

IFLOSS Coalition Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2006

Bloomington

March 29, 2006

Chicago

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Carbondale

Meeting Participants – Bloomington

Lisa Bilbrey, Mary Christian (IDPH, DOH Edwardsville office), Anne Clancy (IDPH, DOH Chicago office), Julie Janssen, Judy Redick, Ann Roppel (IDPH, DOH Champaign office), Kathy Thacker (IDPH, DOH Peoria office).

Sally O'Donnell and Carolyn Bileddo - Rock Island County Health Department - School Health Link (school-linked health centers)

Vanessa Lentz - Smile Illinois

Carrie Neff - Knox County Health Department

If the dentist sees students at the health department, they belong to the health department. If the students are the dentist's patients, he/she will see them. Where does the abandoned patient law apply?

Marilyn Craig - Donated Dental Services

Their dentists donate services for the chronic, disabled, handicapped, elderly. They have 278 dentists throughout the state who provide a lot of free oral health work. A brochure and application for services were distributed.

Maureen Solars - McLean County Health Department

They have a new dentist, three days/week children's dentistry, ½ day /week adult dentistry

Deb O'Connell - Heartland Head Start

They are having another free dental extraction clinic and have formed an early childhood task force.

Joyce Barajas and Diana Rawlings - Bureau and Putnam County Health Departments

Julie Bickle - Mercer County Health Department

Leslie Frederick - University of Illinois, Division of Specialized Care for Children

Kristi Lessen - Logan County Healthy Communities Partnership

They have new funding from Children's Health Care Foundation for their mobile unit.

Mary Moss - Pike County Health Department

They have two dentists that do sealants for their school children. One bills Medicaid, one does not. Trying to get them to see students that they see in clinic in their offices.

Kathy Olson - Milestone Dental Clinic, Rockford.

They are using the Ronald McDonald van nine days a quarter. Of 58 people they examined, there were only eight without decay. Crusader Clinic is no longer doing restorative care, only preventive.

Kathy Schleich - IL Dental Hygiene Association

Julie Shepard - Adams County Health Department.

They have two full and one part-time dentist.

Stacy DeJaynes - Peoria City County Early Head Start

Paula Trone

Liz Bernhal - IL Department of Children and Family Services

David Trost - Miles of Smiles

Fees have gone up. They will expand treatment into other areas they have not been in before. Setting aside money for restorative treatment.

Lisa Bilbrey Coalition Report

Membership

The coalition has 97 dues paying members with voting privileges, 5 of which are lifetime members. Members receive renewal information based on their enrollment date.

News

The Aetna Foundation is accepting proposals right now (end of February to the end of March). Grants are only available for Cook, DuPage, Lake and McHenry counties.

http://www.aetna.com/foundation/communitygrants/2004_rfp.htm.

Childhood Health

Improving the health of our nation's most vulnerable citizens is important to Aetna and the Aetna Foundation. This proposal category seeks community-based health education, prevention and early detection efforts; which increase access to care, including culturally sensitive care, and ensure the healthy development of our children (birth through elementary school).

Proposals submitted in this category must address one of the following areas: **Oral health or obesity (including diabetes)**. Preference will be given to programs that incorporate one or more of the following:

- Family and/or caregiver involvement;
- Pediatrician centered, a touch point to care;
- School-based implementation;
- Integrated care delivery (e.g., dental/medical, obesity/diabetes); and
- Linkages to ongoing preventive and sustainable care.

IFLOSS List Serv

The address to sign up is: <http://mailman.outfitters.com/mailman/listinfo/ifflosscoalition>
This will eliminate bulk emails. Everyone may participate in announcements or general discussion.

There is also an electronic newsletter that will be put out three times per year. First one was published in February.

Lisa wants to get a yearly calendar established. Task today is to set dates for the July and November meetings. **The Bloomington meetings will be July 11 and November 16. Please mark your calendars.**

CEU Opportunity

The Central Illinois Academy of General Dentistry is presenting a continuing education opportunity. This program will be on Thursday, March 16 and Friday, March 17. You may attend one or both days. There is no fee for public health workers. You must, however, pre-register by Wednesday, March 15 so the correct head count is obtained. For information/register call: Dr. Susan Bishop (309) 692-1796 or email at sbishop@co.peoria.il.us.

Judy Redick Policy Development and Legislative Committee Report

Committee met by conference call on Wednesday, November 15 and December 6, 2005; January 10 and February 14, 2006. Attendance was pretty consistent with at least 10 members in attendance. The December 6 call was cancelled after about 15 minutes for lack of attendance.

Lisa Gregory, Illinois Primary Health Care Association, provided an explanation of a 501c3 organization and what it can and cannot do regarding lobbying and legislative activity. It was a very informative session.

Roger Ricketts provided updates on the Health Care Justice Plan. Lisa Bilbrey has been very conscientious in providing dates for the hearings; occasionally she receives notices on very short notice.

Dr. Trost attended the Health Care and Family Services Medicaid Meeting. The agency is willing to change the current language to reflect that services can be received **yearly** in the school program (once in the school setting and once in a private office). Permission needs to be granted to make the changes but the agency did not foresee problems.

The budget for FY 2007 had already been developed and sent to the Office of Management and Budget; not much chance for additions. The Lt. Governor's staff did take our proposal for additional oral health funds to the Lt. Governor who in turn talked to the Governor. No further action.

The elimination of the Department of Health Care and Family Services statewide median cap in calculating FQHCs Medicaid dental payment rate is still an issue that the Primary Health Care Association continues to work on with the agency.

Chairman Dr. David Trost suggested that the committee study each of the six issues identified by the committee, one at a time, review them thoroughly, and then go to the next issue. He suggested that the committee also reach out to other health professionals and work with them to strengthen the voice of oral health. Issues studied to date include Medicaid reimbursement rates and incentives to attract dentists and dental hygienists into serving low-income families without overburdening their caseload.

Legislation pertaining to oral health was discussed at the January and February meetings. The only piece of legislation still alive pertaining to oral health is SB 2395. It requires that a census be done as part of license renewal for dentists and hygienists. It would provide data on the available workforce. The bill passed the Senate and was assigned to the Rules Committee in the House and then to the Regulation and Registration Committee. The ISDS planned to offer some amendments in the House. The Legislative Committee is also looking at some clarifying language.

Julie Janssen Illinois Department of Public Health

The Early Childhood Caries Program (ECC) continues to train all WIC and Head Start agencies in Illinois to provide clients with oral health education through the Grins Education Manual. A new pilot of fluoride varnish use in WIC will begin soon in DuPage County, and the Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, will add the Illinois Family Practice Physicians to their MD ECC training efforts. They are working with Head Start to develop a system of sending information to the state.

The Division of Oral Health is piloting an oral health K-12 curriculum throughout the state. It is aligned with the Illinois State Board of Education Learning Standards.

Dr. Lampiris was invited to provide testimony regarding oral health to a special committee of the Health Care Justice Task Force.

The three oral health cancer prevention grantees have begun to implement their program studies, and are training staff and planning screening events.

The Workforce Study Report and the Healthy Smiles Healthy Growth Report should be available soon.

The Illinois Rural Health Association annual meeting is next month, April 12-13 in Bloomington.

The Division of Oral Health presented the third grade oral health and obesity survey data to the annual meeting of the Coalition Lowering Obesity of Chicago Children. Those children were intrigued with the oral health link.

IFLOSS members were asked to help the Division of Oral Health inform local dentists and dental hygienists about the new school dental exam mandate and the importance of their participation in completing those exams.

The hygiene school at SIU is having an accreditation hearing. Prepare continuing education for PH101. Will talk about how to fund that, talked to Illinois Primary Health Care Association about informing their members about how to link with the community, school based, and work with providers in the community, have them provide access to care in their community. Lisa has written a grant proposal for linking children with special health care needs into the state plan.

Dr. Lewis Lampiris, Division Chief, Oral Health, Illinois Department of Public Health

On Wednesday, March 22, a major two-year project came to fruition. A training program, developed jointly by the Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Oral Health, and the Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatricians, will be piloted in Cook County. The program will train pediatricians to do oral health anticipatory guidance and fluoride varnishes for very young children 0-3. North Carolina has provided the program for three years. A definite reduction in decay rate has been noted when pediatricians are involved in early oral health care.

A draft paper, *Fluoride in Drinking Water – A Scientific Review of Standard*, was released by NRC. The report was sponsored by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a routine examination of the agency's current standards. **The report may generate media and public interest because it examines whether the amount of naturally occurring fluoride currently allowed in drinking water poses a health risk.**

- This report deals only with **naturally** occurring levels of fluoride in water. A very small segment of the U.S. population, estimated to be less than one percent, is on public water systems where the natural levels of fluoride are above that recommended by the EPA.
- This report in no way examines or calls into question the safety of community water fluoridation. Water fluoridation is the adjustment of the natural level of fluoride to a level to help prevent tooth decay. When the natural levels of fluoride in water are very low, a small amount of fluoride is added in order to achieve an optimal level,

which is between 0.7-1.2 parts per million. A part per million can be likened to one cent in \$10,000 – that’s how small an amount we’re talking about.

- More research on the topic of fluoride and its effect on the public’s health.
- The U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cited community water fluoridation as one of 10 great public health achievements of the 20th century, and the ADA continues to endorse water fluoridation as a vital public health measure to prevent tooth decay.
- The EPA will carefully review the report and then decide what next steps need to be taken.

The first IFLOSS Board Meeting will be held on Friday, April 7.

Staff from the Illinois Departments of Public Health (IDPH) and Health and Family Services (HFS) is working together to set up a system of certification for providers in school-based programs. Doral Dental is involved in the discussion. Criteria being discussed include:

- Name of the entity with whom the provider has an affiliation
- Names and credentials of all staff who provide care in a school setting
- Provider agreement would require:
 - Doral, HFS and IDPH, Division of Oral Health be given a list of schools where services would be provided at least sixty days in advance of the provision of services
 - Doral and HFS receive copies of all materials utilized to market programs to schools and parents, and copies of all consent forms
 - After services are delivered in the school, a list of names and identification numbers will be provided for all Medicaid/All Kids children seen in the school
 - Doral, HFS, and IDPH quality assurance consultants would have free access to the school site while services are being performed
 - Examinations, fluoride treatments, and prophylaxis would be provided, and dental sealants would be applied to all appropriate permanent molar teeth. CDC guidelines would be utilized for tooth selection.
 - A list of referral sites by school that are county specific for children needing further care
 - Assurance of a sealant retention rate of 90% within one year of application of sealants
 - Modification of consent forms to allow follow-up review by HFS/DORAL Quality Assurance staff.

Dr. Lampiris visited with Senator Durbin and Congressman Jackson in Washington, D.C. Issues discussed included:

- The importance of federal funding in supporting the Division of Oral Health’s (DOH) infrastructure and capacity to improve oral health
- The burden of oral disease on the children of Illinois

- DOH programs and how CDC funding has allowed the DOH to bring on an epidemiologist, health communications specialist, fluoridation database manager, and sealant coordinator
- Products and outcomes specific to CDC's support.

CDC has named an expert panel on the use of dental sealants in schools. The ADA has named an expert panel on the use of fluoride to prevent dental decay.

A group of national foundations met in Massachusetts to find out how foundations can make an impact on policy in oral health. The purpose would be to advance individual knowledge about what is possible in terms of improving oral health by affecting policy change. Catherine Dunham of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's funded **Access Project in Boston** would convene meetings two or three times a year so that state oral health programs could learn from each others' work. Ms. Dunham would collect knowledge and insights about what oral health promotion policies have been or are in various states. They would like to visit Illinois and Carolina. The foundations include the United Methodist Ministries, Washington Health Services, California Endowment, Colorado Endowment, and Mid-Iowa Foundation. They will meet at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library on June 12 to discuss how Illinois has succeeded in the policy development area and how they assist us in garnering foundation support to further policy development.

A writer for the Chicago Tribune published an article in the paper about the plight of oral health patients in Chicago who are in need of urgent care. Resources are limited and there are long waiting lists. The article was very well written and several attendees will be sending an email to the editor as well as the writer of the article.

Grantees – Please spend your money or notify us so that we may redirect the funds.

The Division of Oral Health has contacted the Illinois Rural Health Association to assist in developing the next iteration of the Illinois Oral Health Plan. A draft evaluation report, which will serve as the foundation for the next version of the plan, has been provided to the Division and will be available soon.. Dr. Lampiris is looking for volunteers to host and be a convener for town hall meetings around the state. There will be two in Chicago, one in Aurora. Mila Tsagalis will work on the meeting in DuPage County. A summit will be held in the fall. Children with special health care needs and children living with developmental delays are not addressed in the current plan. Other populations that need to be addressed include the aging and the autistic.

SIU College of Dentistry and the SIU School of Hygiene in Carbondale are implementing programs for the autistic. The SIU Alton College of Dentistry will train on how to treat.

The Division of Oral Health provided technical assistance to Doral Dental of Illinois in the development of a letter of intent to the Illinois Children's Health Care Foundation. The letter is seeking support in the development of a peer educator program wherein

currently enrolled Medicaid dental providers will serve as conduits to attract more providers to serve this population.

CHICAGO MEETING – MARCH 29, 2006

Meeting Participants – Chicago

Lisa Bilbrey, Mary Christian, Ann Clancy, Julie Janssen, Judy Redick, Ann Roppel, and Kathy Thatcher.

Welcome

Ray Cooke, President

Lisa Bilbrey

Coalition Report

A yearly calendar needs to be established. Task today is to set dates for the July and November meetings. **The Chicago meetings will be July 19 and November 15. Please mark your calendars.**

Chicago HIV Breakfast Club

April 5, 2006

“Opportunistic Infections in the Oral Cavity,” presented by Herve Sroussi DMD, PhD

7:30AM to 9:00AM

Marriott Chicago Medical District/UIC

Please join us for the April meeting of the Chicago HV Breakfast Club. Our topic this month is: “Opportunistic Infections in the Oral Cavity”

Speaker: Herve Sroussi DMD, PhD

Department of Oral Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences, UIC College of Dentistry

Date: April 5, 2006

Time: 7:30am – 9:00 am

LOCATION: MARRIOTT CHICAGO MEDICAL DISTRICT/UIC

625 S Ashland

CHICAGO, IL 60607

CME PURPOSE:

To help physicians provide optimum care to patients who present with emerging complications and toxicities of HIV disease and treatment.

CME PROGRAM OBJECTIVE: UPON COMPLETION OF THIS PROGRAM, PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO:

- Identify emerging regimens and strategies for various stages of HIV
- Identify emerging complication and toxicities of long-term HIV disease and treatment
- Discuss current guidelines for initiating, changing and monitoring response to therapy in HIV positive patients

- Discuss HAART pharmacokinetic interactions and implications for successful therapy and toxicities

INTENDED AUDIENCE:

PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS (INTERNAL MEDICINE, FAMILY PRACTICE, OB/GYN), PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, AND ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES WHO ARE MANAGING PATIENTS WITH HIV DISEASE.

ACCREDITATION:

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the University of Illinois College of Medicine and MATEC. The University of Illinois College of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The University of Illinois College of Medicine designates this educational activity for a maximum of 1.5 hours category 2 credits that he/she actually spent in the activity.

Confirmation of Attendance: Please RSVP by calling Alicia McDonald: 312-996-4429

Dr. Brian Schwarzbut, 773-802-0355, is looking for summer work in the Chicagoland/Central Illinois areas. He participates in the sealant program during the school year.

Carol Jahn – Illinois Dental Hygiene Association/American Dental Hygiene Assn.
Her organization(s) has been lobbying to get a pilot advanced practice dental hygiene practitioner program through HRSA.

Mila Tsagalis – DuPage County Health Department, Division of Oral Health
They are using the mobile dental clinic successfully.

Kathy Chan – Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition

She provided an update on the All Kids Program and passed out three information sheets including a pre-registration form. All Kids is a new program that will provide health insurance to every Illinois child. A timeline will be developed by the IL Department of Health and Family Services with the program scheduled to begin July 1. Implementation will be completed in Cook and the collar counties by December of 2006. The central and southern part of the state will be completed by March of 2007. RFPs will be submitted to provide coordination of this effort. Local health departments will have to fill out applications to be providers. They have been getting a lot of questions but the Department is still in the process of creating rules so it may be awhile before there are answers. Dentists will not be part of the PCCM (primary care case management). The challenge is the Medicaid/Kid Care reimbursement rates for dental services.

Questions: Can you sign up as an entity vs. a provider? Is there a potential for a carve-out for different fee rates? Will they be able to look up on the Internet if person is eligible? Will they be putting in claims? How do they pay premiums? Will parents pay premiums when they need services or do they continue to pay premiums annually? School health centers will probably be PCPs (Primary Care Providers).

Training for the program will be held in May.

Dr. Lampiris noted the difference of primary care vs. managed care.

Nancy Colovos – Northwest Community Hospital Mobile Dental Clinic

Kena Norris – Illinois Primary Health Care Association

One fourth of their spending is in dentistry.

Doree Kalfer – dental hygienist, Northwest Community Hospital

Dr. Robert Vitas – American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation

They have a new parent kit. They worked out the problems with evaluation and it has been distributed to four places around the country.

Sue Hickerson – Community Nurse Health Association

Shirl Cannon, Community Nurse Health Association

They have two dentists who work thirty-five hours per week.

Gerard S. Cieben, DDS, MPH – Salvation Army Harbor Light Dental Clinic

Carla Schils, RDH, BS

Bob Egan, Executive Director, Illinois Children’s Health Care Foundation

Vicki Makovec - Erie Family Health Center

Dr. Susana Torres - Lawndale Christian Health Center

They have pilot programs in pre-school and other grade levels in the schools.

Dr. Linda Kaste – University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Dentistry

The National Oral Health Conference will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas on Monday, May 1 through Thursday, May 4. It is a combined meeting for the American Association of Public Health Dentists, American Association of Community Dental Programs, American Dental Hygiene Association, and Association of Territorial Dental Directors. There will be a Midwest focus this year – community-based education programs. All are encouraged to attend. A paper was distributed outlining the program as well as providing an email address for registration.

There is a community partners' conference the end of May. A lot of community dental programs will be learning how to integrate students into community settings. Get message of oral health out.

Mary Pat Burgess – Chicago Department of Public Health

They now have six contracted providers for the city and will provide assistance to 563 schools by June. She is writing an RFP to start this process all over again for the next three years, working on an intergovernmental agreement with the Chicago Public Schools. They have done some quality assurance pieces already, getting 100% for some providers. Some schools did not want them. These schools have at least 30% or more Medicaid/Kid Care students. Dental assistants are working with them in the program now. The oral health program will be moving to 43rd and Cottage Grove (DHS Building) in the middle of June.

Sharita Webb – Chicago Department of Public Health

Dr. Greta Ivers – Chicago Department of Public Health

Omayra Giachello – Illinois Department of Public Health, Regional Health Officer and Administrative Law Judge, West Chicago and Rockford Regions

Marcy Borofsky – Smile Illinois

Jennifer L. Bereckis – City of Berwyn

Marsha Siik – University of Wisconsin, School of Medicine and Public Health

Presented a brochure on their program and stated they would be delighted to have Illinois dental school graduates placed in practice in Wisconsin.

Louisa Collins – Illinois Foundation for Dentistry for the Handicapped

Provided brochure on their program.

Gregory Jacob, D.D.S.

Private practice dentist. Feel very strongly that dental hygienists should be allowed to practice more independently. Denture care is another issue.

Dr. Christina O'Connor – Lake County Dentist

Charles Czerepak, D.M.D. – Pine Dental Office

Elizabeth Lippitt – Infant Welfare Clinic

In July their agency will expand from three to five dental chairs.

Ann Marie Walker – Delta Dental of Illinois

Dr. Tom Kropidowski – Chicago Department of Public Health

Ray Cooke led a discussion on how to improve oral health in Illinois. In the past, issues discussed included reimbursement, labor needs, marketing, and data. He felt a committee should be named to look at marketing oral health. An email will be sent to see who would like to be on a marketing committee. Mr. Cooke opened the meeting to discuss marketing oral health. Ideas brought forth included: getting more media coverage in newspapers like the article in the Chicago Tribune; making the systemic connection between medical and oral health; focusing on a social marketing basis (it is not just an issue of cavities); looking at impact on emergency rooms (costs, pain treatment vs correction of problem); learning to sell themselves and their product. Some facts noted: no dentist on the Health Care Justice Act Team; oral health is 8/10 of 1% of Health and Family Services (IDHFS) budget; 38% of the usual and customary fee is what dentists get for services provided from DHFS (overhead costs are greater than that).

Dr. Lampiris suggested that they start with the Surgeon General's Report. They should address the oral health needs of people living with cancer – meet with oncologists to establish the systemic interface.

Another idea was to petition the state medical group to ask for medical volunteers to join the oral health group. IFLOSS can be the group to reach common ground for all interests. Set goals (6 months, 5 years). Name the committee. June 12 – have proposal ready at that time. Come up with logic model.

Carol Jahn and Elizabeth Lippett volunteered to be part of the marketing committee.

CARBONDALE MEETING – MARCH 30, 2006

Welcome

Ray Cooke

Meeting Participants – Mary Christian, Julie Janssen, and Judy Redick.

Coalition Report

A yearly calendar needs to be established. Task today is to set dates for the July and November meetings. **The southern Illinois' meetings will be July 13 and November 28 at the SIU Center for Rural Health. Please mark your calendars.**

Ronda DeMattei – SIUC Dental Hygiene School

Regina Pfister - SIUC Dental Hygiene School

Julia Altadonna – BCMW Head Start

Diana Freeman – BCMW Head Start

Phyllis Wood – Egyptian Health Department (Gallatin, Saline, White Counties)

Kim Gueterslough – SIU Center for Rural Health

They sponsor training program for CEUs for practitioners in mental health, substance abuse, social services, and education entities. They have a regional training committee.

Sandy Maurizio – SIUC – Community Dental Center

They are trying to hire an educational dentist. Their clinic is open Monday (evening also), Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Four staff dentists work in the clinic. They have four new private operatories and a nice reception desk and area for their clinic. Illinois Children's Health Care Foundation awarded them a grant to expand oral health services to rural children through the existing university clinic and to develop a model for the delivery of oral health services to developmentally disabled children.

Lisa Blackledge – SIUC – Community Dental Center - ICHF

They see 7-14 children per day. A lot of patient and adult education in nutrition and oral hygiene is provided.

Teri McSherry – SIUC – Community Dental Center – ICHF

They hope to do more school-based work in the summer. They did the school exams last year for Head Start.

John Flora – Create A Smile Dental Foundation

The program helps low-income clientele pay for dental work. They get charity cases from local dentists. This year they have had 80 applicants and have helped about 30 people so far.

Elaine Jurkowski – SIUC – School of Social Work

She had her students prepare a policy statement for written testimony for the Health Care Justice Act Hearing.

Fred Bernstein – CHESI

He has 12 facilities and operates four dental clinics with four dentists and three dental hygienists. He is talking with White County about providing services there. The facilities are Federal Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and they are the only Medicaid provider. The facility in Harrisburg is open five days a week and they have served over 2,000 clients; Rosaclare Clinic is open Monday and Wednesday and has served close to 200; Cairo is open five days a week; Tams and Alexander County are open four days a week, closed on Friday. He would like to add an oral surgeon, another dentist, and provide school-based services. He likes to have children come into the facilities. No services are provided in Jackson or Williamson County.

Sherri Lukes – SIUC Dental Hygiene Program

Provides community education courses, serves on the Oral Health Advisory Committee in the Illinois Department of Health and Family Services, and is working to get a provider number for the clinic rather than individual provider numbers. Pushing for allowing services to be provided anytime within the school year.