



Coalition for Oral Health For The Aging

April 2011 Newsletter

To better facilitate communication and reduce the number of e-mails, information will be collated each month and sent out in newsletter format.

If you have any items to include in future newsletters, please forward them to chair@micoha.org.

Upcoming COHA Meetings

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- **April 29, 2011; 1-3pm EST:** Quarterly COHA Meeting
 - Guest Speaker: Rick Lantz, Delta Dental of Michigan, to discuss the Healthy Kids Dental Program
 - Via conference call (866-453-5550; Pincode 53102)
 - In person: Delta Dental Building; 4100 Okemos Rd; Okemos, MI

From the Board

- Welcome, **Ms. Sharon Hall**, as the newest member of the COHA Executive Board. Ms. Hall is the Vice Chair of the Kent County Regional Interagency Consumer Committee (RICC) and Diversity Outreach Coordinator. She will serve as COHA's liaison with the Michigan DD Council.
- We are actively recruiting new board members for COHA. Given the development needs of COHA we are looking for individuals with expertise in fundraising and organizational development, but this is not a requirement to join. If you are interested in a position or know of someone who would be interested in joining the COHA Executive Board, please contact Dr. Elisa Ghezzi at chair@micoha.org

Article of Interest

- **Aleydis Centers LLC**
 - See attached article and website
 - <http://aleydiscenters.com/>
 - "a radical new way of delivering care on site with the patient as the focus...the hub where various providers of care will deliver treatment"

Current COHA Projects

- **Press Release Development** from the Vulnerable Elderly Survey
 - To be released in April 2011
 - <http://www.micoha.org/vulnerable-elderly-survey.html>
- 2nd Annual Community Alliance **Dental Day June 2011**
 - <http://communityalliance.com/oral-health-initiatives.php>
 - We will be collecting supplies, raising funds, and recruiting providers.
- Check out the new **Coalition for Oral Health for the Aging website**
 - <http://www.micoha.org/>
 - Feel free to send comments, suggestions, and additional materials to link to chair@micoha.org

Special Care Dentistry Association

Special Care Dentistry Association (SCADA) is the premier organization devoted to improving oral health for people with special needs

- Learn more about this national organization at <http://www.scdonline.org>
- Membership is encouraged
- Dr. Elisa Ghezzi is an associate editor of the organizations' Special Care in Dentistry Journal
- Annual Meeting Dates
 - April 1-3, 2011: Chicago
 - April 26-29, 2012: Hilton Scottsdale Resort & Villas

To learn more about COHA, please visit our website (www.micoha.org) or contact Dr. Elisa Ghezzi at chair@micoha.org

