Chair: Sam Zwetchkenbaum  
Consultant: Lori Cofano

Members: Bruce Austin, Diane Brunson, Steffany Chamut, Pam Cushenan, Conan Davis, Sarah Dirks, Elisa Ghezzi, Susan Griffin, Mike Helgeson, Christi Hogue, Deb Jacobi, Judith Jones, Prasida Khanal, Andie Kyros, Karen Lewis, Jill Moore, Karen Phillips, Ron Romero, Julie Stage-Rosenberg, Gena Schoen, Peg Simonson, Maryam Tabrizi, Damon Terzaghi, Sarah Tomlinson, Karen Tracy, Beth Truett, Chris Veschusio, Judy White, Janet Yellowitz, Kimberlie Yineman

1. List any new members or subcommittee members:

2. Describe the purpose of your committee:

The Healthy Aging Committee (HAC) served as a conveyor for a wide array of stakeholders to discuss healthy aging issues, including chronic diseases, and provided resources for state and territorial oral health programs. The HAC consisted of experts in the area of healthy aging and oral health as well as state oral health program directors/program managers and staff interested in advancing statewide efforts to improve the oral health of the older adult population. The HAC was involved with reviewing model programs, policies and resource materials related to healthy aging with the goal of supporting statewide efforts in these areas.

3. List your recent committee accomplishments:

The HAC held calls on the second Thursday in the odd numbered months, January and March of 2019, with their final meeting being a face-to-face meeting at the National Oral Health Conference in April of 2019.

- During the January 2019 meeting, Cassandra Yarbrough from the ADA Health Policy Institute presented, *Medicare Dental Coverage: The Consumer Perspective and Potential Economic Impact.* The presentation was recorded and posted to the HAC webpage.
- Lori Cofano, Chris Wood and Sam Zwetchkenbaum attended the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors Thought Leader Round Table in Washington, D.C. on February 7, 2019. Discussions were directed toward older adult oral health and chronic disease.
- NOHC concurrent session: “Innovative and Emerging Strategies to Leverage Funding for Programs to Support Oral Health for Older Adults and People with Disabilities.”
4. Describe your current committee activity:

In March 2019 Chris Wood contacted Lori and Sam regarding the ASTDD BOD’s decision to have the HAC go dormant due to lack of funding from the CDC to support the committee.

In November 2019 a project proposal and funding request was submitted to the Gary and Mary West Foundation (GMWF). Their BOD met in December to determine whether the proposal would be approved. Notified on December 20, 2019 the GMWF BOD approved the project and funding in the amount of $49,450. That will be broken up over a three-year period. Funding goes into effect in January 2020.

5. Describe the future activities planned by your committee:

In 2020, using funding from the GMWF, the HAC will:

1. Survey state oral health programs (SOHPs) to find out which states are collaborating with their Aging and Disability Services (ADS) or their Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), or with both entities.
2. The information from the survey will establish a baseline on SOHP partnerships with ADS and/or AAA.
3. Selection of five SOHPs, ideally representing various geographic areas of the United States, along with their ADS and/or AAA who are interested in collaborating around older adult older health and convene a workgroup with discussions via ZOOM or a listserv.
4. Create a list of existing educational materials on specific focus areas to identify gaps and how those could be addressed via new materials.
5. Determine focus areas for new educational materials.
6. Work with states involved in the workgroup to post selected materials to SOHP, ADS and/or AAA state websites.
7. Collaborate with HAC members to determine focus of new educational materials and determine materials to be posted to ASTDD HAC webpage.

6. Describe any subcommittees your committee uses, their roles and activities:

7. List any unmet needs of your committee (e.g., members, funding, etc.):

**Funding** - need to continue to look for funding sources to keep the HAC sustainable.