

**Summit county Dental Task Force
Meeting Minutes
Oct. 24th, 2007**

“Mission: To assure that all people in Summit County have access to dental care”

Members in attendance: Sandy Brado, Dar Theodus, Chris Coenen, Lynn McNamara, Dr. Weigand, Gene Nixon, Susan Gerberich, Mary Agnes Kendra, Brenda Cox, Judy Burkett.

Darlene Theodus called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The minutes of the August 22, 2007 meeting were approved.

After introductions and welcome, the first order of business was a discussion on the Dental Task Force Report distribution. With a limited budget of \$2,000, only 500 printed copies are available. It was the consensus that distribution to the masses can be done via e-mailing the PDF report. Each task force member has a list of contacts for distribution.

ACHR- Another extension has been given; the first one expired in October. No executive director has been named yet, however, a finance committee has been put together to formulate sustainable strategies for the clinic. Three things that caused the demise of the dental clinic:

1. Federal and state funds ran out and a deficit of \$100,000 had ensued
2. Billing was not solid
3. Management issues

Center for Dental health- Summa can now bill Medicaid. 70-80% of the patients seen are Medicaid billable, the rest are self pay on a sliding fee, or have traditional insurance.