

OHIO DENTAL TEAM SUMMIT  
12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING  
EMBASSY SUITES  
5100 UPPER METRO PLACE  
DUBLIN, OH  
MAY 15, 2009



Sponsored by: The Ohio Dental Hygienists' Association  
Location: Embassy Suites Dublin  
Date: Friday, May 15, 2008

Present: Lili Reitz OSDB, Joseph Yanadi OSDB Enforcement Supervisor, Carrie Farquhar, RDH Assistant Bureau Chief Ohio Health Department, Jeanne Huber, RDH ODHA President, Angie Demko, RDH ODHA President-Elect, Suzy Savanick, RDH ODHA Immediate Past President, Dr. Burt Job, DDS ODA President, David Owsiany, ODA Executive Director, Bunny Green, CDA, RDH, EFDA Representative, Barb Hickey, CDA ODAA President, Carol Healy, CDA ODAA Treasurer

Call to Order: 10:17am

- Welcoming by: ODHA IIP Suzy Savanick, RDH
- Additions to Agenda: none
- Approval of the 2008 minutes: Approved as written
- Introductions of Participants

Reports of the Organizations:

A. Ohio Dental Assistants Association President Barb Hickey, CDA

- Meet during the ODA annual session in the fall. ODAA will have a booth with membership materials available.
- Provided a CE with speaker Dr. Frank Wright during an April meeting.
- Monitor the state test for dental assistants given in May and October.
- Provided continuing education on the local level as well as state.
- Monitor the skills USA completion held in Columbus for the high school vocational students in dental assisting.
- Certification is not a requirement but a goal in the betterment of self.
- In a survey conducted by the ADA, ADAA and DANB assistants who invest time and energy in their career tend to stay in the field much longer.
- Publish newsletter twice a year, Community Service Give Kids a Smile Day and dental education days in school classrooms.

B. Ohio Expanded Functions Dental Assistants Bunny Green, CDA, RDH EFDA

- ODFA is going green: We have created digital newsletters, applications and other documents for our membership. These can be located and downloaded on our website. Our new web master, Dynamit Inc., is upgrading and improving our web page.
- Component Boundaries are changing: Currently, our 5 components are linked to the largest cities in Ohio. The association is changing this concept and will divide components according to areas of the state. Trustees in each component will assist the membership and provide continuing education.
- ODEFA's Scholarship: We have increased our scholarship funds from a \$200 per EDFA training program scholarship winner to \$1000 for one state scholarship winner.

- Mentoring/Shadowing Programs: ODEFA is offering guidance to any dentist interested in utilizing CDA EFDA's or RDHA EFDA's. Our advisory board dentists and board members are currently mentoring Ohio dentists and dental students on scheduling, duties, salary and more. We also have dentist across the state that will allow EFDA's, who have not practiced in years and need restorative updates, to shadow in their practices.
- Continuing Education: ODEFA initiated CEU's for members and other EFDA's 4 years ago across the state. Prior to 2005, there was no restorative education for practicing EFDA's across Ohio. Now each component is offering CEUs through dental companies. ODA kicked off the first EDFA CEU in 2008 and will be offering another on this year at their annual session. Presently each component is arranging a CEU through Dentsply with Ken Spatz, updating techniques for composites and bonding agents.
- Foreign Trained Dentists/ Out of State EFDA's: Before the Ohio EFDA Registration process was initiated in 2007; many foreign trained dentists, out of state EFDA's and non-EFDA's were practicing illegally in Ohio. Today, these people must pass the state exam and register with the OSDBA to practice as an Ohio EFDA. The Commission on Dental Testing (EFDA Examiners), ODA's lawyer and the OSDB are working on an addition to the dental code related to this.
- New EFDA Training Programs: There are now 6 Ohio EFDA training programs. Stark State College activated their first EFDA curriculum in the fall of 2008. Stark, Owens, Sinclair and OSU have all included EFDA curriculum into their dental hygiene programs.

C. Ohio Dental Association: Dr. Burt Job, DDS, ODA President

- Membership: The ODA continues to maintain a membership rate of near 80 % ( 5,500).
- Dental Services and Information: ODA continues to assist members by providing reliable dental practice-related information, including assistance on third party payer and regulatory compliance issues. Membership surveys indicate that provision of information is a primary strength and valued benefit of membership in the ODA.

- Promotion of Direct Reimbursement: ODA is developing a brand for its promotion of the concept of direct reimbursement for dental services. The ODA will promote "Choice Care- Quality Dental Solutions" with brokers and employers to encourage them to utilize direct reimbursement for dental coverage.
- Dental Auxiliary Recruitment: The ODA continues to raise awareness of careers in dental assisting and dental hygiene with school guidance counselors and career development personnel through its website [www.beyondbabysitting.com](http://www.beyondbabysitting.com).
- Annual Session: The 2009 Annual Session is scheduled for August 27-30 in Columbus. Quality continuing education opportunities will be offered.
- Leadership Development: ODA held its Leadership Institute on April 3-4. The 2010 Leadership Institute is scheduled for March 5-6. The goal is to provide training to enhance skills for dentist to use in their dental practices, their homes, and their volunteer work, including within organized dentistry.
- Advocacy: Legislative and regulatory advocacy continues to be a priority for ODA. The ODA continues to advocate for full funding of the dental Medicaid program and for other access to care programs in the state budget. ODA and ODHA have been working together on legislation that will provide for public health supervision of dental hygienists by dentist. ODA is also monitoring a draft proposal by Rep. Tom Letson to ensure due process rights for licensees during OSDB investigations and disciplinary processes.
- Access to Care: ODA continues to lead the efforts in Ohio to improve access to dental care through various initiatives, including Give Kids a Smile Day, OPTIONS, Smiles for Seniors, Dentist Loan Repayment Program, etc.

#### D. Ohio State Dental Board: Lili Reitz Executive Director

- OSDB has two new Board members they are: Dr. Mary Ellen Wynn, General Dentist from Cincinnati and James Lawrence, Public Member from Peninsula.
- Challenges this year the budget and cuts in the budget.
- OSDB is planning on moving into the medical board space.
- Looking into renewal procedure changes.

- Biggest issues for the Board: Bleaching kiosks. On the OSDB website is the position of what is the practice of dentistry. Looking into complaints made by dental professionals, none have been made by consumers.
  - OSDB is taking a position on the use of Restalin and Botox. Policy is limited to the Oral maxillofacial area. The ADA has approved program for oral surgeon residence.
  - Trends in Investigations: Joseph Yanadi, Enforcement Supervisor. All investigators look seriously into all complaints. Some of the complainants receive a treatment such as a bridge and then want their money back. Documentation is extremely important in all situations. On the website is guide for record keeping. Communication with dental office staff and patient is also important.
- E. Ohio Department of Health: Carrie Farquhar, RDH Assistant Bureau Chief
- The ODH has been very busy and has been dealing with budget cuts.
  - ODH is also involved with dealing with and handling swine flu cases.
  - ODH offers on website FREE CE's for DDS and RDH.
  - Writing models on Sealants will soon be on website.
  - Conducting Regional Meetings on Access to Care across the state.
- F. Ohio Dental Hygienists' Association: Jeanne Huber, RDH ODHA President
- Membership: Ohio has over 7,300 Registered Dental Hygienists with over 900 members in the Association.
  - Legislative: This year ODHA held a Legislative coffee in the Statehouse on February 11<sup>th</sup>. It was very well attended by our students who gained firsthand experience talking to their legislators. At this writing we do not have a bill introduced in either the House or Senate. The top leadership of both ODA and ODHA have met and discussed the formation of a Public Health Permit for dentists and hygienists. Agreement has been reached and the bill is in the process of being written. With this permit hygienists will be allowed to precede the dentist in seeing underserved persons. It is also agreed that hygienists' biennial CEUs will increase from 12 to 24.

- Educational Settings: There are currently 12 dental hygiene schools. Courses for local anesthetic are regularly filled. Some prospective students have more than a yearlong wait to enter dental hygiene school. New graduates from the last two years are having difficulty finding available hygiene positions
- Leadership/Mentoring Activities: ODHA's Strategic Planning/Leadership Retreat is scheduled for August 1-2, 2009 where strategic plans will be determined for the coming year. Last year as President-elect I introduced my theme for this year that is "Welcome. Tell a Friend. Bring a Friend." I have designated the sign of Welcome, the Pineapple as our theme's symbol. The concept stems from the ADHA branding campaign that discovered a need for members and non-members to feel more welcome at their professional functions. I am working for increased communication among members and non-members with all of the dental team. We are also working to create more inclusive and socially engaging events. Toward this goal we have increased the amount of information on our website, developed some new component websites and a Facebook group among other efforts. A personal address from our President is on our website homepage. Three free CEU courses on public health clinics for hygienists and dentist can also be found there. We will continue to add items of interest for all who visit [www.odha.net](http://www.odha.net)

At this year's Leadership Retreat our new President-Elect Angie Demko will announce her theme and goals for the coming year, to begin with her installation at ODHA Annual Session this November at Cherry Valley Lodge.

This year I have had the opportunity to represent ODHA AT THE Ohio department of Health Director's Taskforce 2009 on oral health and Access to Dental Care. We are addressing Ohio's complex access to care issues. Several regional meetings were held around the state gathering information from both consumers and providers. The taskforce will conclude in July or August with recommendations and plans for their implementation.

- Continuing Education Activities: This year we held our annual Total Development Weekend at beautiful Cherry Valley Lodge on April 23-25. As usual there were many continuing education course offered by well-known speakers. There was also plenty of time for friendship and relaxation.

This September we will offer our annual all day Symposium to be held in the President's component of Dayton. Two Dayton orthodontists, Dr. Daniel German and Dr. Stephen Burke of G&B Orthodontics will present the 6 CEU event at Sinclair Community College on Saturday, September 12, 2009. The event is open to all dental team members and registration information will be available on our website. We look forward to the continuation of this year's activities offering professional growth and friendship. We Welcome all who can join us!

Next Meeting: May 14, 2010 to be hosted by Ohio Dental Assistants Association. Location to be announced as the date draws closer.