

**Indiana Oral Health Coalition (IOHC) Minutes**  
**Friday, March 24, 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**

Karla Marin	Nelly Chawla
Beth Wrobel	Kimberly Koch
Nancy Ward	Leila Alter
Colleen Sullivan	Tyler Kimmel
Isaac Zeckel	Heather Waldron
Nicole Fairchild	Jae Chul Lee
Tonya Stewart	Chuck Poland
Melanie Brune	Shane Springer
Holli Seabury	Ed Rosenbaum
Ronnie Coleman	Heather Waldron
Armando Soto	Bianca Mizimakoski
Doug Bush	Marie Fox

**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 January 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 January 20, 2023, 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 Give Hoosier 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 asking for everyone who participated to submit an evaluation. IDOH partnered with McMillen Health on an educational video which was sent to all schools. Delta Dental Foundation and America's Tooth Fairy sponsored 10,000 oral health kits for preschoolers that were distributed to libraries across the state. On Feb 18 there was a collaborative library event in Indianapolis where IU students provided dental education, America's Tooth Fairy provided oral health kits, capes and masks and photos, and the Delta Dental 3 chair mobile unit provided 44 screenings for preschoolers. Delta Dental provided the dentist and Marion County provided two hygienists. As a result of that day Marion County is now going into the library weekly.
- b) **ANOCH Update-** Karla Marin and Holli Seabury will attend the national ANOCH annual meeting at the NOHC conference in Orlando. Karla will attend the annual dinner on Monday. Leila Alter will attend the ANOCH business meeting on Monday. Several other members are attending the NOHC conference
- c) **Brush Update-** Brush now serving just over 2 million children and families across 34 states. Adult oral health resource expansion is going very well. McMillen is holding Mom and Me Days where oral health screenings will be provided for moms and children from birth-35. 70 attendees are registered for the first day.
- d) **IDOH Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Update-** no update
- e) **Access to Dental Care for those with Disabilities** – McMillen Health. Nicole Fairchild gave the update on the AADMD national curriculum being developed to teach about disabilities treatment in dental schools. There will be 27 chapters written by dental professionals and faculty from across the US. Dr Pam Linder from IU is a contributing author. Isaac Knapp District Dental Society had planned to take a trip to the Lee Specialty Clinic disabilities dental clinic in Louisville on March 3. Lee Clinic had to cancel because the state was coming in that day to start construction on their clinic expansion. Dr Kimmel gave an update on how Lee is the gold standard for interdisciplinary care. Lee was honest that it would be hard to make their integrated model work if they weren't receiving funding from the state. They also talked about behavior specialists attending dental visits. Isaac Knapp is holding an event in April on disabilities treatment and will talk about challenges and try to increase the number of offices treating the IDD population. Dr Jae Chul Lee is working with Dr Pam Linder on a training module for the dental school.
- f) **Medicaid Update-**Dr. Leila Alter stated that Medicaid will resume member redeterminations starting April 1, 2023. Resources are available for providers to use in their offices to help educate members to keep their contact information current with Indiana Medicaid or they may risk losing their Medicaid benefits. On March 1<sup>st</sup>, the State of Indiana released their recommendations of managed care entities to begin contract negotiations for Indiana Pathways for Aging which is projected to start July 1, 2024. The MCEs selected are Anthem, Humana, Molina and United Healthcare. SB237 which would clarify the Medical Practice Act for MD anesthesiologists working in dental offices has passed the Senate and is currently in the House. There was discussion regarding Medicaid dental reimbursement. A potential topic for a future IOHC meeting would be on SNAP benefits.

## NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dr Soto reported he will be restarting the sealant program for rural locations, nursing homes and people with developmental disabilities and is working with Dr Chawla.

- There was a discussion on mobile units and treatment of populations like Head Start. The Delta Dental Foundation mobile unit will be available to non-profits. Delta Dental can either provide dental providers or volunteer providers can staff the unit. With less providers taking Medicaid, mobile units will be more impactful.
- Dr Isaac Zeckel announced Health Linc received a Teaching Health Center HRSA grant and will be able to expand capacity and create a residency program. Currently Indiana does not have a residency program. He also mentioned a HPV Forum on April 20th in person in South Bend, he will send the flier to Leila to pass on.

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:42am.

### **Next IOHC Meetings**

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