



Dear Oral Health Advocate:

These are exciting, yet challenging, times for oral health care in Michigan. During the past year, I was continually amazed—and encouraged—by the dedication and compassion of everyone involved in the Michigan Oral Health Coalition. The energy is contagious and is making a difference in Michigan.

The Coalition continues to grow and is planning more programs that will result in a positive impact on the oral health of the people of Michigan. Please take time to review the list of accomplishments and some of the Coalition's future projects. If you are not already involved, maybe something in this annual report will inspire you to get involved.

To those of you who have contributed your time, talents and resources to the Coalition, thank you! By continuing to work as partners and effectively utilize our resources, I am confident we will continue to make great strides.

It has been an honor to work with such a dedicated group of individuals who are so committed to making a difference in Michigan. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your chair.

Sincerely,

Tom Kochhesier
Chair, Michigan Oral Health Coalition

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Revenue FY 2006-2007

MDCH/CDC Grant	\$ 92,955.00
Membership Dues	\$ 41,280.00
Donations	\$ 5,150.00
Total	\$139,385.00

Expenses FY 2006-2007

Supplies (includes printing of State Oral Health Plan)	\$35,086.00
Salaries & Benefits	\$31,145.00
Administrative Operations	\$15,143.00
Contractual	\$ 9,500.00
Training & Education	\$ 1,841.00
Travel	\$ 360.00
Total	\$93,075.00



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Our Future's So Bright, We'll Have to Wear Shades



Mission Statement

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2007/2008 Board Members

- Tom Kochheiser, CAE, *Chair*
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Organizational History

The Michigan Oral Health Coalition (MOHC) was originally formed in 2003 to respond to the State of Michigan's elimination of the Medicaid adult dental benefit, it has since developed into a comprehensive Coalition bringing together oral health clinicians, dental benefit providers, advocacy and provider organizations, state and local government officials, academic institutions and consumers with a mission 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.

After the successful reinstatement of the Medicaid adult dental benefit, the MOHC set their sights on developing a comprehensive Plan of Action for Improving the Oral Health Status of Michigan Residents (a copy, of which, can be found on the MOHC website, www.mohc.org). In 2005, this plan was approved and adopted as Michigan's plan of action by the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Why Join MOHC?

- Opportunity to Make a DIFFERENCE in Michigan's Oral Health
- Access to valuable resources and information
- Opportunity to participate in MOHC Workgroups
- Become part of a dynamic statewide network of oral health professionals

2007/2008 Accomplishments

- Purchased and began statewide trainings of the Cavity Free Kids© curriculum for Head Start, WIC, and day-care agencies (*Goal 6, Action Step 1*)
- Held two successful day-long oral health meetings where attendees were able to receive free educational and networking opportunities (*Goal 7, Action Step 1*)
- Received 501(c)3 status
- Participated in the annual oral health legislative day (*Goal 11, Action Step 1*)
- Assisted the Michigan Head Start Association with developing Healthy Kids Dental advocacy information for their parent education day (*Goal 11, Action Step 1*)
- Participated in the Michigan Rural Health Association's focus groups for the development of the State Rural Health Plan
- Developed a nationwide listserv for oral health coalition executives to begin communicating and networking
- Supported the Smoke Free Workplace initiative
- Participated in the Washtenaw County Oral Health Taskforce
- Sent a delegate to represent the Coalition on the Michigan Health Insurance Advisory Council
- Began a collaborative relationship with the Michigan Student Loan Repayment Program and the National Service Corps to increase visibility of dental scholarships
- Sponsored the Michigan Oral Health Conference
- Participated in Michigan Department of Community Health evaluation meetings of the State Oral Health Plan
- Presented MOHC information to the Michigan Council of Maternal and Child Health Board of Directors

- Received a Delta Dental Foundation Community Grant
- Began development on abuse and neglect prevention materials for dental providers (*Goal 9, Action Step 1*)
- Conducted an initial survey of geriatric dentistry providers in Michigan
- Continued offering technical assistance to the MDCH VARNISH! Michigan program (*Goal 4, Action Step 4*)
- Continued offering technical assistance to the MDCH SMILE! Michigan Program (*Goal 4, Action Step 3*)

*Goals and Action Steps are from the Michigan Oral Health Plan, a copy of which can be found at www.mohc.org/sohp.htm.

Future Projects

In 2008/2009 the MOHC will be working on many issues and projects; some of those include:

- Developing information specifically for oral health providers to identify and assist victims of abuse and neglect
- Conducting a follow-up survey of geriatric oral health providers to gain a more in-depth understanding of the challenges being faced and the needs that are not being addressed
- Continuing support of statewide expansion of the Healthy Kids Dental program
- Continuing to rollout the Cavity Free Kids© curriculum statewide
- Researching system of care models for low-income uninsured populations
- Researching approaches used by other states to address access issues with current workforce
- Supporting the Michigan Department of Community Health with the implementation of sealant programs
- Supporting the Michigan Department of Community Health with the implementation of fluoride varnish programs

If you are interested in working on any of these issues, please contact Kacie Wiersma at kwiersma@mohc.org.

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 financial support of the Coalition.

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Check payable to MPCA c/o Michigan Oral Health Coalition

VISA MasterCard

Expiration _____ / _____

Amount \$ _____

Signature _____

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Data Policy Workforce Prevention, Education & Awareness