

# **ASTDD School and Adolescent Oral Health Committee Annual Report Jan 1, 2017 – Dec 31, 2017**

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1. List any new members or subcommittee members:

Betty Kabel RDH, American Dental Hygienists' Association, past president

Debra Teixeira, VT Oral Health Program Administrator

Tammy Alexander, School-based Health Alliance

2. Describe the purpose of your committee:

The ASTDD School and Adolescent Oral Health (SAOH) Committee serves as a resource to state oral health programs and works to ensure a strong oral health component in all school and adolescent health initiatives.

The mission of the SAOH Committee is to promote the importance of good oral health practices that improve the oral health of school age children and adolescents through education, networking and collaborative partnerships at local and national levels. In addition, the SAOH Committee collaborates with other ASTDD Committees to establish policies and promote oral health for this target population at the Association level.

3. List your recent committee accomplishments:
  - Contributed a list of school oral health resources to the 2017 updated CDC School Health Resource Guide. Posted online May 2017.
  - Completed the Best Practice Approach Report: Improving the Oral Health of Children through the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) model. Report posted online.
  - Updated the Sealant Best Practice Approach Report with a revision provided by Matt Crespin.
  - Prepared and presented a session at 2017 NOHC: The View of School Based Oral Health, moderated by Lynn Bethel with presenters from VT, TN and Chicago programs.
  - Co facilitated an ASTDD pre-conference round table on the School Community Eligibility Provision (CEP); its use for BSS Data Collection and School Program Participation.
  - Held a face to face committee meeting at NOHC with 22 members present.
  - Participated on a workgroup to prepare the SBHA School Resource Library with a launch in January 2018.
  - Member, Kate Schecter (SBHA) presented at the NOHC round Table sessions on the SBHA Project; Lessons Learned: *Tales from a School Oral Health Community*.
  - Member, Terri Chandler (Future Smiles) presented at NOHC round table: *How to Better Communicate with your School Partners*.
  - Sept. 19-20<sup>th</sup> coordinator attended the pre -conference of the SBHA School Oral Health 2020 Convening and moderated a session, *Emerging and Promising Approaches to School Oral Health*.
  - Committee members reviewed documents on school oral health including the SBHA paper: *An Organization Frame Work to Improve Oral Health Access*.
  - Collaboration with NACDD to plan and present a webinar Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> titled: *Improving the Oral Health of Children through the WSCC Model*. (Over 100 attendees from ASTDD and NACDD) Lynn Bethel, Deborah Teixeira, Alejandra Valencia and Veran Farrow.
  - Planned and presented a webinar Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> for SDDs : *Stories from Successful Sealant Programs*. Presenters were Terri Chandler, Matt Crespin and Stephanie Chickering.
  
4. Describe your current committee activity:
  - Planning NOHC sessions and SBHA presentation for 2018.
  - Planning a face to face meeting in 2018 to update logic model and work plan for the coming year.
  - Assisting in planning the oral health component of the SBHA annual conference.
  - Updating documents on school based oral health.
  - Promoting the new SBHA Resource Library and providing additional resources.
  - Promoting the WSCC BPAR and the Sealant BPAR as well as other school oral health documents produced this past year.

5. Describe the future activities planned by your committee:
- Continue to support the work of state dental directors in their efforts to improve the oral health of children and adolescents through consultation on state wide programs.
  - Continue collaboration with NACDD and CDC on school based oral health.
  - Increase collaboration with other organization including NASN and SBHA to support grant activities related to school based oral health.
  - Continue to promote the integration of oral health into school health documents produced by various organizations and the OHRC.

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

There are four teams/workgroups within the SAOH Committee; each team has up to four members. Each team participates in the planned activities related to the tasks and those of the committee at large. Therefore, the teams work individually and collaboratively within the committee to accomplish committee goals and objectives. The accomplishments and activities listed above are the result of both the team work and the committee work at large. Teams are:

- Promotion & Improvement
- Partnership Building
- Best Practices
- Resource Team

7. List any unmet needs of your committee (e.g., members, funding, etc.): Increase future funding for continued partnership projects with organizations integrating oral health into school health.