

ADA launches a new HPI video series called *Perspectives* that discusses critical oral health policy issues in the dental care sector!

**[Of Lawyers, Lattes, and Dentists](#)**

In this month's *Health Policy Perspectives* column, household spending patterns for vacations, cable television, cell phones and dental care are examined. The data show clearly that household spending on dental care is not rebounding with the economic recovery, while spending on most other household items is. In fact, only three items still have declining household spending: legal services, coffee and tea, and dental care. **Only have 90 seconds? Watch the [video](#).**

**[The Booming Medicaid Market](#)**

Last month's *Health Policy Perspectives* column shows convincingly that Medicaid expansion under the ACA is about to reshape the dental benefits market. In most states that offer adult dental benefits, the Medicaid expansion completely dwarfs the increase in private dental benefits coverage through the health insurance marketplaces. A serious effort is needed in many states to implement evidence-based Medicaid reforms if this increased coverage is to translate into increased access to dental care. **Only have 90 seconds? Watch the [video](#).**

**[Interpreting HRSA's Latest Dentist Workforce Projections](#)**

In this commentary, the main findings of HRSA's latest assessment of the adequacy of the dentist workforce are discussed. HPI also provides insights into how the findings should be interpreted and the need for better research.

See the reports and videos at [www.ada.org/hpi](http://www.ada.org/hpi).



## First Friday.....April 3, 2015

Spring is here (well almost!) according to the calendar but not the temperature gauge. I was off to Gary last Monday and arrived to 5" of new snow on the ground. We were trying a new concept of doing a brief CE program known as *Dean's Society On the Road* in the northern portion of Indiana. We are trying some new CE venues to see how we can better reach our loyal alumni and friends. Thanks to Dr. Harvey Weingarten, IUSD CE Director, for the idea and making the arrangements! This is another example of things we do today to advance our mission and the vision of IUSD to make Indiana... *one of the best dental schools of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.*

- **Renovations to Come - IUSD 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Dental Hygiene Clinic**

Renovation will begin shortly of the clinical space on the 4th floor occupied by the dental hygiene and graduate operative programs that is part of a holistic, long-term plan to modernize our clinical facilities. When complete in October, the 4th floor clinic will be a state-of-the-art, multi-disciplinary clinic, with 25 brand new operatories. It will be a prototype of the ultramodern clinical spaces we will create throughout the building addition. As in any old building, the first step is asbestos abatement and containment. In mid-May, after graduation, the F and G chairs in the 3rd floor Comprehensive Care Clinic will be closed off to abate the asbestos in that area, which is connected to the 4th floor clinical space above it. While the 4th floor space is under renovation, several offices will be moved temporarily. Upon completion, dental hygiene, graduate operative and the DDS Team clinic will use the new multi-disciplinary area.

- **Building Project Update – Financing Plan**

With the return to the original Phase 1 plan of building a new (approximately 48,000 square-foot extension) to the existing dental building complex, we are now intensely focused on gaining IU endorsement of our financing plan for the estimated \$21.6M project. Our building financial plan has been submitted to IUPUI Administration, and our goal is to be on the Board of Trustees' agenda in the near future for preliminary project approval. I thank you for your continued patience and continued support. IUSD is so fortunate to have a strong cadre of alumni who were early building donors—pledging \$4M to date-- moving us closer to the goal of new facilities. More progress! Thank you!

- **Bravo....IUSD National Student ADEA Leadership**

The March ADEA meeting in Boston sported many student leaders but no student group did as well as our own IUSD contingent. Among the various Councils, Tim Treat (DDS 2016 class president) was named national chair, ADEA Council of Students, Residents, and Fellows (CoSRF); Mackenzie Kelley (D3) was named ADEA CoSRF Ohio Valley Regional Representative; and Allison Williams (D1) was named CoSRF-Policy Center Liaison for Institutional Capacity Building. IUSD's ADEA Student Chapter also received the Most Improved Chapter Award! Thanks to our students who are leading the future.

## First Friday....IUSD Dean's Update April 3, 2015

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### • **Putting the Smile in Primary Care: Oral Health/Primary Care Integration Pilot**

IPE (InterProfessional Education) is moving along at IUSD with the oral health/primary care integration pilot project that was held last month at the IU Family Medicine Residency Clinic. In the pilot, four collaborative teams comprised of a family medicine resident, dental hygiene student, and faculty dentist preceptor performed oral health risk assessments, evaluations, preventive interventions, patient education, and, when needed, referral for dental treatment. The teams provided services for 10 pediatric patients (ages ranging from 3 to 12 years) that presented for a well-child visit. All patients were Indiana Medicaid recipients. Of the ten children seen during the pilot, eight presented with active dental caries. Dental abscesses were observed in two children, one of whom had early childhood caries and required immediate attention. Family Medicine residents were provided with a didactic session and interactive discussion including background on oral health and the rationale for integration of oral health with primary care. Dental faculty preceptors participated in a one-hour meeting to discuss the pilot and review [interprofessional education competencies](#), which were presented by Dr. Andrea Pfeifle, IU's new Director of IPE.

### • **Academic Affairs Task Force Update....Progress**

In the continuing commitment to improve our DDS academic program, the Academic Affairs Task Force has made great progress implementing changes this past year. My thanks to Dr. Guba and the academic affairs staff for directing these changes noted below:

- Common IUSD Calendar was developed, adopted and will be fully implemented on July 1, 2015.
- All D1 and D2 "megacourses" were reconfigured into individual courses.
- The D3 and D4 clinical courses are now being reconfigured with the clinical faculty.
- CTS (PBL) was discontinued, and small group learning now occurs in specific courses during specific units. Additionally, Tuesday mornings are for assigned vertical team activities. This time is being further formalized with regard to content for the next academic year beginning July 1.

### • **Name the IUSD Newsletter**

We received more than 100 entries to the Name the Newsletter contest! At IUSD, we are a creative, witty bunch. Thank you for each and every submission. Our esteemed panel of judges whittled the submissions down to the top 10. Thank you to our first-round judges: Kelli Schmidt, Library; David Zahl, Office of Academic Affairs; Drs. Jeffrey Platt, Brooke Adams and Lisa Willis, Faculty; Ina McBean, Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion; and D3 students Megan Bloomquist and Matthew Rehmel. Cash prizes Friday morning at coffee!

### • **Upcoming Events**

- April 13 : [23<sup>rd</sup> Annual IUSD Research Day](#) IUPUI Campus Center
- April 28: Dean's Town Hall
- May 8-9 [IUSD Commencement Weekend](#)
- For 2016.....[IUSD Dental Alumni Cruise](#)-- 7 Night Southern Caribbean Cruise onboard The Celebrity Summit: January 23-30, 2016. Please call Barb Albertin at Ambassadair at 317-218-0802.

### • **Coffee and Donuts**

You are invited for coffee and donuts as part of our monthly First Friday event in the IUSD Student Lounge lower level from 7:30 to 9am. We will draw for "Name the Newsletter" prizes. Come join the festivities!

Thank you for your continued dedication and support of the Vision and Mission of IUSD. I'll be back next month with the 2015 May edition of *First Friday...Dean's Update*.



-John

Check out the IUSD website:  
<https://www.dentistry.iu.edu/index.php>