

ASTDD Early Childhood Oral Health Committee Annual Report January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Chair: Chris Farrell

Consultant: Michelle Landrum

Members: Jay Balzer, Suzanne S. Burnette, MeChaune Butler, Martha Dellapenna, Susan Deming, Diane Flanagan, Kay C. Floyd, Francisco Ramos-Gomez, Harry Goodman, Kim Herremans, Ann Hoffman, Katrina Holt, Kathy Hunt, Reginald Louie, Michelle Martin, Gina Sharps, Helen Stamatouras, Julia Wacloff

1. List any new members or subcommittee members:

Ann Hoffman

Gina Sharps

2. Describe the purpose of your committee:

Improve the oral health of young children (birth to 5 years of age) living in the United States and U.S. territories through disease prevention and management, access to care, and systems integration. Target populations include children and pregnant women enrolled in Early Head Start, Head Start (HS), home visiting, and child care programs and children with special health care needs. The Early Childhood Oral Health (EC) Committee is the primary ASTDD committee charged with supporting the National Maternal Child and Oral Health Resource Center in (OHRC) implementing the National Center on Early Childhood Health and Wellness (NCECHW) oral health activities, including the Dental Hygiene Liaison (DHL) project.

3. List your recent committee accomplishments:

- In collaboration with OHRC, some EC committee members developed and facilitated presentations to support NCECHW. Key presentations included:
 - *A Review of the Revised Head Start Program Performance Standards Relevant to Oral Health*. National Oral Health Conference (NOHC), April 24, 2017, Albuquerque, NM [Katrina Holt and Michelle Landrum, presenters]
 - *Overview of the Dental Hygienist Liaison Project*, NCECHW Oral Health Workgroup Meeting, July 25, 2017, Washington, DC [Michelle Landrum, presenter]
- In collaboration with OHRC, coordinated and assisted with DHL presentations at regional, state, and national conferences (see *DHL Quarterly Progress Report Summaries* for a complete list of DHL presentations in 2017).
- Provided training and technical assistance to DHLs directly and via the DHL discussion list, DHL webpage, and the following DHL webinars:
 - *Partnering with Child Care to Improve Oral Health for Children in Early Care and Educations Programs*, February 17, 2017 [Linda Satkowiak, presenter]

- *Strategies to Increase Impact of the Dental Hygienist Liaison*, July 28, 2017 [Michelle Landrum, presenter]
- *Brush, Book, Bed: The Importance of Routines*, December 8, 2017 [Lauren Barone, presenter]
- In collaboration with OHRC, provided HS regional health specialists and health managers, DHLs, and other stakeholders guidance on HS Program Performance Standards related to fluoride supplementation, EPSDT dental periodicity schedules, and oral examinations vs. oral health screenings.
- In collaboration with OHRC and with assistance from regional DHL coordinators, helped plan and participated in an intensive oral health training for HS grantees attending the Health Care Institute on April 12, 2017, in Albuquerque, NM. Presentations included:
 - *The Oral Health Landscape in Head Start* [Katrina Holt, Beth Lowe, and Michelle Landrum, presenters]
 - *Smiles for Life! Preventive Strategies for Promoting Oral Health for Pregnant Women, Infants, and Children* [Heather Blair, Kathy Hunt, Gina Sharps, and Beth Stewart, presenters]
- In collaboration with OHRC and the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA), hosted a DHL reception on April 24, 2017, at NOHC in Albuquerque, NM. Fifteen DHLs were in attendance.
- Michelle Landrum and Katrina Holt participated in the NCECHW Partner's Meeting on May 18-19, 2017 in Chicago, IL.
- EC Committee consultant, several EC Committee members, and DHLs (Kim Attanasi, Chris Farrell, Diane Flanagan, Katrina Holt, Kathy Hunt, Michelle Landrum, and Francisco Ramos-Gomez) attended the NCECHW Oral Health Workgroup Meeting on July 25, 2017, in Washington, DC.
- Michelle Landrum represented the EC Committee in a video produced by the Texas Oral Health Coalition and the Texas Health Institute for a project titled *Advancing the Oral Health Movement in Texas*.
- Contributed to ASTDD's *Oral Health Matters* newsletter.
- Several EC Committee members served on Oral Health America's Early Childhood Caries Prevention Project Advisory Committee and presented HS content expertise on conference calls and at in-person meetings
- Collected, analyzed, and distributed results of the DHL annual survey.
- Collected and summarized DHL quarterly reports (January, April, July, September) that outlined the DHL activities in each state.
- Recruited Melissa Utley for regional DHL coordinator position in Region VIII.
- In collaboration with ADHA, recruited new DHLs in the following states/areas: Alaska, northern and southern California, Illinois, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, and Virginia.
- In collaboration with OHRC and ADHA, facilitated an in-person meeting with the regional DHL coordinators on August 11, 2017, in Chicago, IL.
- Several EC Committee members reviewed monthly issues of NCECHW's *Brush Up on Oral Health*, a resource for HS staff produced by OHRC.
- Developed the 2017-2018 EC Committee workplan and logic model.

- Developed the Year 3 DHL workplan.
- Developed the *DHL At-A-Glance Activity Guide*.
- Developed the *DHL Quarterly Report Tracking Form*.
- Maintained/updated the EC Committee and DHL webpages and Committee and DHL discussion list.
- In collaboration with OHRC, updated NCECHW-approved presentations for DHLs to use to present at local, state, and national conferences and meetings.

4. Describe your current committee activity:

- Collaborating with ADHA and the American Academy of Pediatric (AAP) to send a letter of introduction to AAP's Community Oral Health Advocates and DHLs.
- In collaboration with OHRC, planning the following presentations for the Native American Child and Family Conference:
 - *Oral Health Resources to Support Head Start Programs*, March 14, 2018, Las Vegas, NV [Michelle Landrum, presenter]
 - *Partnering with Parents to Improve Children's Oral Health*, March 15, 2018, Las Vegas, NV [Michelle Landrum, presenter]
- Planning a roundtable for the 2018 NOHC: *Strategies for Promoting Oral Health in Head Start, Child Care, and Home Visiting Programs*, April 16, 2018, Louisville, KY [Michelle Landrum and Michelle Martin, presenters].
- In collaboration with OHRC, planning an intensive oral health training for HS grantees attending the Health Care Institute on April 25, 2018, in Albuquerque, NM. The regional DHL coordinators will assist with presentations and facilitation.
- In collaboration with OHRC, planning a presentation for the 2018 ADHA's Conference: *Promoting the Oral Health of Young Children by Working in Dental Public Health*, June 20-23, 2018, Columbus, OH [Michelle Landrum, Michelle Martin, and Gina Sharps, presenters].
- DHL training, support, and recruitment (ongoing).
- In collaboration with OHRC, producing an instructional video on toothbrushing at the HS or child care program table.
- In collaboration with OHRC, assisting with DHL presentations at the state, regional, and national levels (ongoing).

5. Describe the future activities planned by your committee:

- Draft an article for ADHA's *Access* magazine that highlights the DHL project.
- See Home Visiting Sub-Committee activities under question #6 below.
- In collaboration with OHRC, review and develop NCECHW oral health resources, including *Brush Up on Oral Health* (ongoing).
- Coordinate quarterly webinars for DHLs (ongoing).
- Develop training resources for DHLs as needed (ongoing).
- Assist OHRC in developing and updating slide presentations for DHLs to use with targeted early childhood audiences (ongoing).
- Summarize and share DHL activities quarterly (ongoing).

- Present at national and regional meetings as requested (ongoing).
 - Maintain the EC Committee and DHL webpages with current early childhood oral health resources (ongoing).
6. Describe any subcommittees your committee uses, their roles and activities:
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Home Visiting Sub-Committee

Members: Julia Wacloff (chair), Diane Flanagan, Ann Hoffman, Kathy Hunt, and Michelle Landrum

Role: Collaborate with national and state organizations to increase oral health awareness of and access to oral health resources within home visiting programs.

Current and Future Activities:

- Revisions and updates to *Oral Health Educational Resources for Home Visitors and Families: Environmental Scan* are complete and final review is in progress.
 - Develop an issue brief, *Opportunities for Collaboration with Home Visiting Programs to Promote Oral Health*.
 - Develop a 2018 NOHC roundtable presentation: *Oral Health Resources to Promote Collaboration with Home Visiting Programs*, April 16, 2018 [Kathy Hunt, presenter].
 - Host an ASTDD Coffee Break to launch the issue brief.
7. List any unmet needs of your committee (e.g., members, funding, etc.):
There are no unmet needs at this time.