



MICHIGAN
Oral Health Coalition

ANNUAL REPORT

2008-2009





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The Michigan Oral Health Coalition's mission is to improve oral health in Michigan by focusing on prevention, health promotion, oral health data, access and the link between oral health and overall health.

Dear Oral Health Advocate,

As chair of the Michigan Oral Health Coalition (MOHC) Board of Directors, I'm proud to present to you the 2008-2009 Annual Report. This report represents the fourth year that the Coalition has been in existence. It's impressive to see the growth that the Coalition has undergone from the very first annual report.

Over four years, we have increased our visibility and influence as an oral health authority; we have been able to increase our services and programs to our membership; and we have been able to build and take part in many oral health collaborations throughout the state. This report details many of those accomplishments—all of which are made possible because of our dedicated members.

As many of you are all-too-well aware, the recent Executive Order cutting several vital programs in our state will have a drastic impact on oral health access for the most vulnerable populations in Michigan. Once before, we came together to affect change around these issues, and I encourage you again over this next year to renew your commitment to the MOHC. Together we can do more for the people of Michigan than we could ever do apart.

The MOHC is determined to stand strong and remain a resource to you and the residents of Michigan.

Sincerely,

Rick Lantz
Chair, Michigan Oral Health Coalition





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CAVITY FREE KIDS© CURRICULUM

In collaboration with Delta Dental of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Community Health, the Head Start State Collaborative Office, and the Muskegon Intermediate School District Head Start, the MOHC was able to purchase the Cavity Free Kids© Curriculum and provide free training for over 150 Head Start educators, WIC staff, and child care providers throughout the state.

The curriculum was developed by Delta Dental Foundation of Washington specifically for Head Start programs and child care providers. Based on a train-the-trainer approach, the curriculum is easy to implement in any classroom or agency working with pre-schoolers, infants, toddlers and their families. The curriculum was offered both electronically and in print-format to make dissemination and training easy and cost-effective for programs. Additionally, the curriculum was offered in both Spanish and English.

“The Coalition was pleased to be able to offer this educational opportunity to learning centers throughout the state. It’s important for children and their parents to understand the importance of regular oral health care,” said Rick Lantz, MOHC Chair. “Part of our mission is to improve children’s oral health and we believe this will be a valuable resource for schools and other agencies.”

“I just wanted to thank you for the training on Friday. It was one of the best workshops I have been to in forever! The facilitators were all excellent. I can’t wait to share this information with child care providers and parent educators in Saginaw County.” – CFK Training Participant

Cavity Free Kids© Curriculum training attendees





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DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH FAIRS

The Coalition was proud to host the first two Dental Public Health Fairs, one at the University of Detroit Mercy and one at the University of Michigan. The Dental Public Health Fairs brought together dental students, dental hygiene students, faculty, and various dental clinics and associations to discuss career opportunities in the public health sector. Both events were a major success with over 200 students networking with potential employers and learning about resources available to them after their graduation.

Thank you to the organizations who sponsored and attended the 2008 Dental Public Health Fairs:

- Baldwin Family Health Care
- Cherry Street Health Services
- Hackley Community Care Center
- Health Delivery, Inc.
- Michigan Community Dental Clinics
- Michigan Dental Association
- Michigan Department of Community Health | Medicaid Program
- Michigan Primary Care Association
- Michigan Student Loan Repayment Program | National Health Service Corps
- Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
- Thunder Bay Community Health Service



Top photo: *Dr. Tom Veryser of Michigan Community Dental Clinics, Dr. Marilyn Stolberg of Baldwin Family Health Care, and Dr. Greg Heintschel of Michigan Community Dental Clinics attended the Dental Public Health Fairs to talk to students about their dental programs.* Middle photo: *Josh Lord of the Michigan Dental Association and dental students enjoyed networking at the Dental Public Health Fair.* Left photo: *Dental and hygiene students heard presentations on the different opportunities available to them in Michigan.*

Photos courtesy of Josh Lord, Michigan Dental Association





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MEMBER MEETINGS

The Coalition had two very successful member meetings this year, bringing together a combined total of 130 oral health stakeholders from across Michigan.

The first was held in October 2008 and was sponsored by the Michigan Primary Care Association's Cancer and Tobacco Project. The focus of the October meeting was to promote, encourage, and support oral health stakeholders in screening for oral cancer and to provide them with materials to assist tobacco-dependent individuals.

The February 2009 meeting, sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield/Dentemax, was also extremely successful. The topic was "Treating Pregnant Women" and the meeting had several great presenters. Some of the presentations included information on valuable programs in Michigan for pregnant women and ways to increase communication between oral health providers and obstetricians. The Michigan Dental Association generously provided continuing education credits to all attendees of these member meetings.



ORAL HEALTH LEGISLATIVE CHAMPION AWARD

The Coalition presented Senator Roger Kahn with its Oral Health Legislative Champion Award at the Oral Health Legislative Day in March 2009. Senator Kahn was instrumental in expanding the Healthy Kids Dental program to Genesee and Saginaw Counties in 2008, allowing for 80,000 new enrollees.

State Senator Roger Kahn (center) pictured with Kacie Wiersma, Executive Director, and Rick Lantz, Chair, Michigan Oral Health Coalition.



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MICHIGAN GRANT TO SUPPORT ORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE ACTIVITIES HRSA-08-134

Special Needs Survey

A comprehensive survey was distributed to all Michigan Dentists to determine the level of service provided to patients with special needs and/or developmental disabilities of all ages. (State Oral Health Plan [SOHP] Goal 19:9)

Increasing Hospital Dentistry Service Report

This comprehensive, detailed report will lay the foundation for creating additional hospital dentistry services in Michigan. The goal is to expand hospital dentistry access, especially for patients who require treatment beyond what a traditional office setting can provide. (SOHP Goal 19:1, 2)

MOHC Mentorship Program

This pilot program is bringing together pre-dental students and Michigan Community Health Centers for a week-long mentoring program. The students will gain first-hand knowledge and career-oriented experiences from the Health Center dentist, director, and oral health staff. The goal of the program is to encourage students to serve the underinsured and uninsured once they graduate from dental school and have a long-lasting mentor in their chosen career path. (SOHP Goal 16)

Oral Health Training Modules

On July 22, 2009, Michigan will partner with the State of New York Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities to host a special training for General Practice Residents who are interested in Special Care Dentistry. (SOHP Goal 19:4, 5)

Curriculum for Hygienists

A PowerPoint training module was produced by Peak Performers Inc. for dental hygienists and dental assistants who are interested in treating patients in nursing homes. (SOHP Goal 19:6)





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- Workgroups were restructured into Project Committees to more efficiently tackle the goals from the State Oral Health Plan
- Additional member benefits were added, including a member's only section on the web site and online dues renewal systems
- Participated in the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's Head Start Oral Health Initiative
- Participated in the review and subsequent update of the State Oral Health Plan with the Michigan Department of Community Health
- Partnered with the Head Start State Collaborative Office and Michigan Head Start Association to lend assistance to the fluoride varnish coordinator at the Michigan Department of Community Health to expand and assist the program (SOHP Goal 4:4)
- Obtained a grant from Verizon Wireless to develop abuse and neglect prevention materials for oral health providers (SOHP Goal 9)
- Advocated for the expansion of Healthy Kids Dental (SOHP Goal 11)



The Michigan Oral Health Coalition (MOHC), Michigan Dental Association (MDA), and Michigan Academy of Pediatrics (MAP) teamed up on March 13, 2009, to champion the expansion of Healthy Kids Dental (HKD) statewide. Dr. Kevin Hale (MDA representative), Dr. Janice Joseph (MOHC representative), and Dr. Sharon Swindell (MAP representative) testified at the Michigan Department of Community Health House Appropriations Subcommittee meeting held in Detroit on the importance of the HKD program. Cheers were heard throughout the audience as these three advocates delivered dynamic testimony to the committee.



2008 | 2009 Financials

REVENUES

Michigan Department of Community Health Grant Income	\$47,623.00
Other Grant Income	\$ 500.00
Meeting Sponsorships	\$ 2,800.00
Total Membership Dues Collected	\$28,525.00
Other Revenue	\$ 1,721.82
Total Revenues	\$81,169.82

EXPENDITURES

Salaries & Benefits	\$47,152.97
Travel	\$ 2,355.32
Supplies & Miscellaneous	\$ 4,817.24
Training & Education	\$ 1,840.00
Planning & Meetings	\$ 5,266.36
Administration & Facilities	\$13,987.00
Total Expenditures	\$75,418.89

EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES \$ 5,750.93

The Michigan Oral Health Coalition would like to thank the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for their continued technical and financial support.

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