



***Wisconsin Oral Health Coalition
General Membership Meeting Notes***

September 23, 2004
Best Western
Stevens Point, WI

Members in Attendance:

Bohacek, Brown, Ciesielski, Dufek-Maier, Fischer, Gutowski, Hanson, C Hughes, T Hughes, Hvizdak, Kerl, Kinzel, Klein, Klemm, Kosydar-Dreves, LeMay, McFarlin, McKenney, Michno, Miller, Myers, Nycz, Ordinans, Pfeffer, Post, Rublee, Schaller, Stempski, Stieneker, Watermolen

Guests:

Dennis Engel, DDS-WDA; Dennis McGuire, Executive Director-WDA; Sabrina Fox-WDA; Bruce Barrette, DDS-WDEB

Meeting Convened: 9:30 AM, Ray Myers-Chair

Notes from April 21, 2004 –Accepted as revised: Add C Hughes to attendees, change date to April 21.

Committee Reports:

- **Prevention/Clinical Care Committee**—Warren LeMay, DDS, Chair, reported on previous years activities and that the committee will focus efforts on three activities in the future. No recommendation—no action.
- **Sustainability Committee**—Karen Ordinans, Chair, reported on previous years activities stressing that the strength of the Coalition can only be sustained through commitment of the partners, members and supporters. No recommendation—no action
- **Policy Development Committee**—Tom Hughes, DDS, Chair, reported on previous years activities by stressing that Coalition must to continue activities that will realize a comprehensive approach to increasing access to oral health care. No recommendation--no action.
- **Steering Committee**—Ray Myers, Chair, reported on previous years activities stressing, “It is now time to move forward with various initiatives that will build understanding and remove barriers that limit access to oral health care in Wisconsin”. No recommendation—no action.

New Business:

- Adopted revised Rules of Operation
- Adopted revised Policy Recommendations
- Adopted Fluoridation Resolution
- New Steering Committee Members representing the following skill sets were accepted for 2004-06 term:
 - Georgia Fischer, Rural Dental Clinic, Langlade--Advocacy
 - Ray Myers, St. Joseph’s Hospital, Chippewa Falls--Medical Provider
 - David Florsheim, Doral Dental, Milwaukee—Oral Health Financing
 - Alison Klein, Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association, Madison—Community Health Centers

- Paula Mischno, Rhinelander—Consumer/Parent
- Carolyn Hughes, Representative Jake Hines staff, Madison—Policy Maker
- Dennis Cieseilski, Dunn Co. Department of Human Services, Menomonie—Social Services
- Tom Hughes, DDS, Private Practice Dentist, Cassville—Policy Development Chair
- Announcements:
 - Marty Schaller of Manitowoc County 2010—Northeastern Area Health Education Center is supporting three oral health initiatives
 - Abby Watermolen of WPHCA—Madison Community Health Center is expanding oral health
 - Carrie Stempski, NWTC—Howe School in Green Bay has established on-site oral health services
 - Shirley Gutowski, WDHA—ADHA is coordinating national media campaign for October, Dental Hygiene month
 - Linda Bohacek, Western Regional Oral Health Consultant—Chippewa Technical College has established a medical/ dental integration in the new Health Sciences Building to serve Medicaid and BadgerCare children
 - Georgia Fischer, Rural Dental Clinic, Langlade—Received Federal Appropriation for next year, community video awareness tape has been created to play on cable for educating MA/BC patients.
 - Dennis Ciesielski, Dunn Co. Human Services, Menomonie—Medical Free Clinic is established with no dental care
 - Dennis McGuire, WDA—Donated Dental Services charity care for disabled has hit the \$1M mark for services with the \$40,000 funding from the state budget for administration of the program, requesting additional funding to expand administration.
 - Nancy McKenney, WI Dental Hygiene Officer—Requested letter of support from members for the Healthier WI Partnership grant proposal.
 - Tim Kinzel—Appointed to the ADA Council on Governmental Affairs and will need to resign Steering Committee representation due to conflict of interest.

Dental and Dental Hygiene Regional Testing Services presentation:

- Nan Kosydar-Dreves of the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board (WDEB) reported on the similarities and differences among the various regional testing services and the reasons that the WDEB does not accept all testing services for licensure. In addition, she explained how the various testing services are working to create a national testing service that would replace the regional services in those states that now accept regional testing results for licensure. There remain several states that do not accept regional testing results and only accept their state testing. The reason for halting the foreign trained licensure process was also explained.

Wisconsin Oral Health Coalition Call to Action Discussion:

- Karen Ordians facilitated a discussion addressing membership commitment to the WI Oral Health Coalition sustainability and activities. See attached summary.

Meeting adjourned: 2:30

Next General Membership Meeting:
Thursday, April 21, 2005—Stevens Point

Submitted by: Midge Pfeffer, 10/18/04