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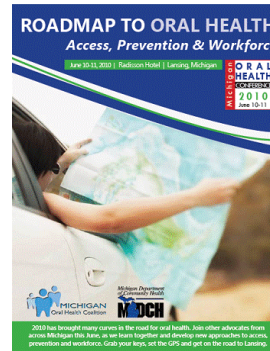
Coalition News

2010 Oral Health Conference "Roadmap to Oral Health"

Join oral health advocates from across Michigan this June 10-11 in downtown Lansing. The 2010 Coalition conference "Roadmap to Oral Health" offers us the opportunity to learn together and develop new approaches to access, prevention and workforce. Hear what Board Chair Patti Ulrich has to say about the conference.

[Watch Video!](#)

Click [here](#) to view the conference program and various sponsorship/exhibit opportunities. Register today!



Medicaid Adult Dental Reinstatement Continued Advocacy Efforts Needed

Thank you to Jane Grover, DDS, Center for Family Health and Cheryl Gildner, Ingham County Health Department for testifying at the April 19 hearing on the Department of Community Health budget. As the budget process moves ahead, the Coalition will continue its advocacy efforts. If you have any questions or need help scheduling a legislative visit, please contact Karlene Ketola, executive director at 517.381.8000, Ext. 218.



Jane Grover, DDS
and Cheryl Gildner

Annual Business Meeting to Address Bylaws Governance Committee Makes Recommendations

This spring, the Governance and Nominating Committee, which includes Patti Ulrich, board chair; Rick Lantz, immediate past chair and past board chairs Robert Dennison, DMD and Tom Kocheiser, CAE met to discuss the Coalition's bylaws, board member candidates and future initiatives. At the annual business meeting scheduled June 10 (3:30 to 4 p.m.) at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Lansing, members in good

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Upcoming Events

May 24, 2010
10 to 11 a.m.
Oral Health and
Dependent People
Webinar

June 10-11, 2010
Annual Conference
Downtown Lansing

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standing will be able to vote on the bylaw changes. [See proposed bylaws.](#)

Eaton County Dental Clinic Groundbreaking Coalition Member Partners with Local Health Department

With several Eaton County residents present, the Barry-Eaton District Health Department held a groundbreaking ceremony for its new dental clinic on April 21. The clinic, to be located in Charlotte, is expected to serve approximately 4,000 patients annually, of which 85 percent are expected to be Medicaid recipients. The Health Department will contract with Coalition member Michigan Community Dental Clinics to operate the clinic.



Oral Health for Dependent People Still Time to Register for May 24 Webinar

Young and old, small and tall, dependent people come in all ages and sizes. Those who care for them have a special kind of person and their oral care IQ is reflected in the people they care for. Another lecture in the Bass Technique of toothbrush placement is not the answer to better oral health in dependent people. Consultant Shirley Gutkowski will bring new and established science to the forefront which can help you understand the limitations of caregivers and how better to support them in their efforts to maintain oral health. Join us May 24 (10 to 11 a.m. EDT) for a course for the entire oral health care team. [Register now!](#)

State News

MI-DOOR Event Scheduled May 22 in Flint MDCH and Hamilton Community Health Network Host

On May 22, volunteers will join together for the second annual MI-Door event. MI-DOOR is a day of donated dental care to uninsured residents in Michigan. The event also raises public awareness of the increasing difficulty low-income adults face in accessing critical dental care. Working together to improve oral health, the MI-DOOR project will consist of volunteer dental professionals, community organizations, dental professional organizations, dental schools, community health clinics and other interested stakeholders.

MDCH Offers Medicaid Billing Sessions Sites Include Kentwood, Warren and Mt. Pleasant

This June, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is offering three dental-only billing sessions. Sessions will include a general overview of identified dental billing issues, secondary billing, HIPAA Reason and Remark Codes and CHAMPS updates. [Register now.](#)

Free Prescription to Help Smokers' Quit Most Smokers Try to Quit 6 to 9 Times

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The U.S. Surgeon General has stated that quitting smoking is one of the best things you can do for your health. So why is it so hard to quit? Most smokers try to quit 6 to 9 times in their lives. Pfizer is offering a free 28-day prescription of Chantix to first time users. This offer is good for insured and uninsured patients. For more information, visit [Stop Smoking](#).

National News

Changes on the Way for Kansas Schools **Sugary Drinks and Candies to be Banned**

By August 2011, all sugary sodas, drinks and candies will be banned in vending machines at schools across Kansas. On May 12, the Kansas State Board of Education voted 7-3 to adopt a new Kansas pre-kindergarten through grade 12 wellness policy guideline related to vending machines.

Source: Ann Marie Bush, The Topeka Capital-Journal

Grant Proposals Sought **RWJ Foundation Local Funding Partnerships Program**

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships program, which forges relationships between the foundation and local grant makers to fund promising, original projects that can significantly improve the health of vulnerable people in their communities, is seeking grant proposals. The deadline for proposals is June 30. For more information, visit [here](#).

HRSA Program and Equipment Grant Applications **Dental Programs, Faculty and Students Eligible**

Applications for grants to fund equipment and programming for dental and dental hygiene programs, faculty, and students have been posted on-line at www.grants.gov. The following grants are administered by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) under Title VII of the Public Health Service Act.

HRSA-10-258: Equipment to Enhance Training for Health Professionals-
Predoctoral Training in General, Pediatric, and Public Health Dentistry
Estimated Award Levels: \$5,000 - \$300,000
Deadline: May 20, 2010

HRSA-10-245: Equipment to Enhance Training for Health Professionals-
Faculty Development Training in General, Pediatric, and Public Health
Dentistry and Dental Hygiene
Grant Award Levels: \$5,000 - \$300,000
Deadline: May 20, 2010

HRSA-10-263
Faculty Development in General, Pediatric, and Public Health Dentistry
and Dental Hygiene
Estimated Award Levels: \$55,000 to \$650,000
Deadline: May 28, 2010

HRSA-10-260
Dental Faculty Loan Repayment
Estimated Award Levels: \$55,000 to \$650,000

Deadline: May 28, 2010

HRSA-10-262

Predoctoral Training in General, Pediatric, and Public Health Dentistry and Dental Hygiene

Estimated Award Levels: \$55,000 to \$650,000

Deadline: May 28, 2010

New Study Out on Tap Water and Varnish Two Most Cost-effective Fluoride Sources

The controlled addition of a fluoride compound to public water supplies is considered to be the most cost-effective way to prevent cavities and fight tooth decay, according to a study published in the January/February 2010 issue of General Dentistry, the Academy of General Dentistry's (AGD) peer-reviewed clinical journal.

The second-most effective source of fluoride is varnish. Varnish, applied quickly and easily by a dentist, is one of the most concentrated products available commercially. Varnishes that contain sodium fluoride adhere to tooth surfaces when saliva is present, providing an excellent fluoride treatment.

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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