

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 23, 2014

To: Members of the VCU Fluoride Commission – Dave Bengs (Chair), Mark Thiros (Co-Chair), Tim Daly, Judith Harrington, Jon Schoer, Kevin Steele, Jennifer Waldo

From: Stu Walesh, Facilitator

CC: Steve Poulos; John Hardwick; Stu Walesh; Mike Langer; Shihua Chen; Times; Post Tribune; Gary Foreman; William Hirzy; Ed Charbonneau; Mary Woodworth; Peggy Busse; James R. Miller, MD; Douglas M. Bush; Terry G. Schechner, DDS; Linda S. Orgain; Hollis Russinof; Ed Popcheff; E. Angeles Martinez Mier, DDS, MSD, PhD; Jim Powers; Michelle Greenhalgh; Jean Caster; Ron Ziolkowski; Eileen Curosh, RDH, BS; Isaac Zeckel, DDS; Christopher Gall, DDS; Robert Corns, DDS

Re: Summary of Meeting 3 on Thursday, June 19, 2014

Participants: All members of the Commission; Steve Poulos, Utilities Director; Shihua Chen, Water Operations Manager; Stu Walesh, Facilitator; John Hardwick, Coordinator; the speakers listed below, about 25 citizens, and James Wolf of the *Post*.

1. Welcome – The special purpose meeting started at 5:05 PM with Commission Chair Dave Bengs welcoming everyone and indicating that the purpose of this Commission meeting was to provide an opportunity for individuals to **speak in favor of** the Valparaiso City Utilities Department of Water Works/City of Valparaiso, through its treatment and distribution of the public water supply, being the mechanism to provide fluoride to the general public via systemic fluoridation. He also summarized the charge to the Commission.

2. Speakers – Presentations that had been pre-arranged were presented by the following, all of whom spoke in favor of VCU fluoridation:

James R. Miller, DDS, MSD, PhD – State Oral Health Director, Indiana State Department of Health

E. Angeles Martinez Mier, DDS, MSD, PhD – Preventive and Community Dentistry, Binational/Cross-Cultural Health Enhancement Center, Oral Health Research Institute, Indiana University School of Dentistry

Terry G. Schechner, DDS – Past President of the Indiana Dental Association; Pediatric Dentistry of Northwest Indiana, Valparaiso and Highland

James R. Powers – Manager, Water Fluoridation Program, Environmental Public Health, Indiana Department of Health

Eileen Fitzgerald Curosh, RDH, BS – Clinical Dental Hygienist, Member of the Board of the Indiana Dental Hygienists Association, Morfas Family Dentistry, Dyer, IN

Christopher W. Gall, DDS – President of the Northwest Indiana Dental Society, Griffith, IN

Isaac N. Zeckel, MS, DDS – Dental Director for HealthLinc, Valparaiso, IN

Robert A. Corns, DDS – Northwest Indiana Dental Society Board of Directors; Endodontist, Endodontics, Inc., Valparaiso, IN

Written summaries prepared by speakers will be posted by June 27, 2014 on the Valparaiso City Utilities website (<http://ci.valparaiso.in.us/index.aspx?nid=532> or Google Valparaiso City Utilities)

Each speaker's presentation was followed by questions/comments offered by Commission members and members of the audience.

3. Learning more – Facilitator Stu Walesh offered two suggested ways to stay in touch with the work of the Fluoride Commission. First, visit the VCU website and view over 60 documents/materials submitted in support of and opposition to ongoing fluoridation by the VCU and also see agendas for and summaries of Commission meetings. Second, provide your email address to VCU personnel and become part of the contact list for the Commission's project.

4. Next scheduled Commission meeting – Wednesday, June 25, 5:00 PM, City Hall for the purpose of receiving comments, with written summaries, from those who **oppose continuing the fluoridation of the Valparaiso water supply.**

5. Adjourn – Chairman Dave Bengs closed the meeting adjourned at about 7:30 PM.