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Jennifer Martinson of Amery, WI installed as new president of the Wisconsin Dental Hygiene Association

Eau Claire, WI (4/22/2017)-The Wisconsin Dental Hygienists’ Association (WI-DHA) is the state constituent of the American Dental Hygienists’ Association (ADHA). On April 22, 2017 the House of Delegates meeting of the WI-DHA included the induction of a new president to the association. Jennifer Martinson of Amery, WI was inducted after being an active member of the WI-DHA for several years. In addition to her active membership, she is also employed by HyLife LLC as a hygienist that provides oral health services to dependent elders. Her goals as president are to increase membership to help strengthen the Association and its causes, and to increase collaboration within healthcare professions.

Right now the WI-DHA is more important than ever, since the association is lobbying for increased access to care for our Wisconsin citizens. Hygienists can currently only work unsupervised in schools and public health departments. This new initiative will allow more of the underserved in our neighborhoods access to care. Hygienists are seeking to work in hospitals, nursing homes, daycares, group homes, correctional facilities, home-care agencies, as well as in programs for the indigent populations of this state.

Martinson hopes her position will allow the association to ,"educate the healthcare profession and the public as to why dental hygienists are part of the whole healthcare team and why we should be employed as part of their team."

The ADHA and WI-DHA wants to be part of our patients health care delivery team in order to improve our patient's lives. We invite the public and any hygienists not a part of our organization to seek more knowledge and information about our profession, and how we can improve our neighbors lives in Wisconsin.

Please visit WI-DHA widha.org or ADHA adha.org websites to become a member, or as community members, to learn more how we can improve access to care. -END-