

Member Newsletter

January 7, 2010



Coalition News

Workgroups to Kick Off the New Year
Still Time to Volunteer

Attention members! Workgroups will begin meeting this month. Are you interested in playing a vital role in the Coalition? There's still time to get involved in one of the following workgroups.

Legislative Workgroup Meeting

January 11 (1 to 2 p.m.) Conference Call
Chair: Caroline Ruddell, Michigan Dental Association

CDC Grant Workgroup Meeting

January 15 (9 to 10 a.m.) Conference Call
Chair: Dennis Louney, Delta Dental

Continuing Education Workgroup Meeting

January 22 (3:30 to 4:30 p.m.) Conference Call
Chair: Janice Joseph, DDS

For more information, contact Karlene Ketola, executive director at 517.381.8000, Ext. 218 or kketola@mohc.org.

Make Visiting the MOHC Website a Resolution
Website Provides Resources for Providers and Consumers

The Michigan Oral Health Coalition's website - www.mohc.org - provides resources and information on an array of Coalition initiatives. Visitors will find a complete list of members with board members' contact information; upcoming events; initiatives related to the State Oral Health Plan and more. The site also provides tools and resources for educators and consumers. Check us out!



*Cheers to a new year
and another chance for
us to get it right.
-Oprah Winfrey*

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Upcoming Events

January 15, 2010
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Time for an Infection Control Check-Up? Webinar

February 5, 2010
10 to 11 a.m.

Coalition Education Calendar

Opportunities to Learn, Network and Earn CEs

The Michigan Oral Health Coalition offers monthly opportunities for members to learn, network and earn CEs. Mark your calendar for our next course scheduled Jan. 15 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. via webinar. The topic is Infection Control with faculty Noel Brandon-Kelsch. Participate from the comfort of your office or gather your team in a conference room--no travel required!

Upcoming Education Events

Time for an Infection Control Check Up?

January 15, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Webinar | [Register Now](#)

Inflammatory Diseases: "It's Not Just Perio Anymore!"

February 5, 10 to 11 a.m.

Webinar | [Register Now](#)

2010 Conference

June 10-11

Radisson Hotel, Downtown Lansing

Do you have an idea for an upcoming course or an interest in teaching? Would your organization like to collaborate with MOHC, then contact Karlene Ketola, executive director at 517.381.8000.

"What Oral Health Providers Need to Know"

Coalition Releases Free Booklets on Abuse and Neglect

The Michigan Oral Health Coalition with funding from Verizon Wireless has released its three "What Oral Health Providers Need to Know" booklets. A professional collaboration of member policy specialists, social workers and hygienists created the booklets to educate oral health professionals on how to respond if they suspect abuse or neglect in a patient. To order copies of the "What Oral Health Providers Need to Know" about domestic violence, elder abuse and child abuse and neglect booklets, call 517.381.8000 today.



Inflammatory
Diseases Webinar

June 10-11, 2010
Annual Conference
Downtown Lansing

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State News

2010 Governor's Service Awards

Nominations Due February 23

The Michigan Community Service Commission is seeking nominations for the 2010 Governor's Service Awards. The service awards are given annually to individuals, businesses, and organizations to acknowledge their commitment to serving their communities through volunteerism. The nomination form is available at www.michigan.gov/volunteer. Nominations must be postmarked by Feb. 23. For additional information, contact Kathie Vasilion Robinson at 517.373.4200.

New Survey of Detroit Residents

Significant Hardships and Hope

The Washington Post/Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard University

Survey of Detroit Area Residents has just released its survey on Detroit residents. The study illustrates the experiences and needs of those living in the midst of our current economic downturn, including questions about job loss and job security, views about the future of the Detroit area, the U.S. auto industry, and the future for American workers more generally. [See Complete Report](#).

Provider Updates from CHAMPS

Help is as Easy as 1-2-3!

On Sept. 18, Medicaid made its official switch to the Community Health Automated Medicaid Processing System or "CHAMPS." The following list includes resources members may find helpful.

1. Providers may access CHAMPS reference materials and implementation updates that are posted on the [CHAMPS web page](#).
2. Providers may submit questions or concerns via e-mail to CHAMPS@michigan.gov.
3. Providers may call the CHAMPS Help Line at 1-888-643-2408 to speak to a CHAMPS representative.

National News

Top Five Dentistry Trends for 2010

News from the Editors of Consumer Guide to Dentistry

The face of dentistry changes each year, and 2010 will be no different. Here are the top five dental trends for 2010, brought to you by the editors of [Consumer Guide to Dentistry](#):

1. More dental implant variety and affordability.
2. More options for esthetic and affordable orthodontics.
3. More convenient and comfortable treatment.
4. Greater emphasis on prevention.
5. High-tech oral cancer screenings.

Summer Research Program for Dental Students

Applications Due January 15

To enable future dentists to experience careers in research, the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) offers a summer research training opportunity for dental students. The NIDCR Summer Dental Student Award is designed to give talented dental students hands-on research experience and exposure to the latest advances in oral health research. Selected candidates are assigned to mentors who conduct research in the students' areas of interest. Participation in the program may result in presentation of research findings at a scientific meeting or co-authorship of scientific publications. For more information, visit the [NIDCR website](#).

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.

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