ASTDD Fluorides Committee Annual Report
January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Chair: Bruce Austin
Consultant: Judith Feinstein

Members: Tracy Boehmer (CDC), Susan Deming (MI), Kip Duchon (CDC)*, Judith Feinstein (ME), LeeAnn Hoaglin-Cooper (WA, Jayanth Kumar (CA), Summer Macias (AL), Jane McGinley (ADA)*, Dixianne Parker (GA), Howard Pollick (CA), Tim Ricks (USPHS/HIS), Kelly Rippel (KS), Misty Robertson (ID), Jason M. Roush (WV)*, Gina Sharps (WV)**, Sandy Sutton (MI), Bradley Whistler** (AK), Beth Wyatt (CO), Tooka Zokaie (ADA)

Notes on membership:
* Mr. Duchon through May, Ms. McGinley through June; Dr. Roush through September
** Ms. Sharps represents the West Virginia Oral Health Coalition; Dr. Whistler is retired from the State of Alaska Oral Health Program

1. List any new members or subcommittee members:
   - Kelly Rippel joined the committee in January 2019. He is the Water Access Manager for Oral Health Kansas in Topeka, contracted with the state as the fluoridation coordinator.
   - Tracy Boehmer became the CDC representative after Mr. Duchon retired.
   - Summer Macias, Fluoridation Coordinator in Alabama, joined the committee in March.
   - Misty Robertson, Oral Health Program Manager in Idaho, joined the committee in October.
   - Tooka Zokaie, Manager, Fluoridation and Preventive Health Activities for the ADA, joined the committee in September.

2. Describe the purpose of your committee:
The committee assures that ASTDD positions and policies are presented in all appropriate venues and oversees all activities that the association may be involved in regarding fluorides, including the fluoride awards in collaboration with ADA and CDC at the ASTDD Annual Meeting.

3. List your recent committee accomplishments:
     - Fifty Year Awards (294 systems in 34 states)
     - Community Initiative Awards (two communities in two states)
     - Community Fluoridation Reaffirmation Awards (10 communities in eight states)
     - State Fluoridation Quality Awards (5 states)
   - There were no awards in the Healthy People 2020 or State Initiative Award categories.
   - The 2018 Fluoridation Merit Award for “an outstanding contribution toward the progress of fluoridation” was presented to Bridget Walsh, MPH, and the Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy in Albany, NY.
Certificates were distributed directly to the awardees or their representatives present at the meeting with others mailed following the meeting. State dental directors were offered a toolkit including cover letters and media release materials with ideas for recognizing awardees as a way to promote increased recognition and/or media coverage.

- Updated Committee logic model and work plan for the period 9/2019 – 8/2020.
- Provided annual report on ASTDD Fluoridation Activities (June 2018 to May 2019) to the National Fluoridation Advisory Committee (NFAC), an advisory committee of the ADA Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention (CAAP).
- Maintained/updated the Fluoridation Rollback Catalog.
- Finalized updated state fact sheet template on Community Water Fluoridation, which is available on request from ASTDD.
- Organized a “Community of Practice” around CWF issues for the 20 states funded by the CDC’s Division of Oral Health; established a dedicated listserv; committee consultant facilitated six webinars between May and December, focusing on current issues in fluoridation and on deliverables for CDC grants. The first one, “Communicating Your Messages about Community Water Fluoridation” was offered twice and in collaboration with the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- Participated in planning of a pre-conference workshop at the 2019 NOHC, “Building Robust State Fluoridation Programs.” Presenters included committee members, the committee consultant, a state dental director and a state fluoridation coordinator.
- At their request, convened an ad hoc group of state dental directors who met via conference call in September to discuss concerns about the availability and cost of fluoride mouthrinse.
- Submitted a letter to the National Academy of Sciences expressing concerns about the draft National Toxicology Program (NTP) monograph on fluoridation, as did Committee member Jay Kumar. Howard Pollick and others submitted a response to an article in JAMA Peds; it was due to be published online 12/30, and should be in print in February.

4. Describe your current committee activity:
   - Continuing review of planned Issue Brief on Dental Fluorosis (to be final early in 2020).

5. Describe the future activities planned by your committee:
   - Continue to serve as resource, as a group and/or individually, to the CDC-funded states in their work toward CWF objectives, through the established Community of Practice and List-serv for state fluoridation contacts.
   - Identify existing documents that may need review/updating, recruit writers as needed and as resources allow, and consider development of new resources on priority issues identified by committee and ASTDD members. These will include but are not limited to the 2013 Fluoride Supplement Policy Statement and the 2011 School-Based Fluoride Mouthrinse Programs Policy Statement.
   - Continue to collaborate with partners to identify fluoride advocacy opportunities.

6. Describe any subcommittees your committee uses, their roles and activities:
   There are occasional subcommittees that are identified to assist in particular activities, such as a document review process.
7. List any unmet needs of your committee (e.g., members, funding, etc.): N/A