

Indiana Oral Health Coalition (IOHC) Minutes
Friday, March 11, 2022
Hosted by the
Indiana Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA)

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.

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WELCOME

The Indiana Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) hosted an eighth meeting for the IOHC through Zoom. Everyone appreciates what IPHCA has done in providing us a safe way to meet during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Dr. Leila Alter, Chair, began the meeting at 10:07 a.m. welcoming everyone and recognizing new attendees. Everyone introduced themselves and stated who they represented. Everyone on the Zoom introduced themselves.

REVIEW MINUTES

Dr. Alter stated that the minutes from the January 14, 2022 meeting will be reviewed at the June

OLD BUSINESS

a. Tobacco and Vaping Update – ISDH

- No update since Anita Gallard has retired, there will be an update from ISDH for the June 10th IOHC meeting.

b. Brush Update – Chrissy Stephan

- McMillen received funding from the Delta Dental Foundation to continue to expand Brush to MI, OH and IN.
- Funding was received from the Foundation for Dental Health Education to translate the Brush flip chart into Burmese.
- Working with the IU FW senior dental hygiene students to do outreach in the Amish community and to also do presentations with the Adult Oral Health Recovery materials. For the Amish they will go into the schools, grades 1-8 and do nutrition, oral health, drugs and tobacco. Nancy Mann with IU FW will be retiring. Many thanks for her contributions.
- Participants needed for two focus groups in southern Indiana for patients and caregivers with disabilities. Also need volunteers for one-on-one interviews.
- Nicole Fairchild and Chrissy Stephan will represent McMillen Health at a booth at NOHC in April and Chrissy Stephan will be speaking at National Head Start Association Convention in May.
- Brush is also going into Arizona with four counties that will be implementing the program.

c. Medicaid Updates – Dr. Leila Alter

- Leila discussed the Promise Program funded by CMS and HHS, for women who are pregnant or within 90 days of delivery, is for women with a history of Opioid Use Disorder and the patient must be Medicaid eligible. The goal of this program is to reduce and prevent the negative impacts of opioid use. Currently, there are 62 counties with enrollment. Each woman has a case manager who makes sure they have care and access to community resources. Dentists can refer women into this program by calling (317) 234-5336 or (888) 467-2717. Please visit the website for more information. PregnancyPromise.IN.gov
- The next OMPP Dental Advisory Panel (DAP) will be held virtually June 17, 2022 at 10-11:30AM

d. Access to Dental Care for Those with Disabilities – Dr. Jae Chul Lee

- Dr Lee has been working on his current project, Hoosiers with Disabilities, since 2018, which builds on his work in Delaware. He and his team have done surveys and interviews of dentists, those with disabilities and caregivers. He has developed three training modules for caregivers and four training modules for dentists. Training will be June 24 in Indy and July 15 in Fort Wayne. Trainings will be recorded and available. He has a promotional video he can share.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- In 2022 we will continue the regular meeting schedule by Zoom unless there is feedback to change.
- Dr Soto shared that IU School of Dentistry submitted two grants to HRSA for D4 students and D3 students and the aim is to train students to provide services to the underserved with the major focus being on patients with developmental disabilities, the elderly and the Amish communities.
- Karla Marin will have a break out session on community dental health coordinators at the IPHCA May 2-3 conference. Currently, there is no training program located in Indiana.
- Dental Lifeline Network, uses volunteer dentists and labs, serves elderly and disabled who have no means of payment. They did not receive some grants that were expected and had to cut one of their part time coordinators. If anyone has funding leads, let Leila or Doug know. There also is a Legacy

Society Fund people can donate to. In the last 20 years in Indiana, they have had close to \$20 million in donated care.

- Dr Zeckel reported his health center has started an on-the-job dental assisting program to help fill vacancies and has had a number of applicants. He has also been working on having HPV vaccines administered in the dental clinic. They are transitioning to having the dentists administer the vaccines rather than the pharmacists. His dentists are completing the CDC training modules and will focus on HPV and flu vaccines. Patients have been mostly receptive to the dentist administering the vaccine.
- Dr Deporter asked if there had been any movement on access for sedation services for pediatric patients, knowing that there is limited OR time available and there are services available through in-office sedation. Leila Alter said there was an out-of-state group of physicians doing sedation in a dental office, besides Dr. Mark Saxen and Dr. Kyle Kramer.
- Doug Bush announced the posting for the new State Oral Health Director should go up soon.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 am.

Next IOHC Meeting

Friday, June 10, 2022 @ 10AM to Noon

Future IOHC Meetings

Friday, September 9, 2022 @10AM-Noon

Friday, December 9, 2022 @ 10AM to Noon