

THE DISCLOSER

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Unleashing Your Potential

Cindy M. Purdy, RDH, BSDH

NMDHA President

With the completion of the branding process, the new fresh-face of ADHA was revealed at Annual Session in New Orleans, June 22, 2007. This set in motion a new direction for ADHA. The promises that arose from this initiative are:

- Mentorship and a support system for students as they face the many challenges in preparation to leave the academic world and enter into practice
- Evolution from an *exclusionary* to an *inclusionary* organization in which all dental hygienists feel welcome and find a return on their membership dollar
- Changing the terms of engagement with dentistry and becoming a more recognizable partner in the dental experience for our patients

In order to fulfill these promises, ADHA identified the need for an extensive evaluation of its strengths and weakness. As a result, these Core Principals were developed:

- Dedication to the dental profession
- Long-standing supporter of dental hygienists
- Commitment to the personal/professional success of our members

As stated by Danielle Bright, ADHA Director of Member Services and Jeff Mitchell, ADHA Director of Communications, "By giving our members the tools, information and support they need to build their careers, we position dental hygiene as a champion of oral health as a valuable partner to the dental industry."

The success of this initiative begins at home--your dental hygiene home. Please share with your colleagues and dental hygiene friends what NMDHA has done for you and your career. Share with them:

- Our advancements with the recent passing of SB 805 allowing dental hygienists to apply preventive therapeutics **without** the supervision of a dentist.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10.25.07

What: NMDHA BOT Meeting
Where: Wyndham Hotel Albuquerque, 2910 Yale Blvd SE, 6:00 PM

10.25, 26, 27.07

What: NMDHA Annual Scientific Session and General Business Meeting
Where: Albuquerque, Wyndham Airport Hotel
Contacts: marykaye@nmdha.org

11.02.07

What: NMBDHC and DH Committee Meeting

Where: Spring Hill Suites by Marriott Conference Room, 1611 Hickory Loop, Las Cruces, NM ,
9:00 am for DH Committee meeting

11.08.07

What: HDDHS CE & Business Meeting
"The Guatemala Experience" by Paul & Michelle Edwards

1.08.08

What: HDDHS CE & Business Meeting.
"Resorbing Away: The Silent Disease" by Irma Poblano
Where: CNM Workforce Center 5600 Eagle Rock PI NE (Alameda & I-25) **6:00--7:30 pm**
Contact: anne@nmdha.org

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT
BY BARBARA POSLER, RDH
NMDHA, LEGISLATIVE CHAIR

Legislative News



Health care reform will be an important topic of discussion during legislative interim committee meetings that are being held around the state this summer. A state sponsored study of health care models has been completed and the results are being presented and discussed at statewide community forums and at the interim committee meetings. NMDHA has been lobbying for the inclusion of dental benefits in the reform plans being considered.

The newly appointed Governor's Oral Health Council met on August 10, 2007 to discuss issues to increase access to oral health care services in New Mexico. The council, chaired by Dr. Darlene Sorrell, is to make recommendations in a report to the Governor by early December. One of the subcommittees of the council will be reviewing Medicaid reimbursement policies and collaborative practice. If anyone has comments in this area or any ideas regarding access, please contact your NMDHA representative on the council, Barbara Posler before October 1.

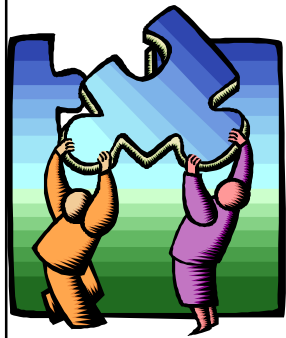
The New Mexico Oral Health Advisory Council is continuing to meet every 6-8 weeks. This is a more informal forum for discussing the state of oral health, access to care and workforce issues in New Mexico. Any interested persons are invited to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2007.

It is encouraging to hear that others attending the meetings are receptive to the idea of a mid-level dental practitioner. Advanced practice nurses are widely accepted in the medical profession; others involved in healthcare can see the benefits it could affect in dentistry. Advanced dental hygiene practitioners would have advanced education to meet the broadened scope of practice: access, quality care, safety and optimal health of the public is always the goal we seek to achieve.

This council of NMDHA is very much interested in your questions and comments!

Barbara Posler, RDH
Council on Regulation and Practice
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*It is never too late to be
what you might have been.*
George Eliot



**ARE YOU THE MISSING PIECE?
YOU CAN HELP COMPLETE
THE PUZZLE. SEE HOW ON
PAGE 6, "EACH ONE
REACH ONE" CAMPAIGN**

President's Message, continued from page 1

- NMDHA participating in "Special Olympics Special Smiles" at UNM in Albuquerque, on May 19, 2007. NMDHA organizing a host of volunteer dental hygienists, dentists, dental assistants, dental hygiene students, friends, and family members to perform more than 250 oral health screenings and education, fabricate over 100 mouth guards, and provide escorts for the athletes throughout the day.
- The NM Health Resources Annual Health Provider Retreat in Taos, on June 1-2. NMDHA contributing to the week end with a table presentation demonstrating the advantages of developing patient referral relationships between medical staff and collaborative dental hygienists in rural areas.
- As a direct result of the passing of SB805, NMDHA sponsored a community service project at the Rehoboth McKinley Christian Hospital of Gallup, N.M. on July 13, 2007. Volunteer dental hygienists and hospital staff applied donated fluoride varnish to approximately 40 children and provided preventive dental education services to their guardians.

NMDHA's Scientific Session and General Membership Meeting will be on October 26-27, 2007 at the Airport Wyndham Hotel. The President of ADHA, Jean Connor, RDH, will be in attendance. Please join us in welcoming her and showing her what a positive force New Mexico will be as ADHA moves forward as a vital component to the future success of dental hygiene.

*The ultimate goal of the new ADHA and its reason for being is to help **YOU** unleash your potential! **YOU** are the fresh-face of ADHA!*

Information for this report was derived from *Access*, July 2007, "Putting You at the Center of ADHA: The Association's New Branding Points to a Successful Future," Daniell Bright and Jeff Mitchell.

IT'S NOT YOUR TYPICAL MEETING!
- 2 EVENTS IN 1 -

The Center for Lifelong Learning at Annual Session
CLL: June 18-21, 2008
85th Annual Session: June 22-25, 2008

SAVE THE DATE!

ALBUQUERQUE 2008
New Mexico 2008

The Center for Lifelong Learning
at Annual Session

ADHA Institute for Oral Health

"Leading the way through professional excellence in dental hygiene education and research."

SILENT AUCTION TO BENEFIT THE INSTITUTE FOR ORAL HEALTH FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2007

THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE NMDHA SCIENTIFIC SESSION. A BIG THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO DONATED ITEMS. COME BID ON YOUR FAVORITE ITEMS and SUPPORT DENTAL HYGIENE RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIPS!

Successful bids must be picked up at the end of the auction and paid in full by cash or check.

Carol Hanson, RDH, BS
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"It is through your generous support that we are able to achieve our funding goals.

We thank you in advance for your support"

NMDHA Annual Scientific Session and General Business Meeting October 25–
27, 2007

President's Reception
Friday, October 26,

Plan to stay after the CE ends on Friday October 26, 2007 for the President's Reception. Greet ADHA President Jean Connor RDH and NMDHA President Cindy M. Purdy RDH, BSDH. There will also be a fashion show at the President's Reception. Come have fun with us. There will be prizes for the best hand made jewelry produced from dental products. If you are really creative, make a scrub jacket or top from dental materials! The only catch is that the jewelry or scrub needs to be 80% dental materials. Show off your creative and artistic side. Maybe an office can enter their idea for the next best thing in scrub attire or jewelry. There will be prizes for the best item in each category.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPECIAL SMILES, Farmington, New Mexico

August 18, 2007



Special Olympics Special Smiles is wrapped up for another successful year! Farmington was host for the Third Annual Four Corners Invitational on August 18th. Athletes from across the State competed in softball, swimming and golf. Area dentists, hygienists, San Juan Hygiene Program faculty and students, assistants, front office staff, and friends and family came to the Farmington Aquatics Center to volunteer. Many hours were devoted to getting supplies and recruiting volunteers for the event. Preparing the site began at 8am, with the actual screenings beginning at 11am and ending at 2pm. In three hours we completed 76 oral screenings and fabricated 15 mouth guards for the softball athletes. This annual competition brings people from across the state for athletics, health, and fun! Many of these athletes do not receive the healthcare they deserve due to lack of providers. I am proud to have been the Local Coordinator for the New Mexico Dental Hygienists Association and Special Olympics. This event is just one way to reach out to this inspiring population. I honestly get more out of it than the athletes do. I hope to see you all next year in the Four Corners!

Valoree Newton, RDH, BS

NMDHA Secretary/Special Olympics Special Smiles Farmington Coordinator

Farmington Community Health Center



NEW MEXICO DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION
19th Annual Scientific Session and General Membership Meeting,
October 26—27, 2007

FRIDAY

7:30 AM REGISTRATION BEGINS, CONTINENTAL
BREAKFAST

8:00 AM Opening Ceremonies and Keynote Speaker, ADHA
President Jean Connor, RDH

Followed by continuing education courses, "*Does Heart
Disease Begin My Mouth*" Presented by C. Austin Risbeck, RDH
"*Alzheimer's Disease in the Dental Office*" Presented by
Betty Kuehne

12:00—2:00 PM Awards luncheon, Visit Exhibitors

5:00—7:30 PM PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION, IOH Silent Auction,
Dental Materials Fashion Show

Saturday

7:30—9:00 AM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Continental
Breakfast

9:00 AM—4:30PM

"Earth Wind and Fire: The View",

Presented by Beth Thompson, RDH,BS, Deb Grant, RDH,BS,CA,
Shirley Gutkowski, RDH,BSDH

12:00 AM— 1:30 PM Lunch, Installation Ceremonies

WYNDHAM AIRPORT HOTEL, 2910 Yale Blvd SE, Albuquerque, #843-7000



Each One Reach One

The New Mexico Dental Hygienists' Association is kicking off the first annual "Each One Reach One" membership campaign at this year's NMDHA Annual Scientific Session and General Business Meeting, October 26, 2007. Each member of NMDHA can recruit new members and can work with members to strengthen their interest and participation in NMDHA. In fact, it is our responsibility to share our professional organization with anyone who may be interested and who may add to our collective strength for the benefit of all NM.

NMDHA would like each of us to consider three points when thinking about recruiting new members and supporting them as they become part of NMDHA:

- ◆ All of us can be effective recruiters of new members, and we should use our personal characteristics and strengths to be successful.
- ◆ Recruitment need not be a daunting task. We should think of recruiting new members as the ongoing opportunity to find one person at a time.
- ◆ We should remember that we have a common characteristic; we are leaders. We should regard each person as someone who can benefit from and contribute to the success of NMDHA.

We believe the success we have in recruiting new members begins with individual commitment to building NMDHA; recruitment is not reserved for a few leaders. Each of us knows other dental hygienists, and we should regard every dental hygienist we know as a potential member. Each of us possesses certain strengths and characteristics that make good recruiters.

Eligibility Requirements:

In order for points to be earned/granted, the following criteria must be met:

- ◆ Recruiters of potential members must be an active member of ADHA/NMDHA
- ◆ Recruited members' dues are paid in full to ADHA National Office upon submission of membership application.

Individual Rewards:

- ◆ You'll receive one point for every individual you recruit for ADHA/NMDHA membership. To receive credit for your recruitment, you must be an active ADHA/NMDHA member in good standing. The hygienist who recruits the most members will earn a prize to be revealed at Scientific Session in October.

Council on Member Services: Ani Humberson, RDH, BS, MS ani@nmdha.org & Lisa Snyder, RDH, BS li-sas@nmdha.org See website for "Ways To Get Involved", and contact Ani & Lisa

Accessing the Journal of Dental Hygiene Online No Longer Requires Registration with Ingenta

ADHA members no longer need to register with Ingenta to access the *Journal of Dental Hygiene* online. In order to make the *Journal of Dental Hygiene* more accessible, members can link directly to the *Journal of Dental Hygiene* through the Members section of the ADHA Web site. To view *Journal* articles, please log in to the Members section of the ADHA Web site and click on the Members Resources link. Scroll down to the *Journal of Dental Hygiene* link, which will take you directly to a list of all the available issues online. If you have any questions, please contact **Journal of Dental Hygiene Staff Editor Katie Barge** at 312-440-7381 or via email at katieb@adha.net.

STUDENT NEWS

Welcome to the University of New Mexico graduate students.
Our best wishes for a very successful year!



In the back row from left to right: Diana Burnham (2nd year), Irma Poblano (2nd year), Melissa Van Witzenburg (1st year), Kathy Bettinger (1st year) and Raquel Padilla (1st year)

In the front from left to right: Doris Turcotte (1st year), Stephanie Baca (2nd year), and Kathy Berry (1st year).

Not pictured: Angelina Vega (2nd year)

ADHA Podcasts...Your Professional Connection to Hygiene

ADHA and Colgate are pleased to announce a new partnership designed for you, the busy dental hygiene professional and student. Introducing timely topics featuring clinical and professional development themes you can use anywhere! These 15-20 minute Podcasts can be downloaded to your MP3 player (such as an iPod) or they can be streamed live to your desktop. The second Podcast, "Fostering Growth in Dental Hygiene Through Professional Roles" is available now for free download.

To access this new and innovative learning tool log onto the Member section of www.adha.org, click on the "Member Resources" tab, and scroll down to "Resources."

To: Graduates From ADHA:

Graduating and starting any new job is a stressful experience-it is filled with questions, uncertainties and new routines. In school, you had the experience of your faculty to guide and mentor you for the last two years. Now that you are out on your own, who do you turn to? (<http://www.adha.org/enews/06062007.htm#grads>)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Greetings,

My name is Ginny Berger and I am the president elect for NMDHA. I will take the office of president in October at Scientific Session.

I just returned from Annual Session in New Orleans and I am very motivated to make a difference to the profession of dental hygiene and the organization that represents us, ADHA.

ADHA has spent time, energy and money to find out what we want out of the organization and concluded that the whole concept of whom we are and who the organization is and how we value the association needs updating.

ADHA has found that a good portion of the dental hygienists do not feel the dues are worth the experience. In fact, the branding campaign (what the industry calls this exploration into the group) has determined that the local components up to the national organization are exclusionary to the majority of us. Most hygienists do not really care about the politics and they are not that interested in fighting with dentists to change their practice of dental hygiene.

So I am proposing to enter into a year of increased membership, increased inclusionary activities, and changing the "feel" of how we do things. ADHA MUST survive to protect dental hygiene for all of us, including patients. I beg of you to join and pay dues and then maybe just maybe come to join us once in awhile...you will be welcomed with open arms and I promise we will do everything possible to engage you with opportunities for yourself with ADHA.

NMDHA is in need of board members for 2007-2008 and you would be perfect for one of many offices. Take a look

President Elect

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Please call me with any questions and bring a friend to one of our meetings.

ADHA and NMDHA are here for you!

Ginny Berger



COMPONENT CORNER

NORTHERN

If you would like to become involved in planning with the Northern Component contact Billie Driscoll at dricon@aol.com or Cher LeFebvre email: chersage@msn.com

This summer, future meetings will be planned. Your ideas are most welcome.

CENTRAL (HDDHS)

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SOUTHERN

Contact person for this component is Doris Baker. dobaker@zianet.com Officers are currently being organized. **Volunteer to help!** Watch website for meetings.

EASTERN

Contact persons: Cindy Lakin celestialcim@3lefties.com (Clovis). Other Eastern contacts are Jo Marquez, (Hobbs) email vjmarq@aol.com and Becky Fierro, (Carlsbad) misbeckyfierro@yahoo.com Tammy Teague, (Hobbs). Officers are needed and are being organized. When a meeting is scheduled you will receive a flyer in the mail and it will be on the events calendar on the web site.

Component meetings will be posted at the calendar of events on our web site.

Inquiries notify Cindy Vigil at cindyv@nmdha.org visit:

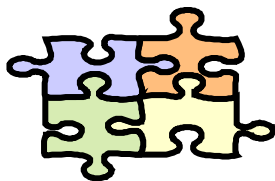
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*Every piece is needed
to complete a puzzle.
Every Hygienist is
needed to complete
NMDHA*



*You are invited
Saturday, October 27,
2007*

*NMDHA General Membership
Meeting and Election of Officers*

7:30-9:00am

*Continental Breakfast will be
provided*

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and mobile dental settings.**

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