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ADA: Health Policy and Resource Center

The ADA Health Policy and Resource Center (HPRC) is a thought leader and recognized authority on critical issues facing the dental profession. Now that the deadline of January 1, 2014 for implementation of the federal law governing the Affordable Care Act has passed, several entities—including IUSD—are sorting out the impact of the ACA on dental care delivery in this new system. In April 2013, the ADA HPRC published a policy brief entitled—ACO- Accountable Care Organizations Present Key Opportunities for the Dental Profession—one key message is that ACO's could help bridge the gap between oral and general health care, improve coordination of care, and help reduce overall health care costs. In addition, it provides an opportunity to re-examine the role of oral care providers within the health care team. This last message is critically important to understand as the national conversation around Inter-Professional Education (IPE) and Clinical Care (IPC) continues.

The Complete ADA-HPRC Accountable Care Organization article is located at:

http://www.wv.ada.org/sections/professionalResources/pdfs/HPRCBrief_0413_2.pdf



The March Equinox – the official start of spring-- is now less than 2 weeks away (March 20th). The winter has hampered our clinical operations this season, but several activities continue in high gear. Planning efforts are now moving forward on two architectural dimensions (see article below) for comprehensive new dental facilities to support the educational, research and service programs for IUSD. The work we do now better positions the IU dental school within the complex environment of health education and practice to advance our Mission and the Vision of IUSD to make Indiana..... *one of the best dental schools of the 21st century.*

● It Is Official: Accreditation Status 2013 !

I am pleased to share extremely good news with you regarding the outcome of our accreditation site visit held September 10-12, 2013. At the winter 2014 CODA meeting, the Commission granted **full accreditation without any reporting requirements** to all IUSD sponsored programs except for one item outstanding for the dental assisting distance education program. My sincere thanks again for the leadership of Dr. Christianne Guba in her oversight of the project for the past 20 months and to all of you—the IUSD Community—who assisted in making necessary academic changes and working diligently to assure compliance with the Commission standards. Now, in the words of Faculty Council President, Dr. Vanchit John, we begin preparing for 2020 accreditation! Congratulations for a job well done.

● Planning Activities: IUSD Dental Facilities Project Update

Since November 2013, I have shared with you the exciting possibility of acquiring space in a former Wishard clinical building. We have been working with the IU campus facilities office regarding use of the Wishard Primary Care Clinical (WPCC) building (approx. 100,000 sq. ft.). To assist in the detail planning, we are working with a local architectural firm, Arc Design to provide specific design plans for the WPCC. In addition, the university has hired the Smith Group to conduct a new master plan for the entire IU Health Park Campus (former Wishard) site. The Smith Group expects to have their comprehensive plan completed this summer 2014. Last week I provided a visual presentation on the current planning to date and this is available for viewing at this site:

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http://www.indiana.edu/~video/stream/launchflash.html?folder=dsvideo&filename=DeansTownHall/140226_Dean_Town_Hall.mp4

No final decisions have been made to relocate any program/s, but we are undertaking these next steps in earnest by working with both architect groups to explore “what if/s” and obtain some preliminary design and cost estimates. I invite you to contact me directly with your thoughts, ideas or concerns. We are targeting spring 2014 to have some draft plans from Arc Design. Once drafts are outlined, we will present to the IUSD community for consideration.

- **IUSD Wins--2014 AADR National Student Research Group (NSRG)**

Congratulations to the IUSD student research group!! We have been notified that Indiana University was chosen as the winner of the 2014 AADR National Student Research Group (NSRG) contest for the best local student research group newsletter. National recognition will occur at the AADR National Student Research Group Business Meeting during the AADR/CADR Annual Meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2014, in Charlotte.

- **IUSD-International Dental Program 2014 Ready for Year Two**

The IUSD-IDP program is ready to begin year two next week. Following the efforts in year one, some changes have been made to improve the educational process. Fourteen provisionally accepted IDP students will arrive at IUSD Monday, March 10 to begin the CE Intensive which will run through mid-June. If performance assessments are satisfactory, seven of these provisionally accepted students will matriculate in July with the Class of 2016. The remaining students will matriculate in January, 2015. The Curriculum Assessment Committee will review the curriculum for the IDP program to determine if it will be possible to complete the IDP course of study in a minimum of two years. As a condition of admission, all of the IDP students have successfully passed Parts I and II of the National Boards. Following faculty feedback and evaluation, the number of provisionally accepted IDP students this year was reduced and staggered pending a final decision on clinical facilities planning and the recommendations of the clinical task force that has been reviewing alternative methods for delivery of patient care. Future IDP planning will be contingent on these outcomes.

- **Inside Indiana Business Videos—Keeping You in the Know**

Dr. Tom Morrison, IU VP Capital Projects, talks about the IU-Wishard land redevelopment (2-28-14):

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/video.asp?id=761&v=3233179025001>

Dr. Dom Zero, Director-Oral Health Research Institute, on Army research for new chewing gum (2-21-14):

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/video.asp?id=759&v=3162713006001>

- **March Calendar**

- AADR Reception Charlotte NC Wednesday March 19th
- IUSD Spring Break March 14-21, 2014 *Have fun, be safe & come back renewed!*

- **Celebrate Dental Assistants Week at IUSD -- March 3 to 9, 2014**

Did you know that National Dental Assistants Week is this week? All of our dental assistants are critical to the IUSD education program so thank them today and every day for what they do!

Thank you for your continued dedication and support of the Vision and Mission of IUSD. I'll be back next month with the 2014 April edition of *First Friday...Dean's Update*.

Less than 2 weeks until spring officially arrives!



-John

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