maps; and phone connection to the MOMS Helpline. It has other links to resources, including contacts for dentists, doctors, hospitals, food banks, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) clinics, and birthing centers. Users can sign up to receive messages and alerts appropriate to their stage of pregnancy.

Providers are invited to contribute information about their resources and services to the *Liv pregnancy mobile app*. Visit [www.askliv.com](http://www.askliv.com) for more information. If you have any questions or need information about a particular resource that is not listed on the Liv website, please feel free to call 1-844-MCH-MOMS (1-844-624-6667) or email [MCHMOMSHelpline@isdh.in.gov](mailto:MCHMOMSHelpline@isdh.in.gov).

There was a Liv group discussion.

\*The ISDH, Oral Health Program maintains the database of Low-Cost Dental Providers in Indiana exclusively for the MOMS Helpline.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. ISDH State Oral Health Director Report – Dr. James Miller, State Oral Health Director**

Dr. Miller reported that FSSA/Medicaid plans to change the number of times the Dental Advisory Panel meet each year from four to two meetings. In addition, FSSA/Medicaid has asked Dr. Miller if he would be willing to meet with them occasionally to discuss oral health policies.

The Oral Health Program (OHP) plans to work with the ISDH Division of Immunizations to develop a project that enlists dentists to help promote HPV vaccinations that will help prevent oropharyngeal cancers.

The OHP is finishing a free online CE course on *Infection Control in Dental Facilities in Indiana*. A notice will be placed in the OHP Newsletter when this course is available and provide details on how this course may be taken.

**b. Brush Update – Dr. Holli Seabury**

Dr. Seabury introduced Jessica Martin, a new Brush Educational Coordinator at McMillen Publishing. Prior to Jessica's position with McMillen Publishing, she was a practicing dental assistant.

She explained that this year, with funding from Delta Dental for the Brush program, WIC, Special Needs, and Head Start will be focusing expansion primarily in Ohio.

Dr. Seabury explained that they are field testing Brush materials in the Dominican Republic with the Manchester Metropolitan University and a dental mission group called Compassion International Schools who make home visits with moms and toddlers. Their goal is to use Brush materials in Spanish speaking countries such as Cuba and other parts of the Caribbean.

**c. American Network of Oral Health Coalitions (ANOHC) Update – Dr. Leila Alter**

Dr. Holli Seabury will be representing the IOHC at the annual ANOHC meeting in April being held in Memphis, Tennessee. Dr. Alter said she is not sure if her schedule will allow her to go this year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Endorsement request from ASTDD to CDC for Oral Health Grants – Dr. Alter**

Dr. Alter reported that she and Holli Seabury approved an endorsement from the IOHC in answer to a request from the ASTDD to advocate for an appropriation from the CDC so that every state receives a grant for oral health.

**b. Medicaid Revalidation/Encred Update– Dr. Alter**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires state Medicaid programs to revalidate provider enrollments at intervals not to exceed every five years. Providers can find out if they need to revalidate by logging into the IHCP Health Care Provider Portal and looking at the revalidation date listed under their Provider Profile. Providers also receive a letter 30, 60 and 90 days prior to the revalidation deadline. It is important to revalidate before the deadline or you could be disenrolled.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a.** IDA Dental Day at the Capitol will be on March 11, 2019, at the ISTA building. There will be presentations on Medicaid legislation and Student Loans. Dental Students will be part of the presentations and have planned a tour of the Capitol.
- b.** The Indiana Primary Health Care Association Annual Conference will be held on April 29 and 30, 2019 at the Sheraton Indianapolis, Keystone at the Crossing. Vice-Chair, Dr. Holli Seabury, will be one of the speakers.
- c.** Dr. Alter explained that the Lawrence County Health Dept., her county of residence, sent out a one-page letter on oral health cancer along with a HPV brochure from the American Dental Association to all health care providers.
- d.** The Indiana Dental Association Foundation for Dental Health, Inc. (IFDH) will host its third Mission of Mercy (MOM) event on May 17-18, 2019, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. MOM is a tremendous opportunity to provide free dental services, educate, and coordinate care for underserved patients. Planners are organizing efforts to partner with local and state agencies to assist patients.
- e.** Dr. Miller congratulated Leila Alter and Holli Seabury for having been elected as Chair and Vice Chair respectively for the Indiana Oral Health Coalition (IOHC).

- f. Dr. Alter reported on pending legislation that will add additional legislators from the House and Senate to the Medicaid Advisory Committee. A fiscal appropriations sub-committee would also be added to the committee.
- g. Senate Bill 437 would direct Medicaid to submit a waiver to allow for health clinics in a school setting. Cincinnati Public Schools has a very good model for community-based health services that are located within their schools. Health services are available for both students and the community.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

**Next IOHC Meeting**

June 7, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH  
September 13, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH  
December 13, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH