

**Summit County Dental Task Force
Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2008**

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

Members in attendance: Sandy Brado, Judy Burkett, Chris Coenen, Brenda Cox, Ms. Dietrich, Peg DiMarco, Dr. Kris Drummond, Jennifer Feln, Susan Gerberich, Dr. John Gerstanmaier, Mary Agnes Kendra, Lyn McNamara, Gene Nixon, John Sniezek, Darlene Theodus, Mr. Weygandt, and Nancy Woolverton.

Darlene Theodus called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. The minutes of the October 24, 2007 meeting were approved.

After introductions and welcome, the first order of business was a discussion of the distribution list for the Dental Task Force Report. Review the Healthy Connections Board list and send the report to those members that do not have e-mail. The report will also be presented at the March Annual Meeting. Thanks to Dar for keeping this on the front burner.

Summit County Health Department – Welcome Dr. Kris Drummond from Roanoke, VA. She is the newly hired dentist for the mobile van. The Summit County Health Department has also taken over the Sealant grant (formerly Akron City Health Dept.. This will include 22 Akron Public Schools, 3 Barberton City and 2 Springfield schools. Mike Smylie, who coordinated the grant, recently retired from Akron City Health Department. The dental staff from the Akron grant included 2 part time hygienists and 1 part time assistant. Several Barberton schools had funding through a foundation already to allow the Summit County Health department to provide services.


ACHR – Welcome to John Sniezek, also from Roanoke, VA. John provided an update after just 2 weeks on the job. Despite the challenges in the past, they are focusing on the future. Letters of support are needed by February 1st for the application for additional federal grant monies available for Community Health Centers. They will not be relying on the grant award to get up and running, they are planning to stay in the current location. The goal for the dental clinic is to be self supporting and self sustaining. They would like to have 2 full time dentists, 1 dental hygienist, 1 front desk and 2 dental assistants. The business model will be shared at the March meeting. The plan is to be open on or before July 1st, they will not provide dentures or root canals.

They will also be targeting HIV and Special populations for services. Reimbursement options would be: Enhanced reimbursement for special populations, Cost-based reimbursement and a Sliding Fee Schedule (SFS).

He has also been in discussions with the Portage County Health Group regarding the medical/dental needs in Portage County. Dr. Larry Oswick is particularly interested in pediatric dental needs. The Portage group is hoping that ACHR could write for expansion dollars to include the eastern part of Portage county since this is a Medically Underserved Area(MUA). There is land/property available for a site. They are looking into possible vocational partnerships, in particular the dental assisting programs.

SUMMA Dental Residency – No Report

OTHER ROUND TABLE SHARING:

-  Judy Burkett – The Beacon Journal charity fund continues to provide ortho treatment, \$200,000 in 2007; they also have an eye glass and eye exam program.

- ✚ Grant fund from Tuscora Park – provides for the screening and then Summit County van follow-up for the Springfield district schools.
- ✚ Mary Agnes Kendra – Director of Violets Cupboard, Undergraduate and Graduate Nursing students available.
- ✚ Peg DiMarco – Grad students have been sent in the past to work at ACHR; Currently working with homeless kids or moms; Haven of Rest for Men, Harvest Home – women and kids; Salvation Army; Hospitality Network at the churches.
- ✚ Nancy Woolverton – over 50 schools have been visited; providing the oral health unit in the classrooms.
- ✚ Judy Burkett and/or Jen Feln have graciously volunteered to take over the secretarial duties at future meetings. It was suggested that the group consider investing in a digital recorder for future minute taking. They can be purchased for around \$40 – 50.

The next meeting of the Task Force will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19th, 2008 at SCHED.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Brade, RDH