

- ♦ Operated a clinical program, which treats more than 12,000 patients a year with more than 40 dental staff members, and 30 dental chairs in five facilities, utilizing multiple payers – including a unique capitation program.

Dr. Dumbaugh also had a dental sealant program, Headstart dental program, and had about 50 students a year rotate through his programs and hear his lectures on dental public health, including preventive medi-

cine residents. Furthermore, Bob was the chief local investigator of the Dr. Acer case when six dental patients died of AIDS. This changed the practice of dentistry and medicine in our country. In the mid 1980's, as a member of the Florida Dental Society, it was Bob who helped us at a critical time in the American Dental Association (ADA) House of Delegates to recertify Dental Public Health as a specialty. While serving in the USPHS Regional Office in Chicago, he wrote the first draft for the establishment of the

Harold Hillenbrand Fellowship, named after the ADA's most forward looking executive director and strongest supporter of dental public health. Bob also served on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Public Health Dentistry* under Dr. David Striffler from 1976 to 1985. Additionally, Bob received several awards during the 26 years that he was a member of the Florida Dental Association House of Delegates. What a legacy and role model for dental public health! Congratulations!

Remarks on Receiving the AACDP Myron Allukian Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award

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It was 1983 and a small group of public health dentists met in Boston to discuss problems and solutions related to the administration of their local dental programs. My memory tells me that the meeting was held in a guest room of a downtown hotel; but Myron tells me it was in a bar....it could have been.

Present at that first meeting – the formative meeting for AACDP – were Drs. Myron Allukian from Boston, Massachusetts, Tom Butts from Jefferson County, Alabama, Larry Hill from Cincinnati, Ohio, Bob Peterek from Austin, Texas, and myself. We soon discovered that our individual concerns were common to all, and we felt a responsibility to organize into a more formal body to provide a forum for the exchange of information that

would assist local dental directors in the development, administration, and evaluation of their programs.

It is the good fortune of the newer local directors to witness that this early effort has been carried on and continues to grow. This is evidenced by the attendance of over 100 AACDP conference participants in Los Angeles last year, and over 70 this year in Pittsburgh. Through their pre-conference lectures and seminars, local administrators learn from more experienced members the nuts and bolts of procuring funds, selecting equipment, defining target populations, determining the ranges of services to be provided, and techniques for evaluating effectiveness of programs. It is to the credit of Dr.

Allukian and Dr. Hill that the effort to sustain AACDP as an important and viable organization has not lost its momentum.

My plea to all of you in attendance – in service, research, education, and administration – is to continue to support AACDP and to provide information and guidance when asked, and to realize that local dental program directors provide the critical services that are direct extensions of the important services that **you** provide.

I am extremely pleased to accept the AACDP Lifetime Achievement Award, and specially humbled to know that this award is named in honor of the *Godfather of Local Dental Programs*, Dr. Myron Allukian, Jr.