

**Indiana Oral Health Coalition (IOHC) Minutes**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Friday, September 7, 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	Candace Ervin	Stuart Schrader
Steven Barefoot	Patty Morris	Colleen Sullivan
Becky Bolon and “Watson”, ICAN Trainee	Karla Marin Muskus	Nancy Ward
Diane Buyer	Ed Popcheff	Isaac Zeckel
Leah Ehinger	Liz Ramos	
	Pam Roadruck	

**WELCOME**

Dr. Alter, Chair, began the meeting at 10:09 a.m. welcoming everyone.

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

A very special guest at today’s meeting was *Watson*, a service dog in training at the Indiana Canine Assistant Network (ICAN) and he attended today’s meeting with Dr. Becky Bolon. Dr. Bolon is a Dogs-in-Training Volunteer and provides service dogs, like *Watson*, an opportunity to leave their training environment and practice their skills in real-life situations. The sights, smells, and sounds are important to his education. As you may recall, Dr. Bolon brought another dog named *Levi* to the July IOHC meeting and we are happy to report that *Levi* will be completing his primary training at the prison and will soon be placed with a person with a physical or development 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 June 1, 2018, meeting were approved as submitted by a unanimous voice vote.

**PRESENTATION**

**Oral Health Care for Cancer Patient Foundation Project** – Dr. Stuart M. Schrader, PhD, Clinical Associate Professor of Behavioral Sciences, Indiana University School of Dentistry, Executive Director of the Oral Health Care for Cancer Patient Foundation Project Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor, Indiana University School of Social Work.

The Oral Health Care for Cancer Patient Foundation Project (OHCCP), is a program of Indiana University School of Dentistry (IUSD). It has been established to improve the quality of oral health care for all underserved cancer patients through collaboration, education, advocacy, and assist underserved and disenfranchised cancer patients in need of preventive and/or restorative oral health care pre, during, or post cancer therapies (chemotherapy and radiation). A portion of donations help to pay for expenses associated with initial dental consultations, radiographs, pain relief, preventive and/or restorative dental services provided to adults qualifying to be Indiana University School of Dentistry patients. They plan to expand the financial assistance portion of their program to help cancer patients of Indiana.

Dr. Schrader gave a brief history of the OHCCP starting in 2007 when they used part of a National Cancer Institute grant to look at the feasibility of creating a fund to pay for quality oral health care for cancer patients. Since that time grants have been written for funding, marathons have been run, internal funding have been received, and websites were designed and developed and now the entire website is being reconstructed to increase the fulfillment to their mission for advocacy and education.

We need the OHCCP because cancer patients getting chemotherapy and radiation therapy are at risk for oral complications such as mouth sores, oral bleeding, life-threatening infections, increased caries (cavities), periodontal disease, loss of saliva, soft tissue and jaw bone death. Any of these conditions can compromise vital cancer therapies. These serious oral complications reduce a cancer patient's quality of life, cause pain and distress, increase health care costs and increase morbidity. Children on high doses of chemotherapy suffer from abnormal dental development including altered teeth development, craniofacial growth, and skeletal development issues. The list goes on. Studies show that oral health care makes the difference in the quality of life for cancer patients and decreases cost for overall treatment, if done early.

Dr. Schrader's current research interests includes: Integration of augmented reality products into clinical dental education, dental/medical education and Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE), relationship centered clinician-patient communication, human computer interaction and integrative health care technology, and access to oral health care for people living with cancer, special needs, HIV/AIDS, and Head Start children. He is currently working with a company out of France having to do with piloting live-streaming dental surgeries that is completely HIPPA compliant and completely locked-down using augmented reality glasses.

For more information about Oral Health Care for Cancer Patients (OHCCP), go to their current website at <https://www.dentistry.iu.edu/OHCCP/>

There was a group discussion.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. Indiana State Department of Health Director Report – Dr. James Miller (on vacation)**

No report was given at this meeting.

### **b. The Children's Dental Conference on September 29, 2018 – Dr. Alter**

The *Improving Children's Health: Integrating Dental and Medical Services* conference will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the Indiana University School of Dentistry. A brochure was handed out at the meeting today. Tickets are still available.

### **c. IDA/IPHCA Oral Health Grant – Dr. Alter and Karla Marin Muskus**

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, Karla Marin Muskus, Holli Seabury, and Jeff Rector have been working on this grant and there have been some challenges. They were delayed with the grant submission and will wait until next year. There were some staff changes. Karla Marin Muskus replaced Kathy Chapuran.

### **d. Brush Update – Abby Eckert at McMillan Health (reported via telephone)**

1. They've been invited to present some Brush Education at the Mission of Mercy (MOM) event next spring.
2. Working on the WIC expansion project.
3. Holli Seabury will be presenting Brush at the National WIC Conference.
4. Animated text messaging program based on their latest book, "*Hazel Doesn't Like to Brush Her Teeth*".
5. Brush Education Training for children of special needs. They can educate up to eight early interventionists in Indianapolis. A larger training may be considered for later.

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

A handout called *Community Statement on Medicare Coverage for Medically Necessary Oral and Dental Health Therapies* was distributed at today's meeting. It is from many organizations who joined together to urge Congress and the Administration to explore options for extending such evidence-based coverage for all Medicare beneficiaries.

Dr. Alter explained that she has been approached multiple times by different organizations for IOHC support of medically necessary oral and dental health therapies for Medicare. IOHC members gave her suggestions to check the IOHC Bylaws and she will also keep in mind that state government have laws restricting state employees lobbying. She said she hopes to have an answer at the next IOHC meeting when she may need to ask the IOHC members for changes to the IOHC Bylaws.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Alter explained that the Mission of Mercy (MOM) will be held on May 17-18, 2019, in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Buyer announced that the Annual Junior Achievement **JA JobSpark Expo** will be held September 25th – 26th, 2018, at the State Fair Grounds for all Marion County 8<sup>th</sup> graders. For more information, see [www.jajobspark.org](http://www.jajobspark.org)

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

**Next IOHC Annual Meeting**

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