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You are receiving this message because you are either an IOHA member or have indicated that you are an oral health champion. If you no longer wish to receive any correspondence from the Idaho Oral Health Alliance, please respond to this email and ask to be removed from our list.

**Have you paid your 2022 membership dues yet?** To be eligible to vote in annual elections held each November, your annual dues must be current as of October 31. Haven’t paid for 2022? It’s never too late. Visit <https://www.idahooralhealth.org/membership/> to pay today. Not sure if you’re current? Reply to this email and ask! Individual memberships start at $40 per year.

**Job Announcement:**

**Idaho Oral Health Program (IOHP):** The State oral health program is recruiting for the program manager position which serves as the defacto dental director for Idaho. The position is based in Boise, but telework from within Idaho is possible. The IOHP purpose is to promote and support public-private partnerships and to work collaboratively toward a shared vision for oral health. Candidates should be passionate about helping people, leading innovative approaches, and guiding data collection to strengthen efforts. Full-time. Generous benefits. Estimated salary range $30-$40/hour. Minimum qualifications: considerable knowledge of health program needs assessment and program development, implementation, and evaluation. The announcement should be posted by the end of this month at <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/about-dhw/job-openings-and-apply-online>

**Scholarship Announcements**

**SW Idaho Area Health Education Center (AHEC):**

AHEC offices across the state are accepting applications for the 2022-2024 AHEC Scholars Program. The nationally recognized interdisciplinary educational and training program focuses on preparing a diverse, culturally competent healthcare workforce specializing in rural and underserved areas. Scholarships are available for health profession students ***including dental hygiene students*!** For information for Southwest Idaho, visit <https://www.idahoahec.org/ahec-scholars/> for North Idaho, visit <https://www.uidaho.edu/academics/wwami/ahec/ahec-scholars> and for Eastern Idaho, visit <https://www.isu.edu/seidahec/ahec-scholars/application-and-eligibility-/>

**Idaho News:**

**HRSA Grant:** Congratulations to the Idaho Oral Health Program (IOHP). The program has received its second Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant. This significant funding will help the team work with oral health champions across Idaho to address oral health access and workforce challenges in Idaho counties identified as Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas (Dental HPSAs).

**Rural Health Care Access and Physician Incentive Program Grant Applications Due:** This Idaho program seeks to improve access to primary medical and dental care in rural areas through loan repayment, physician incentives, rural health care access assistance, and other grant programs. Grant applications are due August 30, 2022. For additional questions, email ruralhealth@dhw.idaho.gov Guidelines and the application are at: <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/providers/rural-health-and-underserved-areas/loan-repayment-and-grants>

**Name Changes:**

The Idaho Primary Care Association has changed its DBA name to the Idaho Community Health Center Association. The organization continues to support it members—Idaho’s 16 federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) that serve over 230,000 Idaho patients in 192 clinics in 62 communities. For more information on this name change visit: <https://www.idahochc.org/home>

In the spring, Family Medicine Residency of Idaho changed its name to Full Circle Health. This Treasure Valley federally qualified health center has 10 locations and partners with Terry Reilly Health Services to provide dental care.

We hope you find the following resources helpful:

**IOHA Seminars Coming Soon**

The IOHA, in partnership with SW Area Health Education Center (AHEC) will present the second in a series of eight seminars on Sept. 20. The session, *Aging Well: Connections Between Oral and Systemic Health Across the Lifespan* will be presented by Ann Eshenaur Spolarich, RDH, Phd, FSCDH, Professor and Assistant Dean for Research at Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health/A.T. Still University. The session is presented as part of the series titled: *Putting the Mouth Back in the Body: How Oral Health Affects Whole Patient Care*. Our thanks to series sponsors Delta Dental of Idaho and MolinaCares. To register for Sept. 20, [click here](https://swidahec.cloud-cme.com/course/listing?p=1000). The remaining seminars happen every other month and will cover topics including:

November ’22 – Cancer and the Oral Health Connection: Key Things Every Medical Professional Should Know

January ’23 – Mouths of Moms to the Mouths of Babes: The Importance of Maternal, Infant, and Child Oral Health

March ’23 – All About Fluoride

May ’23 – Mouths Matter: The Inextricable Link Between Oral, Mental, and Physical Health

July ’23 – How to Undertake Medical-Dental Collaboration and Oral Health Integration

Sept ’23 – Panel Discussion

**Idaho Oral Health Improvement Plan Activity Report Form is LIVE**

The 2021-2026 Idaho Oral Health Improvement Plan was released last fall as a roadmap for the strategic vision for the improvement of oral health for all who live within the borders of Idaho. The IOHA will prepare an activity report in early spring each year, so we need you to submit reports of the activities that you, your teams, and your communities undertake to help make progress on the State Plan goals. **Use the following link to submit a report every time you do something throughout the year. We want to hear from you!** <https://www.idahooralhealth.org/submit-event/>

**Idaho Kids Covered Webinar**

Idaho Kids Covered is a statewide network of health care advocates and stakeholders working to support affordable access to health coverage and care for all children in Idaho. The August 30, 2022, webinar will dig into the details on the Congressional Reconciliation package, discuss state health care policy updates, and review the upcoming Maternal and Infant Health Report. To register, [click here](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VZcdb8m2QOyufb2bl3GA1w).

**We hope you will continue your support of the IOHA by joining us as a member.** Annual memberships start every January, but you can join at any time. For more information or to pay your dues, visit <https://www.idahooralhealth.org/membership/>

We offer our sincere thanks to our annual corporate sponsors: Delta Dental of Idaho, Eide Bailly, Managed Care North America, Molina, SelectHealth, and the Idaho Oral Health Program.

Thank you for all you do to support the oral health needs of all who live within the borders of Idaho.