

Summit County Dental Task Force
Minutes of the Meeting
May 21, 2008

PRESENT: Dr. Kris Drummond, Mary Agnes Kendra, Judy Burkett, Leanne Beavers, Gillian Solem, Brenda Cox, Malcolm Costa

Dr. Drummond called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

Following the introductions, the minutes of the March 19, 2008 meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dr. Drummond gave the latest updates and progress of ACHR:

Last month the medical clinic made its first profit!
They reached 93% of the goal for providers.

The day after the article about the dental clinic appeared in the Beacon Journal they received 114 telephone calls and only 5 of the callers had insurance. The clinic needs to have 70% insured and 30% uninsured patients.

The dental clinic is open part time, 3 days a week, and they are seeing 14 patients per day. They are trying to reach out to the Hispanic community and have a Puerto Rican dental assistant. They plan to target middle income families. Currently, they are providing restorations, extractions and some root canals. They do not do dentures, partials or crowns.

NEW BUSINESS:

Judy Burkett, Executive Director of the Beacon Journal Charity Fund, distributed new brochures and briefly discussed the charity fund's current programs—orthodontic treatment, eye examinations, eyeglasses and the oral health education program for all 3rd graders in public, private and parochial schools in Summit County.

Gillian Solem, Director of Nursing for the Summit County Health District, discussed the sealant program. A grant from the Tuscora Park Health & Wellness Foundation has provided funding for the program in Barberton, Coventry and some Springfield schools.

Gillian also talked about trying to incorporate the fluoride varnish program into the WIC program.

“Project Homeless Connect” was held at the Salvation Army. Over 500 adults came to receive clothing, foot care, dental care, adult vaccine, smoking cessation, etc.

Dr. Drummond showed a video of the “Mission of Mercy” “M.O.M”. She would like to have a similar program in Akron and have the Dental Task Force become involved. The model has 50 dentists participating. They saw 1,200 people in 2 days. The cost was \$40,000 with volunteer dentists. A planning committee would be needed. Judy Burkett suggested that the first step should be to survey the dental community to see if there would be enough interest. Dr. Drummond plans to contact Dr. Gerstenmaier.

Brenda Cox, United Way, discussed the upcoming “Baby Fair” that will be held October 11, 2008 at the John S. Knight Center. They will have screenings for lead, cholesterol, hearing, vision, and dental.

The next meeting of the Dental Task Force will be at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 24, 2008 at SCHD.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Burkett, Executive Director
Beacon Journal Charity Fund, Inc.