



## 2022 Overview

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- Michael C. Manz, DDS, MPH, DrPH  
Data Coordinator
- John O'Malley  
National Oral Health Data Portal
- Kimberlie Payne, RDH, BA  
Associate Member, Communications Committee and  
Consortium for Oral Health Systems Integration  
and Improvement Coordinator
- Kathy Phipps, DrPH (not present)  
Data & OH Surveillance Coordinator
- Maggie Pustinger, MPH, CHES  
Evaluation Consultant
- Gina Sharps, BSDH, MPH, CTTS  
NCHBHS DHL Project Co-Lead
- Sandy Tesch, RDH, MSHP (not present)  
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# ASTDD Committee Chairs

Best Practices Committee - Steven Geiermann, DDS

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Fluorides Committee – Bruce Austin, DMD

Healthy Aging Committee - Samuel Zwetchkenbaum, DDS, MPH

Perinatal Oral Health Committee - Mark Moss, DDS, PhD

School and Adolescent Oral Health Committee - Rudy Blea, BA



# **2022 ASTDD Information**

- **2022 ASTDD Annual Report**

# Recognition of New Members Since 2022 Business Meeting



Keith Benson DMD (NV)  
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Amy Umphlett, MPH (OR)





# Recognition of New Associate Members

Since the 2022 annual business meeting, we have added **137** new Associate Members bringing our total Associate Membership to **511**.

Lori Kepler Cofano: [lcofano@astdd.org](mailto:lcofano@astdd.org)

Kimberlie Payne: [kynemanbhs@gmail.com](mailto:kynemanbhs@gmail.com)

# 2022 Financial Report

2022 Income: \$960,839

2022 Expenses: \$929,653

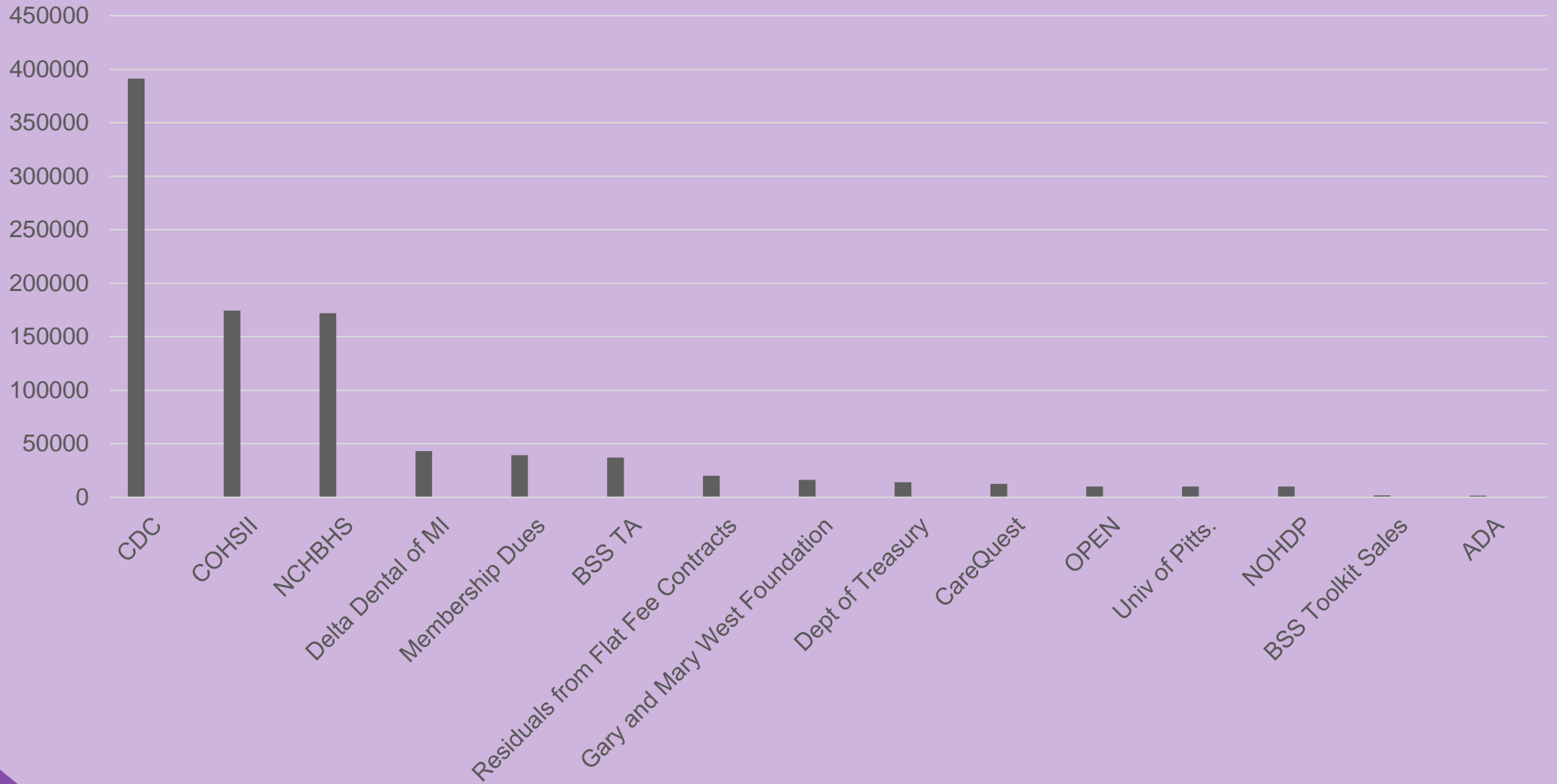
Net gain: \$31,186

Equity as of Dec 31, 2022: \$241,531



# 2022 ASTDD Income

\$960,839





# New Member Services

- All new Members and Associate Members
  - Welcome email from Executive Director
- New Members
  - Orientation and Peer Support Program offered by Mentoring and Orientation Coordinator
  - In 2022:
    - States participating in the mentoring program included Arkansas, Colorado, Indiana, Missouri, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Utah
    - New director/manager orientations = 18
    - Peer Support Applications = 7
    - Six-month evaluations = 3
    - One-year evaluations = 2
    - PSP certificates = 2
    - Three Peer Support Discussion Group calls
- New Associate Members
  - Orientation offered by Associate Member Coordinator
  - In 2022, 128 new associate members for a total of 480 associate members as of Dec 31, 2022
  - Committee membership: 21 state dental directors, 4 life members, 82 associate members, 26 non-members

**Consultants: Lori Kepler Cofano (Members) and Kimberlie Payne (Associate Members)**



# Best Practices Committee

- **Supports** more effective state, territorial and community programs through the development and sharing of Best Practice Approach Reports (BPAR)
- **Collects** Descriptive Reports to promote the integration of oral health best/promising practices into other programs
- **Collaborates** with other ASTDD committees, national organizations and dental public health residency programs

## Accomplishments:

The [School-Based Dental Sealant Programs](#) BPAR was updated and posted in October 2022, with 14 descriptive reports.

A 2022 NOHC session, *Oral Health Care of People with Special Health Care Needs: Data Drives Decisions*, highlighted two BPARs completed in 2021: [Oral Health Care of People with Special Health Care Needs](#) and [Dissemination of Data from State-Based Surveillance Systems](#).

Two webinars were presented in June 2022 by BPC member Dr. Zachary Brian: [Why a Systems Change Approach for Oral Health?](#) and [Strategies & Tactics for Seeking Funding for Systems-Level Oral Health](#). The sessions were a collaboration with ASTDD and the American Dental Association (ADA).

**Chair: Steve Geiermann**

**Consultant: Lori Cofano**



# Children and Youth (and Older Adults) with Special Health Care Needs

- Reviewed and suggested improvements for Head Start-related oral health documents produced by the Georgetown MCH Oral Health Resource Center. These documents improve Head Start staff and Head Start families' understanding of how to improve oral health practices and to more effectively access dental care
- Wrote introductory paragraph for [ASTDD Older Adult Oral Health Resources for Collaboration](#), Special Populations Section

Consultant: Jay Balzer



# Communications Committee

- Social Media
  - Facebook
  - Twitter
  - LinkedIn
- Publications
  - 2022 ASTDD Annual Report
  - Three regular issues and one special NOHC issue of the ASTDD Round-up
  - Weekly Digest
- ASTDD Spotlights
  - BPAR School Based Sealant Programs
  - Oral Health Literacy Toolkit
  - SDF Policy Change
  - Telehealth
  - Texas Social Media Campaign
- Communications Communities of Practice calls
  - Oral Health Data Visualization, Using Data to Tell the Story
  - Building a Robust Communications Component Within Your Office

**Chair: John Welby**

**Consultant: Kimberlie Payne**



# Consortium for Oral Health Systems Integration and Improvement (COHSII)

- Provided technical assistance to states that selected the national performance measure for oral health (NPM 13)
- Provided technical assistance to two learning collaboratives:
  - Integrating Oral Health Care and Primary Care Learning Collaborative, a State and Local Partnership (Integration LC) in nine states and community health centers
  - Networks for Oral Health Integration (NOHI), comprised of three regional networks of four states each. Two projects are focusing on pregnant women and infants and children from birth to age 40 months, and one project is focusing on children ages 6–11.
- Think Tank Project which informs discussions about integrating oral health care in safety net settings serving the MCH population

Consultants: Harry Goodman, Reg Louie, Kimberlie Payne

# Data and Oral Health Surveillance

- Launched the ASTDD National Oral Health Data Portal
- Provided technical assistance on oral health surveillance issues to: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin
- Completed the 2022 Synopses report and updated the 2023 Synopses questionnaire including the online submission process
- Updated the list of state added BRFSS/PRAMS/YRBS questions
- Worked on updates to the 7-Step Model
- Completed an analysis and three reports using data from the environmental scan of COHSII states
- Updated the Older Adult Basic Screening Survey Manual
- Fielded the bi-annual ASTDD Salary Survey
- Updated the Recommended Guidelines for Surveillance of Non-Traumatic Dental Care in Emergency Departments, Guidance on Assessing Emergency Department Data for Non-Traumatic Dental Conditions, and Methods in Assessing Non-Traumatic Dental Care in Emergency Departments Publications Update
- Established a BSS community of practice

In 2023, ASTDD will convene workgroups for specific data related projects “as needed”

**Consultants: Kathy Phipps and Mike Manz**

# Dental Hygienist Liaison (DHL) Project

## National Center on Health, Behavioral Health, & Safety

**Purpose:** To provide a network of dental hygienists nationwide to promote oral health in Head Start

- 29 presentations to 1035 Head Start staff and parents
- 4 webinars for DHLs to support their work
- Active Head Start DHL Discussion List (over 130 posts)
- Quarterly DHL and RDHLC Progress Reports
- 2022 DHL Annual Assessment
- Recognitions: ADHA Member Monday- Elizabeth Karmasek, DHL to the U.S. Virgin Islands

**Oral Health Management Team:** Kathy Hunt, Gina Sharps, Bev Isman, Katrina Holt, Beth Lowe

**Regional DHL Coordinators:** Heather Blair (Region I), Kathy Hunt (Region II), Katy Battani (Region III), Carla Bassett (Region IV), Jenna Linden (Region V), Beth Stewart (Region VI), Michelle Martin (Region VIII), Julie Stage-Rosenberg (Region IX), Linda Mann (Region X), Juanita Simpson (Region XI), Mariela Leyba (Region XII)

**State DHLs:** ADHA member hygienists representing each state: 2 in California and New York

**Help Wanted:** We are currently looking for a DHL for the states of **Wyoming, West Virginia, and Northern California**. Please contact Kathy or Gina if you know someone that might be a good fit.





# Dental Public Health Policy Committee

- Updated *State-based Oral Health Surveillance Systems*
- Worked on a document about Social Determinants of Health and Oral Health
- Initiated an update to ASTDD's amalgam policy statement to include other restorative materials
- Initiated an update to the *School-Based or School-Linked Mobile or Portable Dental Services* policy statement and the *Mobile and Portable Dental Services in Pre-school and School Settings: Complex Issues* issue brief in collaboration with the American Mobile and Teledentistry Alliance
- Reviewed proposed resolutions as presented to the ADA's House of Delegates for their Annual Session in October, and prepared comments on five
- Presented a weekend workshop at the 2022 NOHC, *Big "P" Policy, Little "p" policy, and Putting it into Practice*
- Collaborated in planning for and submitting an abstract for a panel presentation at the 2023 NOHC, *A Collaborative Research Project to Reduce Opioid Use by Dental Providers in Managing Dental Pain*

**Chair: Harry Goodman**

**Consultant: Judy Feinstein**

# Evaluation

- **Evaluation Support for States:**
  - Posted 11 listserv announcements to CDC funded evaluators
  - Provided TA to states on evaluation reporting and reviewed draft reports.
  - Communicated with CDC funded states to facilitate completion of progress reports and evaluation reports
  - Reviewed 20 funded state evaluation progress updates and reports
  - Planned & hosted peer discussion on 2/7/22 to provide support on evaluation implementation and build relationships among epis / evaluators working on similar projects
  - Planned and presented webinar on NOHSS with John O'Malley, and Emory Centers in August.
- **TA to Committees, ASTDD, and Partners**
  - Provided TA to COHSII, analyzed data, and prepared report on COHSII survey of state NPM 13 activities for 2021
  - Provided TA to Best Practices Committee on how to evaluate Best Practice Documents
  - Presented workshop at NOHC: Evaluation Plans in Action: Tackling Real-World Roadblocks



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# Fluorides Committee



- In partnership with the CDC and the ADA presented the 2022 Fluoridation Awards and e-mailed dental directors a toolkit including templates, instructions for award certificates, sample cover letters and media release materials with ideas for recognizing awardees as a way to promote increased recognition and/or media coverage
- Continued biweekly updates to State Dental Directors and other interested parties using Google Alerts and Curate, a data-mining service that provides a searchable database of local government meeting agendas and minutes (*note: ASTDD shares a subscription with the American Fluoridation Society*)
- Prepared and emailed dental directors a document, *Resources for Responding to Questions About the NTP Monograph* and to CDC, ADA and ASTHO contacts
- Provided a report on ASTDD Fluoridation Activities (June 2021 to May 2022) to the National Fluoridation Advisory Committee (NFAC), an advisory committee of the ADA
- Coordinated four CWF “Community of Practice” sessions
- Co-hosted a webcast titled *Raising Oral Health Knowledge Online*
- Assisted CDC with the annual CDC Fluoridation Update at the 2022 NOHC
- The committee’s consultant participated as a speaker for two presentations at Missouri’s CWF Summit
- Provided technical assistance and consultation to: AR, CO, IA, KY, MI, ND, NJ, PA, MA, MI, MO, UT, VT

**Chair: Bruce Austin**

**Consultant: Judy Feinstein**



# Healthy Aging Committee

- Completed [Older Adult Oral Health Resources for Collaboration](#) for dissemination to state/territorial oral health programs, state units on aging and other stakeholders
- States participating on workgroup: Alabama, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Virginia and Wisconsin
- Topic areas for resources include oral health and chronic disease and the impact on overall health; tooth loss and oral health; non-ventilator and ventilator associated pneumonia; nutrition and oral health; oral health and non-dental providers; special populations oral health needs; teledentistry
- Funding for this project is from the Gary and Mary West Foundation.

**Chair: Sam Zwetchkenbaum**  
**Consultant: Lori Kepler Cofano**

# Infrastructure and Capacity Building

- Updated the ASTDD Competencies for State and Territorial Oral Health Programs and associated documents.
- Created a Professional Development Resources document
- Conducted a Competency Assessment for the Vermont Oral Health Program
- In preparation for the launch of the State Oral Health Plan Comparison Tool and Guidance document, reviewed all the state oral health plans, wrote a history of state oral health plans and identified key elements and good examples of well written plans. Added states to the new Comparison Tool.
- Facilitated a Guidelines and Competencies workshop at the 2022 NOHC.
- Planning a 2023 NOHC workshop on Resources for Needs Assessments and Oral Health Improvement Plans
- Provided TA to Hawaii Health Dept regarding reinstating their Oral Health Program

**Consultants: Bev Isman, Julie Janssen, Kimberlie Payne**

# Perinatal Oral Health Committee



- Serves as the primary ASTDD focal point for issues and resources for state and territorial oral health programs (STOHPs) relating to perinatal oral health. Most POHC activities focus on programs, initiatives, and priorities addressing the maternal and child health (MCH) population
- Began planning for a 2023 survey of 7 jurisdictions and DC that selected NPM 13.1 or 13.2 in FY 2021
- Provided TA to NPM 13 states and jurisdictions, as resources permitted
- Participated in the FY'23 Title V block grant reviews of Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) and Palau
- Developed a plan and budget for providing TA in 2023 to Guam, CNMI, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), American Samoa and RMI. TA efforts will include updating existing local Basic Screening Survey (BSS) activities, training a local dentist to provide TA on BSS, training dental and non-dental providers in preventive services (fluoride varnish), assisting in implementing NPM 13 in FY'23 and exploring adoption of NPM 13 and/or oral health-related SPMs in FY'24
- Continued to provide information to CDC funded Strategy-3 listserv regarding perinatal oral health and COVID, including information from CDC, OSAP, OHRC and the American Dental Association, and information about teledentistry, which is especially relevant to the US Affiliated Pacific Islands (USAPI) and Caribbean jurisdictions
- Continued to participate as a member of the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACCD) Medical-Dental Integration Project

**Chair: Mark Moss**

**Consultant: Reg Louie**

# School and Adolescent Oral Health Committee/Sealant Workgroup

- Collaborated with the ASTDD Best Practices Committee on the update to the [\*School-Based Dental Sealant Programs\*](#) BPAR
- Presented to the CMS Oral Health Technical Advisory Group (OTAG) on the impact of COVID-19 on school-based dental sealant programs
- Participated on the CDC coordination team to review and provide input on a presentation on school fluoride varnish programs for the Community Preventive Services Task Force (the information will be presented to the task force in 2023)
- Conducted six dental sealant Community of Practice (CoP) and/or sealant-related trainings for CDC-funded school sealant programs
- Updated the Dental Sealant Resources webpage on the ASTDD website
- Initiated a Sealant Retention Workgroup

**Chair: Rudy Blea**

**Coordinator: Lori Cofano**

**Sealant Consultant: Sandy Tesch**