

Member Newsletter



Coalition News

Coalition Fall Member Meeting

Still Time to Register for November 12 Event!

You are invited to attend the Michigan Oral Health Coalition's Fall Member Meeting scheduled Friday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Lansing. This is a perfect opportunity to connect with fellow oral health advocates, discuss the 2010 election results and help guide the Coalition's future activities.

Registration fee is \$35 per person and includes lunch. Thank you to member Ingham County Health Department for hosting the event. To RSVP, please email Karlene Ketola, executive director at kketola@mohc.org.

FY 2011 Appropriations

Coalition Adds Its Support to Legislative Letter

Last week, the Pew Center on the States drafted a letter to urge congressional leadership to finalize work on the FY 2011 appropriations bills without delay, and to provide agencies of the US Public Health Service (NIH, CDC, HRSA, SAMHSA, AHRQ, FDA and Indian Health Service) with the highest increase proposed by either the House or the Senate. The Michigan Oral Health Coalition added its name to a list of 360 supporters. The letter, which has been sent to legislators, may be accessed [here](#).

New Program Year Kicks Off

Membership Renewals Still in Progress!

The membership renewal process is well underway for the Coalition. As always, you may pay your dues by check or credit card. As we look ahead, we hope you will continue your involvement in the Coalition. It will be an exciting, and challenging year as we fight to maintain the adult dental benefit and begin to implement the new State Oral Health Plan. If you have any questions about membership, contact Karlene Ketola, executive director, at 517.381.8000, Ext. 218.

Register Today!
Coalition Member Fall Meeting

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November 12 | 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. | Lansing

State News

Polverini Elected to Institute of Medicine Coalition Congratulates University of Michigan Dea n

Dr. Peter Polverini, dean of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, has been elected to the Institute of Medicine (IOM). Established in 1970 as the health unit of the National Academy of Sciences, IOM advises members of Congress, Congressional staff, and agency leaders on a range of important health care issues, including oral health.

"It is a distinct honor and privilege to be elected to membership in this most prestigious organization. I look forward to participating in IOM commissioned activities that focus on improving the health of our nation."

Dr. Polverini will be formally inducted in to the Institute at its 2011 annual meeting.



Peter Polverini
DDS, DMSc

Lansing Area Dentists and Medical Community A Partnership with Delta Dental for Blood Pressure Screening

Delta Dental of Michigan, Ingham Regional Medical Center/McLaren Health Care (IRMC) and Michigan Primary Care Association (MPCA) are partnering with local dental offices to assess the impact of screening for high blood pressure (hypertension).

"About 1 in 3 adults in the United States has high blood pressure, but many are not aware of it until advanced stages when negative symptoms appear," said Dr. Jed Jacobson, chief science officer and senior vice president at Delta Dental of Michigan. "The Beyond Dental Chairside Screening project is designed to take advantage of regular dental appointments as healthcare screening opportunities."

For more information, see [press release](#).

Delta Dental Foundation Grant Community Water Fluoridation Request for Proposals

The Delta Dental Foundation recently awarded the Michigan Department of Community Health with a \$60,000 grant. The grant will help provide new fluoridation equipment to communities without systems in place, as well as replacement equipment to promote continuation of fluoridation programs already established across Michigan. The Request for Proposals has been issued. For more information, contact



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National News

U.S. House Passes Bill

Dental Professionals as Emergency Responders

The Dental Emergency Responder Act (H.R. 903), introduced by Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Mich.) recently passed the full House. The ADA-backed legislation would direct the Department of Homeland Security to include dental professionals within the designation "emergency response providers." **Source:** American Dental Association

Applications Available for Health Policy Scholars

Opportunity for College Students

The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation is accepting applications for the 2011 Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program. This intensive summer program provides college students with an opportunity to work on policy issues in a congressional office and to engage in original health policy research and analysis under the guidance of foundation research staff. The application deadline is Dec. 3. See [application materials](#).

Alaska Dental Therapists and Care

W.K. Kellogg Foundation Releases Study

An [October 2010 study](#) by RTI International of Research Triangle Park, NC, found that dental therapists practicing in Alaska provide safe, competent and appropriate dental care. The two-year, intensive evaluation is the first independent evaluation of its scale to assess care provided by dental therapists practicing in the United States. **Source:** W.K. Kellogg Foundation

New Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine Report

Toothache more Common among Minority and Special Needs Children

Poor, minority and special needs children are more likely to be affected by toothache, according to a report in the November issue of Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, one of the JAMA/Archives journals. Charlotte Lewis, MD, MPH, and James Stout, MD, MPH of the University of Washington School of Medicine, studied data from the 2007 National Survey of Children's Health to determine the prevalence of and risk factors for toothache in children. **Source:** ScienceDaily, Nov. 1, 2010

CDC Launches New Website

Communities Putting Prevention to Work Program

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Communities Putting Prevention to Work Program recently launched its new website www.cdc.gov/CommunitiesPuttingPreventiontoWork. The site has special appeal to communities and partners that are interested in addressing obesity prevention and tobacco use locally. The site provides tools and resources for program planning and implementing community-level change efforts, as well as brief overviews of each funded community. **Source:** American Public Health Association

ADA Names Council Chairs for 2010-11 Coalition Congratulates Two Michigan Dentists

The American Dental Association has announced its council chairs for 2010-11. The Coalition congratulates these the following Michigan providers who will lead the following ADA councils.

Council on Communications

Dr. Josef N. Kolling, Ann Arbor

Council on Dental Benefit Programs

Dr. Christopher J. Smiley, Grand Rapids

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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