

**Southeast Iowa Oral Health Coalition  
October 24, 2013**

**Present: Judy Bartachek, Dr. Ali Bassler, Melissa Calvillo, Dawn Doore, Tammy Forseen, Dr. Georges, Rachael Patterson-Rahn, and Ginger Shaw.**

- **School Dental Screening Requirement 2012-2013 Results**

*The 2012-2013 School Dental Screening Audit Report Summary was provided to all. Limited copies of the full (22 page) report were available for review. Compliance for 9<sup>th</sup> grade is down more than usual because IDPH informed agencies in early April that they could no longer offer gap-filling screenings later than four months after enrollment, therefore many schools did not receive gap-filling screenings as there were many scheduled in conjunction with audits in April and May.*

- **School Dental Screening Requirement 2013-2014**

*Arrangements have been made with many schools to provide gap-filling screenings for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students prior to four months after enrollment, so 9<sup>th</sup> grade compliance should improve from 2012-2013. The audit deadline will be earlier than usual due to Rachael's maternity leave in order to review record reviews prior to submission.*

*Upon providing gap-filling screenings at Keokuk High School earlier this month, Rachael had a feeling that fewer kids had decay than in years past. She quickly realized that the Freshman this year would have been 2<sup>nd</sup> graders during the 2006-2007 school year – the first year of the school-based dental sealant program – and this was likely more than a hunch! In fact, 21.5% of 9<sup>th</sup> graders at KHS receiving gap-filling screenings this year had suspected or obvious tooth decay whereas 36.9% of 9<sup>th</sup> graders at KHS receiving gap-filling screenings the past time had suspected or obvious tooth decay – a 15.4% decrease! The group thanked Dawn for her excellent work in the sealant program and celebrated a success.*

- **Give Kids a Smile® 2014/ National Children's Dental Health Month**

*Our 2014 GKAS program has been registered on the American Dental Association website and free product was requested. Product recipients are posted in early December and should we receive free products, they usually arrive in January.*

*2014 GKAS participation survey packets were sent to dentists throughout the five-county service area early this week. Rachael commented they were sent this same time last year, so we should be on track.*

*Rachael asked Dr. Bassler if she was active in the Des Moines County Dental Society and explained they have been funding appreciation meals\* for participating dentists in Des Moines County for several years. Dr. Bassler is not currently active, but will make contact with dentists who are at this time. Rachael further explained that Dr. Laun had been very instrumental in the overall coordination of Des Moines County appreciation. Dr. Bassler seemed to be willing to help as well. \*appreciation meals – in most recent*

*years we have simply provided pastries, fruit, and juice in the morning to simplify the process*

*In addition, Rachael asked for assistance from group with coordination of appreciation for Fort Madison and Keokuk areas. She explained that with now having to provide gap-filling screenings for 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall on top of 2014 GKAS planning, her schedule has become more cramped and help may be needed. Ginger offered to be available for assistance.*

- Iowa Mission of Mercy

*The event occurred on October 18 and 19, but statistics have not yet been made available.*

- Proposed changes to Iowa Dental Board rules for Public Health Supervision of dental hygienists

*IDB agreed in August to merely adopt a best practices document and forego any formal rules change at this time related to public health supervision. The best practice document has not been made available to date. Public Health hygienists were relieved that a rules change will not be occurring that may adversely affect our ability to provide gap-filling direct services. Of course, it is always possible that a formal rules change could be revisited by the Board. Also, it was noted that individual dentists supervising public health hygienists could make agreements more or less strict based on their personal preferences.*

*At the recent I-Smile™ Coordinator's meeting, Mary Kelly, public health hygienist and Iowa Dental Board member, presented on infection control. Rachael explained that LCHD will be implementing some changes and increasing written policies and procedures related to infection control in response to her presentation. Furthermore, Rachael shared that Mary Kelly made it clear that IDB can come to public health settings unannounced to conduct inspections related to infection control.*

- Community Transformation Grant – Dental Office Project Update

*Phase 1 (Southeast Iowa) year-end report for dental offices in Jefferson, Lee, and Van Buren Counties receiving training on blood pressure and tobacco use screenings was provided to all. Jefferson County success story was shared – Older gentleman with extremely high blood pressure was sent to emergency room and was told he avoided a heart attack by coming when he did. Man later delivered a dozen roses to RDH at dental office. Rachael explained that phase 2 (Southwest Iowa) has begun and she recently trained the dental office in Davis County as part of this next phase. She explained the program will continue to move around the State in the coming years. Counties are targeted by the following: CTG funding and/or high rates of heart attack and stroke.*

- Iowa Oral Disease Prevention Program (CDC Grant Project)

*Handout outlining IDPH objectives related to the CDC funding for the Iowa Oral Disease Prevention Program was provided to all. The increase of IDPH staffing and expansion of school-based dental sealant programs throughout the State were highlighted. The State aims to have 50% of high-risk (40% or more free and reduced cost lunch rate) elementary and middle schools with school-based dental sealant programs. Recently, a RFP was released for agencies without IDPH school-based dental sealant funding. Rachael anticipates there may be additional funding opportunities for currently funded programs to apply for down the road in order to serve more schools.*

- Programming and Grant Activity Updates including FY14

*Rachael shared that LCHD is planning to purchase a new or used autoclave for the school-based dental sealant program. Dawn shared that LCHD is still looking for a dental assistant for the school-based dental sealant program that would be available on one or more of the following: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.*

*Dawn and Tammy provided brief updates on Head Start and child care center/preschool programming. Both RDHs expressed that decay rates seem to be going down!*

*LCHD also has a new oral health consultant at IDPH and will be having a site visit with her this fall.*

- Provider Updates

*Dr. Schroeder has retired.*

*Dr. Kircher has increased his returnable deposit amount from \$15.00 to \$20.00. Group discussed how this has already been a barrier for some families.*

- Other

*Melissa shared that some Davis and Jefferson County Title XIX recipients' healthcare coverage is being managed by a private company instead of the State (HMO). She wanted group to be aware as this may come up in conversation with clients.*

*Dr. Bassler spoke about Rebecca Dobbs being available at CHC to help with accessing insurance through [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov). The service is available to the public; need not be patients of CHC. Dr. Bassler was uncertain exactly what classification of training e.g. navigator, certified application counselor, Rebecca had taken.*

*Rachael stated that she learned the lead coalition has a yearly project and stated if the group had any interest in doing something like that as a team to bring ideas forward.*

- Next meeting date

*Thursday, January 16 at 3:00 at LCHD*