

Summit County Dental Task Force
Minutes of the Meeting
July 24, 2008

PRESENT: Dietrich Ewege, Susan Gerberich, Brenda Cox, Darlene Theodus, Sandy Brado, Dr. Kris Drummond and Judy Burkett.

Darlene Theodus called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

A video from CBS news concerning “Dental Care Without Insurance” was shown. (http://www.cbsnews.com/sections/i_video/main500251.shtml?id=4217889n?sou) The video pointed out that over 100 million Americans (35%) do not have dental insurance. Free clinics, where they exist, are overwhelmed. The video showed a clinic in Loveland, CO and what they were able to accomplish with 800 volunteers. They saw 1,500 patients and provided \$1.2 million in dental care.

Following introductions, the minutes of the May 21, 2008 meeting were approved.

ACHR:

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

- ACHR has not heard regarding the HRSA grant yet.
- ACHR is looking at sights in Portage County for both medical and dental facilities. The facilities will be a subsidiary of ACHR.
- More emphasis will be on pediatric care
- Next year the clinic should have a contract with Head Start for dental care.
- The clinic would like to have funds for “uninsured mothers” for dental care.

Dr. Drummond currently has one part time dental assistant and one front office person. ACHR would like to hire another dentist for the clinic.

HEALTHY BABY FAIR:

Brenda Cox discussed the **Healthy Baby Fair** which will be held at the John S. Knight Center on October 11, 2008. There should be 30 vendors.

A "Family Health Pavilion" will be located on the first floor and screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose, as well as, dental, should be available, free of charge, to the public. There was discussion concerning how to encourage visitors to participate in the available screenings.

The next meeting of the Dental Task Force will be November 19, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the SCHD Board Room.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Burkett, Executive Director
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