

Indiana Oral Health Coalition (IOHC) Minutes
Annual Meeting
Friday, June 1, 2018
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	Ronnie Coleman	Amy Nolan
Becky Bolon along with Levi the dog (ICAN trainee)	Karen Ellis	Kaitlin Padrick
Doug Bush	Jae Chul Lee	Liz Ramos
Diane Buyer	James Miller	Colleen Sullivan
	Patty Morris	

WELCOME

Dr. Alter, Chair, began the meeting at 10:12 a.m. welcoming everyone.

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

A very special guest at today's meeting was Levi, 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, with priority placement given to children and adolescents. Dr. Becky Bolon and her daughter Kaitlin Padrick are Dogs-in-Training Volunteers for ICAN. Dogs-in-Training Volunteers are needed to give service dogs an opportunity to leave their training environment and practice their skills in real-life situations. An important part of a service dog's training is primary instruction, provided in Indiana prisons, which provides constant training and reinforcement but is somewhat limited to sights, smells, and sounds that are important to a service dog's education. It is critical for service dogs to have the right temperament and health; and caring volunteers like Dr. Bolon and Ms. Padrick provide a loving home and give a wonderful start to service dogs like Levi 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 March 9, 2018, meeting were approved as submitted by a unanimous voice vote.

PRESENTATION

Delaware's Efforts in Improving Access for Members with Special Needs – Dr. Jae Chul Lee, Director of the Center for Health Equity, Indiana Institute on Disability and Community

Dr. Jae Chul Lee is an Associate Research Scholar and Director of the Center for Health Equity in the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community at Indiana University. He joined the Institute to establish the Center for Health Equity. Previously, he directed the Health and Wellness Unit in the Center for Disabilities Studies at the University of Delaware.

In Delaware, Dr. Lee led a variety of projects on health care access and health disparities for and among people with disabilities. He led efforts to develop and implement a statewide plan to achieve health equity by conducting analysis of population-based survey data and Medicaid claims data, and by facilitating disability data monitoring and surveillance efforts. In addition, he directed a multiple-year oral health project that aimed to improve access to

oral health care and services for Delawareans with disabilities by cultivating and improving cultural competence related to disability among the dental workforce. Dr. Lee also conducted various analyses of Delaware Medicaid claims data about health disparities, health care access, preventive screenings, contraceptive use, and oral health among Medicaid enrollees with disabilities. In particular, he led a Medicaid project that examined leading health issues and associated health care use for the Medicaid enrollees with intellectual and developmental disabilities after identifying the target population using ICD-9-CM codes.

Health Disparities is the avoidable and unfair differences in health among groups of people. A particular type of health difference that is closely linked with social, economic, and/or environmental disadvantage. Health disparities adversely affect groups of people who have systematically experienced greater obstacles to health based on their racial or ethnic group; religion; socioeconomic status; gender; age; mental health; cognitive, sensory, or physical disability; sexual orientation or gender identity; geographic location; or other characteristics historically linked to discrimination or exclusion.

Health Equity means that we try to provide the same services and same accommodations for all. In other words, Health Equity is the absence of health disparities no matter what disadvantages the patient may have.

In almost all categories on the Delaware BRFSS for 2012, the data is much worse for patients with disabilities than compared to patients with no disabilities. It is the same here in Indiana.

By attending cultural competence trainings on disability awareness and sensitivity, dental professionals learn how to prepare for treating patients with disabilities and can plan an assessment and dental care for patients with special needs.

Dr. Lee showed a video that shared experiences in dental care access among patients with disabilities. It contained topics such as Effective Communication for patients who use a foreign language or American Sign Language for the Deaf, a Step-By-Step individualized approach to Dental Care Access and Accommodations, and Suggestions for Successful Dental Care.

Current projects include an *Indiana Disability and Health Workshop*, targeting health professionals, which will be held in Evansville and Indianapolis next fall. A pilot program called *My Healthy Life* is a two-day workshop created for the Special Olympics Indiana. Another project called *Sexuality Education for Students with Disabilities in Indiana* is being planned for July.

There was a group discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

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

- The OHP plans to give a presentation, **The Status of Children’s Oral Health in Indiana and Ways to Make Improvements**, at the 2018 Indiana School Health Network Conference.
- The OHP plans to post a Non-CE course, **The Opioid Crisis and the Management of Orofacial Pain**, on the OHP website soon.
- The OHP plans to post a Non-CE course, **Infection Control in Dental Facilities in Indiana**, on the OHP website soon.
- The OHP is working on potential collaborations with other Divisions and Programs within the ISDH.

b. The Children’s Dental Conference on September 29, 2018 – Doug Bush and Dr. Alter

Doug Bush spoke about the conference *Improving Children’s Health: Integrating Dental and Medical Services* that will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2018, at the Indiana University School of Dentistry. A “Save the Date!” flyer was handed out at the meeting today. Physicians, Nurses, Social Workers, Dental Professionals will find this conference very rewarding. Dr. Alter added that the conference is also trying to reach out to both the medical and dental professionals of FQHC’s to come to this conference. For information on the continuing education credits available, contact: jardds@comcast.net or rfuentes@ie.edu .

c. IDA/IPHCA Oral Health Grant – Dr. Alter and Doug Bush

Holli Seabury has written the 500-word synopsis and has been meeting with Jeff Rector about the DentalQuest Foundation grant application with the support of the Indiana Dental Association (IDA), the Indiana Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA). This grant will address the **Oral Health 2020 Goal 1**, eradicating dental disease in children, by expanding oral health education and dental wellness visits for one-year olds. Doug Bush reported they will be meeting on Monday morning.

d. Brush Update – Dr. Alter

Holli Seabury is absent from the meeting today because of a prior commitment. Dr. Alter reported that Brush! is moving forward for patients with fundraising for special needs materials.

e. ANOHC Update – Dr. Alter

Leila Alter attended the annual ANOHC meeting at the 2018 National Oral Health Conference in April in Louisville. She was interested in how other state coalitions are staying active in promoting oral health in their state. Dr. Alter also shared information about ADA's Dental Quality Alliance (DQA), the user guide for pediatric measures. The mission of the DQA is to advance performance measurement as a means to improve oral health, patient care and safety through a consensus-building process. Since diagnostic codes are not used in dentistry, these measures serve as a complement to CMS 416 data that is collected from each state's Medicaid program.

NEW BUSINESS

Ronnie Coleman gave a recap on the *Sharing Smiles Day* to reach kids without dental coverage. This year, *Sharing Smiles Day* was held on May 20, 2018, with the participation of 49 different Kool Smile offices. He reported that 550 patients received free dental care by 700 dental professionals volunteering their time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leila Alter announced that Indiana Medicaid is having Dental Listening Sessions for dental providers and staff. There will be no formal presentations, but they will be an opportunity for providers and office staff to meet the provider representatives for the dental administrators. These sessions will begin on June 7th in Fort Wayne, June 13th in Indianapolis, June 26th in Evansville, and June 27th in East Chicago. Amy Nolan and Leila Alter plan to attend.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Next IOHC Annual Meeting

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

Future IOHC Meetings

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

IOHC Meetings in 2019

March 8, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. in 5T Conference Room, ISDH

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