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The Spirit of Michigan meeting is fast approaching. You will not want to miss this joint meeting with the MDA, MDHA, and the MDAA. It is a wonderful opportunity to fulfill your needed continuing education requirements and network with your peers. This year it is being held in Grand Rapids MI, a wonderful city I might add. It should prove to be an exciting meeting educationally as well as socially. We have a lot of opportunities here in Grand Rapids to partake in if you find yourself with free time.

The Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association's 18th annual Legislative Luncheon is Wednesday, May 7th 2014, be sure to attend. This is your opportunity to speak with your legislators and have our voices heard. If you are planning on attending please RSVP Joycelosen@mdhatoday.org and contact your legislators to let them know you will be attending. They are more inclined to attend if they know a constituent will be there.

Also the MDHA delegates attending the ADHA annual meeting will be meeting with the other members of District V in Fort Wayne, IN on May 30-31. We will be discussing the proposed resolutions and planning our responses. If you have any concerns regarding our association this is the time to contact one of your delegates so they can present your concern to ADHA. Michigan is a respected voice at ADHA along with district V.

I am hopeful that our new website will be up and running by the time you receive this Newswire. Check it out. We have an updated look. Please feel free to comment on the website. We need your input to provide the best possible service.

Please consider being part of our organization. MDHA has several councils that are in need of representation from your component. If any one of the councils sounds interesting to you please contact the council chair or me for more information. It is fun. Help frame the future of the MDHA.

Thank you,

Respectfully submitted by,
Cheryl Bentley, RDH
MDHA President

Legislative Council News

Dear MDHA Member,
Your professional Association requests the honor of your presence and cordially invites you to attend the 18th Annual Legislative Luncheon of the MDHA.



It will be held **Wednesday, May 7, 2014** from **11:30am until 1:30pm** at the **House Office Building, Mackinac Room** (corner of Ottawa and Capitol in Lansing, MI). A **one hour continuing education program** will be presented from **9:30-10:30 am** Presented by Sarah Hubbard, from Acuitas, MDHA's lobbying firm on "How to Address Your Legislators".

Please join us for this MDHA tradition, expected and honored by legislators, who want to hear from you, their constituent. It's fun, it's a **free CEU and lunch**, and you are the expert.

RSVP: *by April 30, 2014*
Joyce Losen, Association Administrator
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Please include your senator's name when replying or if you are uncertain, please include your zip code so we can align you with your district(s). Working together, we **can** make a difference!

Remember, your smile counts!

MDHA Legislative Update

Mobile Dentistry Legislation

House Bill 4865 introduced by State Representative Peter MacGregor was signed into law by Governor Rick Snyder and is now known as Public Act 100 of 2014. The new law requires mobile dental facilities to establish relationships with local area dentists to ensure patients are referred for proper follow-up dental procedures and improved treatment.

"Good dental health contributes to good overall health. Children and seniors are among our most vulnerable residents and they are also the most common customers of mobile dental facilities," Mr. Snyder said in a statement. "Raising the quality of care delivered by these facilities will help ensure all Michiganders receive the services needed to live healthy lives."

Mobile dental facilities tend to travel to schools, head-start centers and nursing homes on a regular basis but do not always return to the same location, the governor's office noted. The bill would also require owners of mobile dental facilities to apply for a permit through the Department of Community Health, and it defined appropriate equipment and supplies for such facilities.

Public Act 161 program practitioners will now be regulated under this law as mobile dental facilities. Those with current Memorandums of Agreement will continue to use their existing documentation. Those who do not have MOA's will be required to complete them to continue offering services under PA 161.

MDHA weighed in regularly throughout the legislative process to garner many improvements to the legislation for PA 161 program participants.

Healthy Kids Dental

Governor Snyder's fiscal year 2015 budget proposals includes an additional \$15.6 million be added to Michigan's Healthy Kids Dental program in order to expand it to Macomb and Kalamazoo counties beginning in October of 2014. If successful, this will leave only Kent and Wayne County children without this important coverage. The MDHA is supportive of this funding and has communicated with legislators about the funding.

ADHA UPDATE

For Immediate Release

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ADHA Supports Creation of Dental Hygiene Therapists in Maine

The American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) applauds the creation of a dental hygiene therapist (DHT) in Maine. Maine Governor Paul LePage signed the bill into law on April 28, 2014. This new member of the oral health team will be a registered dental hygienist who has additional education and experience.

The DHT will perform duties that include: assessment, cavity preparations and restorations, simple extractions, placement of crowns and space maintainers, referrals, administration of local and nitrous oxide anesthesia, preventive services and trauma management as well as administration of radiographs, and the provision, dispensing and administration of medications within the scope of the written practice agreement.

ADHA strives to expand access to oral health care for all Americans. Its policies support the development of a mid-level oral health practitioner defined as a licensed dental hygienist who has graduated from an accredited dental hygiene program and who provides primary oral health care directly to patients to promote and restore oral health through assessment, diagnosis, treatment, evaluation and referral services. This provider must meet the educational requirements to provide services within an expanded scope of care and practice under regulations set forth by the appropriate licensing agency.

As in other parts of the U.S., lack of access to dental care is a serious problem in Maine. While the creation of DHTs to improve the oral and overall health of Maine residents is a positive step, the legislation as written would be improved with the removal of restrictions that prevent the new provider from working in locations such as nursing homes, schools, physicians' offices and hospitals as well as dental offices without the direct supervision of a dentist. ADHA policy recognizes that dental hygienists who are graduates of an accredited program are competent to provide dental hygiene services without supervision. Oral health care providers in Maine and Alaska — as well

as more than 50 countries worldwide — are already proving that underserved populations can be served safely and effectively under off-site or general supervision by collaborating dentists.

A recent report by the National Governors Association encourages states who are facing increasing demand for oral health to examine the role that dental hygienists can play in increasing access to care by allowing them to practice to the full extent of their education and training. Similarly, the Federal Trade Commission also weighed in late in 2013; in a written statement to the Commission on Dental Accreditation, the FTC stated that “[t]he ability of dental therapists to work without a dentist on the premises is critical to their ability to increase the availability of dental care in areas where dentists are scarce or unavailable.”

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The American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) is the largest national organization representing the professional interests of more than 150,000 dental hygienists across the country. Dental hygienists are preventive oral health professionals, licensed in dental hygiene, who provide educational, clinical and therapeutic services that support total health through the promotion of optimal oral health. For more information about ADHA, dental hygiene or the link between oral health and general health, visit ADHA at www.adha.org.

Public Health Council News

Public Health Council met via conference call and is working on the following:

1. How will the mobile dental bill which will be effective April 2015, impact PA161 hygienists? The feeling at this time is that there will be little to no negative impact.
2. The importance of collaborating with other organizations! What collaborations are YOU involved with? Watch for our Survey Monkey next Newswire!
3. The PA 161 PowerPoint formerly used in the MDHA Roadshows is in the editing stage including updating and shortening; we will be looking for presenters, possibly regionally, and best uses of this effective PowerPoint by MDHA!
4. Currently there are grant resources available for Prevention Programs through MOHC and Delta Dental.
5. Medicaid Expansion Information and clarification for PA161 RDH billing effectively
6. Initiative to build relationships with medical community- joining groups that can connect to oral health such as diabetes and tobacco coalitions.
7. Advocating for supervision of RDHs by physicians . There is a need to network with legislators and health care professionals to facilitate collaboration between the RDH and a variety of health care providers. This may be a focus of future legislation.
8. Again, what collaborations are you personally involved with? We need to know! Watch for our Survey Monkey in the next Newswire! Thanks from the Public Health Council. If you would like to join our quarterly conference calls, please email Jackie

jackiebalcom111@gmail.com or Jamie Klap RDH at jamieklap@hotmail.com co-chairs of the Public Health Council! We encourage new members!



May 9 - 10, 2014 Indianapolis, Indiana

Integrating Oral & Primary Healthcare: One Patient at a Time

The Primary Care Associations from Illinois, Michigan and Ohio have collaborated with the DentaQuest Foundation to arrange a Medical/Dental Integration Summit. Through our extensive participation in the DentaQuest initiative to "Strengthen the Oral Health Safety Net", we aspire to continue the strong tradition of Public Health professionals sharing best practices and spreading new and innovative models of learning with each other. The focus of this Summit is to collaborate and promote interprofessional relationships among healthcare providers responsible for overall patient health.

Who should attend:

Medical/Dental professionals and CEO/Operations Directors. Post-doctoral graduates, nurses and dental hygienists are also encouraged to attend.

Learning Objective:

This training will promote oral health integration within the medical home model. The focus of the training is on key methods and best practices you can utilize to optimally integrate clinical, operational and fiscal solutions into your dental practice to give patients the best and most efficient high quality care.

Contact: [Susan Lawson](#) - [Diane Rydahl](#) - [Jameca Routen](#)

Communication Council News

COMING SOON THE LAUNCH OF THE NEW MDHA WEBSITE

Jerelyn M. Champine has done MDHA a great service by serving as the MDHA co-webmaster for the past 8 years. We now have a new webmaster Jen Suminski. She will be your contact person for future seminar postings or advertising. We have a team redesigning our website and we hope to have the new site launched soon. Be sure to keep an eye on our site as we make changes! Please remember, if you have information regarding seminars, newsletters, or anything you feel it is pertinent for your members and students, please post it on the MDHA website, www.mdhatoday.org!!

If you have any questions, please contact Jerelyn Champine champinejerelyn@yahoo.com, Joyce Losen our Association Administrator, joyce@mdhatoday.org, and of course our new webmaster, Jen Suminski, jen_suminski@yahoo.com.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know that you can find great job opportunities on the MDHA website? Check it out today, visit <http://www.mdhatoday.org/members/Employment%20Opportunities.html>

COMPONENT UPDATES

TEAM BASED APPROACH TO DENTAL CARE SEMINAR

The Oakland County Dental Hygienists' Association and the Oakland County Dental Society have scheduled a joint dinner and continuing education program to hear the Dean of the School of Dentistry at the University of Michigan, Laurie McCauley, DDS, MS, PhD present "Interprofessional Education and

the Future of the Dental Practice.” The program objectives are: gain insight into future practice trends in dentistry that involve interprofessional/team based models; assimilate epidemiologic evidence that supports a team based approach to patient care; assimilate biologic evidence that supports a team based approach to patient care; gain examples of instances where a team based approach is particularly beneficial in the treatment of dental patients. MDHA has advocated for a collaboration between the dental and medical professions in the treatment of dental patients, so this seminar is very pertinent.

This look into the future will be held at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Rd Novi, MI 48375 (248-349-4000) on Tuesday, May 13, 2014. Registration, Friendship Hour and Cash Bar is 6 pm, dinner is 7 pm and Dr. McCauley will speak from 7:45pm-9:15 pm. The entrée choice is Filet Mignon, Salmon, Grilled Chicken or Chef’s Choice Vegetarian (pasta). The cost for this 2 CE program is \$35 for ADHA, ADA and ADAA members and \$50 for nonmembers. Contact Ann Thom at 248-398-3845 or amtthom@yahoo.com to register.

FUNDRAISERS

BONNIE NOTHOFF MEMORIAL FUNDRAISER FOR MDH-PAC



Bonnie Nothoff was President of the Michigan Dental Hygienists’ Association in 1998-99. She became MDHA’s Governmental Affairs Liaison in 2001, Director of Governmental Affairs in 2003 and was our Lobbyist from 2008 until her death in July, 2013. She worked tirelessly to organize, educate and inspire dental hygienists in Michigan to take an active role in pursuing many legislative initiatives. She helped us pass legislation that has greatly impacted the scope of practice of dental hygienists in Michigan and resulted in improved dental care for the public.

The legislation she helped MDHA pass was monumental: administration of local anesthetic and nitrous oxide analgesia by the dental hygienist with direct supervision by the dentist, our education in law not rule, impressions for mouth guards, bite splints, orthodontic appliances and bleaching trays, mandated one hour of pain management per license renewal period and the expansion of PA 58 to PA 161. This was her proudest achievement for it allowed expanded functions to underserved populations in specific sites such as schools, nursing homes and community health programs. The last legislation she was involved with was “second pair of hands” which allowed a dental hygienist to receive assistance by another individual.

Bonnie taught us the legislative process and encouraged each hygienist to contact his or her state senator and state representative and establish a working relationship with them. She would be the first to say our work is not done. This is an election year and the Michigan Dental Hygienists’ Political Action Committee needs your help.

The MDH-PAC is establishing an annual fundraiser in memory of Bonnie and all she did for dental hygienists in Michigan. The PAC uses its funds to support state senators and state representatives that support our legislative goals.

Please make a donation to the MDH-PAC in any amount in Bonnie's memory. Help MDHA continue to pursue the legislative activity that she worked so hard to maintain.

Mail your check payable in ANY amount to MDH-PAC to Jackie Oliver, RDH 309 W. Saratoga Ferndale MI 48220 jacqoliver@gmail.com Employer information is required.

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Please join the Student National Dental Association (SNDA), the Student National Dental Hygienists' Association (SNDHA), and the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry, in conjunction with the University of Michigan School of Dentistry chapter of SNDA/SNDHA, in raising money and awareness for Oral, Head and Neck Cancer and participate in the Annual Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Walk.

Only \$20 is needed to be a walker for this student run event. Please help support the UDM's School of Dentistry SNDA/SNDHA chapter to enhance awareness about this silent killer by participating in the 8th Annual Oral Head and Neck Cancer Walk, occurring on **Saturday June 14th**.

As most of you know, over 7,000 American men and women die each year due to oral cancer. While some think this is a rare type of cancer, mouth cancer will initially be diagnosed in about 100 new individuals each day in the United States. More significantly, a person dies from oral cancer every hour of every day. Head and neck cancers account for approximately 3 percent of all cancers in the United States.

Major risk factors are tobacco and heavy alcohol use, but this disease can strike anyone. If detected in its earliest stages, oral cancer is easily treated. One hundred percent (100%) of the proceeds from the Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Walk are contributed to the UDM Oral Biopsy fund. The UDM Oral Biopsy Fund provides financial support for patients who cannot afford care, to receive a free oral biopsy.

If you are interested in more information, or wish to contribute to the event, please contact Dr. Deirdre Young at youngdd@udmercy.edu or Professor Jill Loewen at loewenj@udmercy.edu, who are members of the School of Dentistry faculty.

Continuing Education

Russell W. Bunting Periodontal Society Seminars

Friday November 14, 2014 Speaker: Allan G. Farman, BDS, PhD Trends and Influences Affecting Dentistry through Multidimensional Imaging Location: Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor Registration 8:30 am Lecture 9-5 Visit Website, [Russell W. Bunting Periodontal Society](http://www.russellwbunting.com)



To register go to: www.continuingconnections.com

St. Joseph

Friday, May 9, 2014

"Trends In Esthetics and Child Abuse Prevention"

Samantha Meltzer, BSDH, MDH, Philips Sonicare

Jamie Rossow, The Children's Assessment Center of Berrien County

"Trends in Esthetics" is sponsored through an educational grant provided by Philips Sonicare

Battle Creek

Friday, May 30, 2014

"Implant Update, Child Psychology and Communicable Diseases"

Chad Caughran, Straumann

Dr. Kim Wisdorf-Houtkooper, Pediatric Psychological Services

JoDee Rolfe, MA, CHES, Calhoun County Health Department

Michelle Thorne, MSN, RN, Calhoun County Health Department

"Implant Update" is sponsored by Straumann.

Information Below Applies To All Courses

Time: 8:00am until 1:00pm

5 CEU's earned per course

Breakfast is Included

Tuition: \$75 per course/\$10 tuition increase 10 business days before each event

Click on: www.continuingconnections.com for more information and to register.

Questions? Call Suzanne at 231.557.1195

Dental Seminars and Consulting PLLC is excited to present it's next two seminars. All seminars are held at GVSU Marec Center in downtown Muskegon!

Friday, May 2, 2014 (8:30-12:30) "Branding, marketing and website design" by Jason Piasecki, Partner at Revel and "Dental appliances, Dental Medicine and treating Sleep Apnea" by Julie Zerbe, CDT, DSG Davis Dental Laboratory. What is your brand Are you consistent? How are you perceived? Learn the symptoms and health risks of Obstructive Sleep Apnea! Earlybird registrations must be postmarked by April 19, \$55; general registration \$70. Call or email Jackie at (231) 557-4880 or jackiebalcom111@gmail.com for more information.

Friday, Sept. 12, 2014 (8:30-12:30) "The DiGangi Code: Fact or Fiction for Clinicians" with Patti DiGangi. You will not want to miss this book and seminar tour stop the only time in 2014 in West Michigan! All attendees receive a Free book titled "Dentalcodeology - More than Pocket Change" a pocket sized Periodontal Coding for the Hygiene Department of a General Practice. Earlybird Registration is \$65 and must be postmarked by August 15, 2014. General registration is \$80.

All seminars are held at GVSU Marec Center, 200 Viridian Drive, Muskegon MI 49440. Registration and breakfast 8 AM, 8:30-12:30 seminar. Seminar fees and deadlines will vary with speaker and vendor requirements. Our goal is to keep seminars as economical as possible! MBOD#299130035. "Like" our Facebook Page for pictures from past seminars - Dental Seminars and Consulting PLLC. Please contact Jackie with any questions or for registration forms! (231) 557-4880 or jackiebalcom111@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS!

MDHA would like to recognize two dental hygiene students that were selected by the Scholarship Committee of the Michigan Dental Association Foundation (MDAF) to each

receive a \$1000.00 Robert Mitus Scholarship:

Heidi Heers from Kellogg Community College
Maryam Masood from Lansing Community College

Heidi is President of the Student Chapter of ADHA at KCC and carries a 4.0 grade point average. Originally from the Upper Peninsula, Heidi excels in community service and will be volunteering again for this year's Mission of Mercy at Ferris State University!

Maryam is currently the Class President at LCC, works 16-20 hours per week as an Administrative Assistant, and carries a 3.68 grade point average. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Human Biology from Michigan State University and plans on applying to dental school once she becomes an RDH!

Congratulations to both Heidi and Maryam!!

We look forward to having these exceptional women as our colleagues!



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- ◆ Implement a plan for referral and patient education

COURSES

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The link to all of our dental offerings is:

<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/administration/academicaffairs/extendedinternational/cps/pages/dentalhygiene/index.htm>

The link to the 2013-14 Brochure is:

<http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/administration/academicaffairs/extendedinternational/cps/pages/dentalhygiene/DentalWorkshopBrochure.pdf>

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