

IFLOSS Coalition Meeting Minutes

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Chicago

Welcome -

Judy Redick

Meeting Participants – Julie Janssen, IDPH, DOH.

Anne Clancy – Chicago Community Oral Health Forum

Mona Van Kanegan – Chicago Community Oral Health Forum

The forum has received a lot of educational materials for children – books, tools, etc. They are working on purchasing or loaning the materials to those who request them. Scripts come with the literature in children friendly, hands on, interactive language. Materials are suitable for 0-7 year olds. Some samples were displayed.

Bob Egan – Illinois Children’s Health Care Foundation

The RFP for 2010 was issued today.

Jill Baskin, DDS – Oak Park Children’s Clinic

They have more portable dental equipment and are currently working with Berwyn.

Elizabeth Lippett – Oak Park Children’s Clinic

They continue to expand. To date this year, they have served over 1,000 children in schools. Follow up is done back at the clinic for urgent care. They are looking for a director of this program.

Gus Souri, DDS – Erie Family Health Center

They are giving up the Golden Tooth Brush Award.

Michelle Arnold – Bridges to Healthy Smiles - Morreale

Mary Pat Burgess – Chicago Department of Public Health

She finally got the consent forms in the free and reduced lunch packet and they have a much higher consent return. The bad news is that when the form was sent in the packet, the HIPPA side was up first and it became an issue because people did not turn it over. They had a late start in the schools due to lawyer issues with contracts. They plan to be finished by June with all schools. CDPH is trying to switch from paper to electronic. They will be in line with sealant programs across the state in the third year of their

contract. Due to budget cuts, they will be down to four staff. They hope to see over 100,000 students this year.

Kathy Chan – Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition

She spent a lot of time working on health care reform. The annual meeting will be on June 15 at Maggiano's in downtown Chicago. What will reform mean for Illinois and Chicago in particular.

Vipul Singhal, DDS – St. Bernard Hospital

Doctors send patients to the oral health department. Will start special needs program in the future. Special care and sedation are starting in June or July.

Sharee Clough – Illinois Primary Health Care Association

She is working on an action plan. They have a new website and there is an oral health page there.

Mila Tsagalis – DuPage County Health Department

The department has expanded the mobile unit to a four day operation pretty much full time. They are starting the next five year plan for all of DuPage. Plans are to work with the new dental school.

Nancy Colovos – Northwest Community Hospital

The hospital is working on a special needs agreement with Little City. They would see all the Little City residents. Little City has part time dental hygienists on the campus with two operatories in the clinic. The scheduled start date is May 10.

Trisha Roth – Well Child Center

The WIC and pediatric program at the Center received a grant through ICHCF to do electronic records and digital x-rays. WIC appointments (12 months) are being integrated with the dental exam.

David Trost, DDS – Miles of Smiles

They are a school-based dental sealant program in about 60 counties this year. Also have *Happy Teeth, Happy Kids* program - in need of more money for projects. They have more projects than funds.

Rita Demask – Miles of Smiles

She is wearing her IDHA hat temporarily to promote the CEU program in Peoria. Thank you to IFLOSS for advertising for them.

Christina O'Connor, DDS – Lake County Health Department

Martina Caverl – Communities in Schools of Chicago

She is the oral health turn key coordinator.

Alejandra Valencia - University of Iowa

Simeone Katous – University of Illinois Chicago

Chip Stenzel – Fry Foundation

Soo Non – Fry Foundation

Dental care is one of their areas of interest.

Flavia Lamberchini

Jaci Vaughn – Illinois Department of Health and Family Services

Stephanie Acevedo – Americorps, Kane County Health Department

Jennie Pinkwater – Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

They have a grant from ICHCF to teach pediatricians how to apply varnish to the teeth of children 0-3 years of age (Bright Smiles from Birth). The program is being reimbursed through Medicaid. Over 100 trainings have been done in individual offices since January. Focus is on varnish and education. They may do a faculty training again soon in Chicago. Work is progressing on development of an online module in Chicago. A few other counties will be filming a new video next week that will feature doctors applying varnish. Information is being developed for people with special needs. Providers give specific direction to parents and other providers. A new work group has been established for children with special health care needs. Issues include reimbursement for complex care and workforce training.

Charlie Czerepak, DDS – Head Start Initiative

They are trying to get dentists to give Head Start children a dental home.

Jennifer Herd – Chicago Department of Public Health

She works in the school-based dental program.

Indru Punwani, DDS – University of Illinois Chicago School of Dentistry

Judy Redick – IFLOSS Coalition Report

ISDS Foundation Offers \$25,000 in Grant Monies

The Illinois State Dental Society Foundation is now accepting applications for its 2010 round of community grants. This year, the ISDS Foundation will award \$25,000 in grants to causes that promote and encourage improved oral health in Illinois. All applications must be postmarked by Tuesday, June 1, 2010.

Proposals will be evaluated based on audience/community impact, feasibility of the project's success, potential for continuing after the ISDS Foundation grant monies have been expended, and project potential to achieve the goals and mission of the ISDS Foundation.

For further information and to obtain a grant application, visit

www.isds.org/isdsfoundation and click on Helping Communities or contact Foundation

Program Director Tess Fyalka at 800-475-4737. Grant awards will be announced in September.

IFLOSS Board of Directors Elections

Two seats for the IFLOSS Board of Directors will be available for the July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012 term. Current Board of Directors:

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Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition

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University of Illinois at Chicago

Dr. Poonam Jain
Southern Illinois University Alton
School of Dental Medicine

Mary Pat Burgess
City of Chicago Department of Public Health

Mila Tsagalis
DuPage County Health Department

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Ms. Susan Bauer
Community Health Partnership of IL

Illinois Department of Public Health
Division of Oral Health

There are no term limits so current board members may accept a nomination. Nomination forms will be sent out to all IFLOSS voting paying members. Election will take place in May-June.

CEU Event in Peoria

Bridging the Gap: Tips for treating a patient with Autism

Saturday, April 24, 2010 8:30 AM: registration 9AM – 1PM: 4 CEU program
Illinois Central College, East Peoria campus, Lecture /Recital Hall (Room 127F)

Fee:

ADHA members \$35; Non-members \$70; Students \$10

All health care professionals are welcome...applicable for treating any special needs patient in the private practice, public health, and school setting!

Questions: email Peoria ADHS2yahoo.com or call 309-369-3586. To reserve your seat, pre-register by April 17th, 2010.

Send registration form to:

PADHS C/O Rita Demask, 1177 Rentsch Dr., East Peoria, IL 61611

Peer Advisory Work Group

Do you have questions related to starting up a dental clinic or sustaining the one you have? The IFLOSS Peer Advisory Work Group will take questions by email and try to help with suggestions based on member's own experiences. Send any questions to lisa@ifloss.org. Put Peer Advisory Work Group in the subject line.

Caswell Evans, DDS – University of Illinois Chicago School of Dentistry

There is a very important state of events the end of this month and first part of May. The General Assembly required a State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP). The first one was completed about five years ago; the second one is being completed. Three public hearings will be held on the proposed plan – sites are Bloomington, Carbondale, and Chicago. One area of emphasis is oral health. Dr. Evans will let IFLOSS know when the meetings are so they can let the membership know. The hearings are sponsored by the State Board of Health. It is important to have oral health advocates at each meeting to comment on the plan (add details and support the oral health emphasis in the plan). We do not want to be silent at these meetings.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the National Oral Health

Conference(NOHC)/American Academy of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD) in St. Louis.

At the oral health conference a statement was made that there would be a new chief for the Division of Oral Health very soon. Dr. Evans stated that he had been talking to himself about the lack of a division chief. The absence of a definitive position in oral health in state government is an important issue. It hurts our chances of getting federal grants because everyone knows that the position is in limbo. Failure of the state to hire the individual was not handled very well. The position has been vacant for almost four years. Several things need to happen – IFLOSS needs to be about the process of contacting the Governor. A letter should be written with a copy going to Quentin Young at the State Board of Health. The letter needs to emphasize that it does matter if there is a division chief and that advocates do care about that need for leadership. Draft talking points and get the correct addresses!

Linda Kaste, DDS – University of Illinois Chicago School of Dentistry

Marcy Borofsky, DDS

Julie Janssen – Division of Oral Health, Illinois Department of Public Health

IFLOSS will have a get together for Illinois people at the NOHC.

Following Dr. Evans comments on the SHIP, the state oral health plan was embedded in the original health improvement plan.

Many people helped advocate for the tax check off opportunity but enough funds were not received to meet the lowest maintenance threshold. Some funding was realized and those funds will be used for the Healthy Smiles program. New idea – try for a lotto game.

Dental Sealant and Oral Health Needs Assessment and Planning Program – the RFA will be out very soon, due back in June. There are not many changes. If a program is looking for expansion, let her know. She is going to try to get some evaluation and data collection that CDC and PEW like to get (national elements). There will be a dental sealant grant workshop this year in August in Springfield. Sealants for third graders have increased significantly.

A survey was conducted with Head Start programs across the state and that has worked very well. The Healthy Smiles report is ready to go to the Communications Section of IDPH prior to publication. There is still a need to do more with younger children and moms.

More work will be done with the Department of Human Services school health program to get more oral health education in schools.

The funding for the oral cancer and prevention program is uncertain so they are trying to integrate it in other cancer prevention programs.

The community water fluoridation reports have been completed.

Compliance for the mandatory school exams has been great, a boon for the sealant program, and gets exams to those who would not otherwise have access.

IDPH is applying to HRSA for a grant to help develop workforce data and help build community based programs.

CDC has offered four more infrastructure grants and Illinois will apply if it is eligible.

IDPH is also applying for a third year of an Early Childhood grant from HRSA.

Special needs – IFLOSS has a new work group. The Noll Dental Clinic held an open house on May 24 at their site at 5250 South Sixth Street Road, Suite 2100. They have a dentist and are providing treatment and desensitization. They are working with families to create oral health programs at home. SIU hygiene program is providing hands on learning for desensitization.

Anne Clancy – Chicago Community Oral Health Forum

The organization partnered with IFLOSS to meet with the Sprague Institute and get a project started in Chicago. In 2007 they began to engage communities in needs assessment. Rogers Park, Humboldt Park, and Englewood were the target areas. They assessed the infrastructure of Chicago and looked at the community health centers and FQHCs for services and gaps. Another and current project is assessment of oral health from an independent viewpoint. Would like to determine what their needs are. They have just started to make contact with smaller areas in Chicago and are doing different pockets of work. Special thanks to Kim Bartolomucci for putting everything together. Mona works with community groups. The results of the assessments will be on their web site soon.

Bonnie Coleman – Kane County Health Department

Chuck Lehue, DDS – University of Illinois Chicago School of Dentistry

Michelle Arnold – Morreale

They have a contract with the Illinois State Dental Society for the *Bridge to Healthy Smiles* campaign. Targets will be the legislature, media, and grass roots. In 2009 they passed two of the three pieces of legislation. One was funding that was included in the capital bill and funding will be available in July of this year. They laid the ground work for an increase in Medicaid funding and in 2010 they will have a statewide focus to increase funding for specialty care. They would like to have a six county pilot program to increase rates. The campaign will continue to press for their programs even though there is no money in the budget this year – want to be first in line when funds are available. They are still looking at creating a dental provider fund through a tax on soda. There will be two lobby days sponsored by ISDS. Legislative packets will be put together and distributed to the members of the General Assembly. Material will be available on the web site plus media hits, talking points, and a press conference. There are 29 members in their coalition.

Sue Howard – Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition

She is monitoring health care reform for IMCHC; started in February. There are a lot of changes in how insurance will operate. Pre-existing conditions will be prohibited by 2014. There will be a new system for purchasing health care coverage. Help lines will be run by the states. In Illinois it is hard to find private insurance that provides maternity care. Guidelines will be available 90 days after the signing of the legislation.

Medicaid and SHIP – not coming in terms of benefits offered but who will be covered (123% of poverty level, pregnant women, infants, children, childless adults). The SHIP program has to be reauthorized every four years. The life span of the program has been extended through 2019 and full funding is authorized through 2015.

State budget – if the state is in a budget crunch, there are maintenance of effort requirements for states. Eligibility standards cannot be changed but they can scale back on benefits.

Kathy Chan stated that there are massive amounts of money for FQHCs and community health centers. Money is for capital costs, equipment, and renovation.

Sara Segal Levy – Consultant

Drew Barrett Colgate – Bright Smiles Bright Futures

Kevin Boyd, DDS, presented a program on *Big Babies and Bad Biofilms: Some Unpleasant News about Sugar Overconsumption*.

Godfrey

Welcome

Lisa Bilbrey

Meeting Participants – Mary Christen, IDPH, DOH, Edwardsville and Marion Regions; Julie Janssen, IDPH, DOH, Central Office; Judy Redick, IFLOSS Coalition.

Local Updates

Rita Demask – Miles of Smiles

She is wearing her Illinois Dental Hygienists hat also. There will be a continuing education session in Peoria. Thanks to IFLOSS for advertising for them.

Maxine Barth – Administrator, Bond County Health Department

They have a new building that opened in September and it has a dental unit. They are quite busy but have an issue with Medicaid eligible clients not keeping their appointments. Dental sealants are being done in the schools this year.

Krista Smothers – Dental Quest (formerly Doral Dental)

They have been using a dual system for twelve months (until 2011). Only the name has changed, nothing else. Outreach – they have just completed the provider survey. The member survey will be their next activity. There are almost 2.5 million members. Mailings will be done soon.

Mary Christen – IDPH Edwardsville/Marion Regions, Division of Oral Health

Michelle Singley – student

She is a student getting wonderful experiences. She had done outreach at Beverly Farms and also the Veterans Hospital in St. Louis.

Julie Clark – Ford-Iroquois Public Health Department

They do sealants through Miles of Smiles and would like to get an oral health clinic in their county (Watseka, Paxton, and Gibson City).

Hardy Ware – East Side Health District

Hundreds of children are seen through the school year.

Tasha Addison – East Side Health District, Oral Cancer Coordinator

Judy Suter – Smile Illinois

She works as a recruiter.

Cathy Anderson – Lewis & Clark Community College – Dental Hygiene School

The campus is 130 years old. It has been a community college for 40 years.

Cathy had been teaching as an adjunct professor before the mobile unit. When the mobile unit became a reality she jumped from private practice to administer the mobile unit. She is the dental person. They need money and work. One of the nurses in one of the schools heard about them and invited them to help her. They went from zero to sixty very quickly. The van was dedicated last November; the college president gave a very moving speech.

The dental day program was born with the mobile unit. They park on school property. There are seven schools in the district, five elementary, one early development, and one special education school. Over 1000 children will receive prevention services during the 2009-2010 school year. A big element is the educational program. It has been so successful that children do not want to leave. They received grants to help with the educational program. Vitals are done on all patients. They provide a slide presentation on activities in the mobile clinic. Every school gets a report card when they are finished and then they will do a comparison from year to year. Every child that leaves gets a very nice dental package to take home. They are currently working on incorporating parent education.

Mr. Hanks (mobile unit named for him) was a charter board member when the college transitioned from a four year program to a community college. He is from Calhoun County. They took the mobile unit to his home and parked it for him to see.

Employment has been tough for their grads. Even those employed for a number of years are getting their hours cut. They are making less in their current positions. Also there is a new dental hygiene program in St. Louis that started this past year. The market is better in Missouri. Many students are getting a dual license so they can go work either place. They graduate in December as opposed to everyone else graduating in May.

This is an expensive program on campus, will be watching lost tuition through students dropping out. There is one faculty member to five students. English classes have thirty-five students per one faculty member. They have fourteen alums on their adjunct staff which speaks volumes about the program and that they want to be a part of it.

Tours of the mobile unit were conducted at the end of the meeting.

**Bloomington
May 11, 2010**

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Meeting Participants – Julie Janssen, IDPH, Division of Oral Health, Central Office; Judy Redick, IFLOSS Coalition; Kathleen Thacker, IDPH, Division of Oral Health, Peoria Regional Office.

Local Updates

Clifford Brown, DDS – Dental Sealants & More

He is the director of school-based programs in several counties. He refers patients to Dr. Marshall in Pekin.

Jerry Marshall, DDS – Tazewell County Health Department

He tries to find dental homes for students. They are only allowed to see Tazewell county people. He has a friend who is an oral surgeon who helps him out occasionally and takes Doral patients that are referred from Dr. Marshall. Dr. Marshall has 111 new patients; treated 902 in April.

Mary Moss – Pike County Health Department

They held a dental fair and had over 70 vendors. Dr. Ginter from Chicago did screenings. The health department is trying to write a grant to build a dental clinic. There is some resistance from a local group who is afraid of losing business. The group would like the health department to only serve Medicaid clients and have no sliding fee scale. Staff from ISDS will come down to meet with them. Douglas County had a similar situation.

Jenny Harpman – Orland Park Dental Services

They are having problems finding dental homes for clients. They are looking at a mobile van to do restorative care and would like to get the language/license to do it in the DORM by next July.

Alicia Ekhoﬀ – Champaign-Urbana Public Health District

Their program has a self-sustaining issue with three years of controlling budgets and small staff. There are three dental hygienists, two full time dentists plus a PRN dental hygienist and dentist. They are within 10% of sustaining the clinic. She brought two dental hygienists with her, one from the Early Childhood program, and the coordinator of the sealant program. They are struggling with parental consents for the sealant program. They are getting the secretaries in the schools to work with them to get an increased number of consents. The forms are online. They are only serving about 50% of eligible children. They would like to see an increase in numbers. Phone numbers change frequently. She sent a letter about 6-8 weeks ago to all orthodontists in the area and has gotten three responses – one will become a provider, one will meet with them to discuss case management of these children. They are also starting a six week program working with Maternal and Child Health and the University of Illinois extension office to have twenty minute educational classes with WIC mothers with children up to three years of age. The program is called *Healthy Snacks for Healthy Smiles*. They applied for a HRSA grant for early childhood oral health brochures (multilingual) and toothbrushes that will go to parents of babies born in Champaign County. The local dental society gave them an award for their participation in Give Kids A Smile day.

Sheree Clough – Illinois Primary Health Care Association

The network is getting close to creating a plan. She will soon be able to tell people how to get to the web site. There is a workshop on sustainability on August 4.

Heidi Johnson – Intern, Illinois Department of Health and Family Services

She works with the school program.

Krista Smothers – Dental Quest

DORM comes out in July.

Jaci Vaughn – Illinois Department of Health and Family Services

She handles client complaints and does special projects.

Rita Demask – Miles of Smiles

They are looking for a dentist for their program. There is a dentist on medical leave and one retiring. Several counties have encouraged them to take children with insurance and that is very well accepted by the families. They have conversations with private practice dentists. Happy Teeth Happy Kids is their not for profit group that provides funds for treatment beyond the normal.

The Illinois State Dental Society and Illinois Dental Hygienists Association met in January and will introduce legislation that will allow dentists to volunteer, not be enrolled as a Medicaid provider, and the clinic can bill for the services provided.

Margie Harris – Logan County Department of Public Health

They are going to Head Start schools now and are doing early Head Start also. Once they have a fixed site clinic, mobile use will change.

Susan Albee – McLean County Health Department

They see children four days a week and adults on Friday. They are in the black right now. The dental hygienist sees a child every twenty minutes. Their clinic is the only one openly seeing Medicaid clients. There is an extraction clinic conducted twice a year with oral surgeons.

Deb O’Connell – Heartland Head Start

Her group covers Livingston County, spends about \$100,000 a year on dental care.

Kathy Olson – Milestone

A new sedation bill passed and they had intensive training for three days. There is an additional twenty hours of training and project monitors for conditional monitoring. The dentist has additional training hours also. The ISDS is trying to put an online course together.

Her organization just hired a pediatric dentist who will work four or five days per month. The pediatric dentist is getting credentialed at Swedish American and will see patients from forty counties.

Maureen Sollars – McLean County Health Department

She is the early childhood coordinator at the health department.

Amanda Minor – Douglas County Health Department

She wants to work on a huge problem with oral sedation. They are partnering with Smile Healthy to get a planning grant to present a packet to local hospitals. It costs \$300.00 for use of the operating room.

Deb O'Connell reported that she works with a Catholic hospital and they let them use their Medicaid operating room.

Lisa Biehl – Douglas County Health Department

She is the director of the dental clinic and oversees the sealant program. They have a lab now and do endodontics, crowns, partial dentures. She is looking for suggestions on how to improve failure rates. They transport the Head Start clients.