

Indiana Oral Health Coalition (IOHC) Minutes
Friday, January 20, 2023
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.

PRESENT

Leila Alter	Amanda Brown	Nelly Chawla
Karla Marin	Ed Rosenbaum	Megan Graue
Ronnie Coleman	Teresa Russell	Isaac Zeckel
Gerardo Maupome	Tyler Kimmel	Karen Ellis
Anu Shukla	Amber Lenwell	Tonya Stewart
Jae Chul Lee	Skye Coomes	Candace Ervin
Jill Burns	Vattan Sharma	Chrissy Stephan
Colleen Sullivan	Heather Waldron	Nancy Ward
David Austin	Miranda Spitznagle	Doug Bush
Timothy Baileybauer	Holli Seabury	Natalie Rivich
Shane Springer	Bianca Mizimakoski	Katherine Matteson
Stefanie Vestal	Michelle Kohler	Charles Poland
Hannah Putnam	Melanie Brune	

WELCOME

The Indiana Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) hosted the 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 10:00 a.m. welcoming everyone and recognizing new attendees. Everyone introduced themselves and stated who they represented.

REVIEW MINUTES

Dr. Alter asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the June 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 September 9, 2022, meeting were approved as submitted by a unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. **IDOH Oral Health Director Update-** Dr Nelly Chawla gave an update on Hoosier Give Kids a Smile. Information can be found at [Health: Oral Health: Give Kids a Smile \(in.gov\)](https://www.in.gov/health/oral-health/give-kids-a-smile) She is partnering with McMillen Health on an educational video and kits for special needs. Delta Dental Foundation and America's Tooth Fairy are sponsoring a library event in Indianapolis on Feb 18th.

- b. **ANOCH Update-** Karla Marin attended the national ANOCH year-end celebration event. She will continue to attend the regular meetings and hopes to also attend the in-person national meeting at NOHC. Holli will also attend that meeting.
- c. **Brush Update- McMillen Health.** Chrissy Stephan gave the update that adult Brush has expanded to the Allen County jail. They are training inmates to be oral health recovery trainers who can take the training with them to half-way houses when they leave. They hope to expand to other correctional facilities. They will be attending the NOHC and IDEA conferences. They expanded Brush into central Indiana in Marion and Hamilton Counties. They have created two videos without words so they don't have to be translated. This project was funded by the Isaac Knapp Dental Education Foundation, one covers buying oral hygiene products and one covers visiting the dentist.
- d. **IDOH Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Update-**Natalie Rivich gave the update. They have an RFA announcement on their website for health systems change. The Quit Line is changing service providers, there will be a pause in services from Jan 25-31 for referrals through the EHR. Referrals via the online portal will still be processed. The text number to enroll will change to 31491. When they relaunch on Feb 1st the lung cancer screening questions will be part of the intake. The new platform will be a richer digital experience. The new coaching experience will be more seamless and they are hoping for less drop off. When they call the number should now show up on people's phones as 1-800-QUIT NOW.
- e. **Access to Dental Care for those with Disabilities** – Isaac Knapp District Dental Society is sponsoring a trip to the Lee Specialty Clinic disabilities dental clinic in Louisville on March 3rd. IUSD is not taking any new IDD patients. McMillen Health is working with AADMD to develop a national curriculum for dental students, 57 authors are involved. This will be a free digital resource on AADMDs website in 2024.
- f. **Medicaid Update-**Dr. Leila Alter G0330 (rehabilitation services with anesthesia requiring an operating room) will be a covered service with reimbursement set as BILL 90. Hopefully, this will help pediatric providers access hospital ORs. Medicaid eligibility reviews are beginning, please remind patients to maintain their current contact information using the online member portal. About 25% of members are at risk of being unenrolled over the next 12 months with May 1st as the first disenrollment date. There are resources that providers can display in their offices to remind Medicaid members to keep their contact information current and to respond to any paperwork that they may receive regarding annual redetermination. The Indiana billing/group dental providers that are actively submitting dental claims have dropped from 1,275 in 9/2014 to 876 in 9/2022. In the last 18 months 11 oral surgery offices, 6 pediatric dental offices, 1 orthodontist and 1 periodontist have disenrolled. For the HIP Rate Equalization, FFS, HHW and HCC would increase 9%, and HIP rates would decrease 16%, In HB1001, the state budget, has a dental investment of ~20% which is \$8.9 million state-share over a 2-year budget cycle. This dental investment is separate process from the HIP Rate Equalization Project. Doug Bush made the point that if rates don't increase, we will see more providers disenrolling. There are several bills impacting dentistry which include removing the distance requirement for an access practice dentist and a dental hygienist, dental anesthesia, school-based health clinics, changing practice commitments for professional loan repayment, an appropriation for donated dental services, and an exemption for prior authorizations. Leila mentioned that prior to this meeting she attended a Head Start health advisory meeting which serves a four-county area and dental visits are significantly down from previous years, showing the need for more Medicaid providers. Leila also acknowledged the recent passing of Dr. Keith Roberts, who was a great advocate for pediatric dentistry and for the Medicaid program.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. In 2023 we will continue the regular meeting schedule by Zoom unless there is feedback to change.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:35am.

Next IOHC Meetings

Friday @ 10AM to Noon on March 24, June 9, Sept 8, and December 8, 2023.

Please note March 24 is not the second Friday of the month.