

# ASTDD Best Practices Committee (BPC) Annual Report

## Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2019

**Chair:** Steve Geiermann

**Consultant:** Lori Cofano

**Active members:** Angie Bailey, Nicki Bennett, Stacey Chazin (new 1/19), Christina Demopoulos, Sue Dodd, Irene Hilton, Greg Holder, Nicole Blair Johnson, Samantha Jordan, Robin Miller, Shillpa Naavaal, Julie Reynolds, Bob Russell (new 4/19), Christine Veschusio, Kathy Weno, and Kimberlie (Payne) Yineman

**Members resigned:** Angie Bailey (9/19)

**Purpose:** This committee supports more effective state, territorial and community programs through the development and sharing of Best Practice Approach Reports (BPARs). The collection of State Activity Submissions (SAS) and Descriptive Reports (DRs) promote the integration of oral health best practices into other programs. This activity supports the ASTDD Strategic Plan by encouraging the use of evidence-based practices and offering technical assistance.

**Accomplishments:** The committee held three conference calls in 2019 and one *in person* meeting at the National Oral Health Conference (NOHC). The committee worked diligently offline as practically all members serve in dual roles across ASTDD. Their work included preparing and updating BPARs, reviewing draft narratives and descriptive report (DR) submissions. The committee had success in recruiting and retaining members.

- During the NOHC Lori, Steve and David Cappelli met with the Dental Public Health Residency Directors (RD) to share a list of potential ASTDD projects. One of the RDs had a resident who was interested in the policy statement on antibiotic stewardship. This information was forwarded to Judy Feinstein and the Dental Public Health Policy Committee (DPHPC).
- A workgroup was formed in collaboration with the DPHPC to develop a guidance for DPH residency directors who have students working on ASTDD projects.
- The draft DPH Residency Director Guidance and revised DPH Resident Guidance were shared during the RD meeting at NOHC and RDs were asked to provide feedback. Both documents have been finalized and posted to the ASTDD website.
- Early in 2019, there was an effort to align ASTDD, CDC and HRSA reporting to simplify states sharing their success stories. Due to funding issues, the BPC was not able to pursue this project, but the conversation with our federal partners remains vibrant.
- Rene Lavinghouze, the Translation Team Lead in the Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity & Obesity at the CDC, presented during the September BPC call. She provided resources from the CDC Chronic Disease Section best practices. This was another attempt to consider options on how to align state success story submissions.
- April 2019 *The Role of Oral Health Workforce Development in Access to Care BPAR* was posted to the ASTDD website. The primary author, Jen Sukalski, communicated she will be using the document as required reading for her graduate students at the University of Iowa.
- October 2019 *Perinatal Oral Health BPAR* was posted to the ASTDD website.
- DPH Resident, Arealle Franklin, from the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio (UTHSCSA) agreed to develop narrative for the new Data Dissemination BPAR. The BPC thanks Dr. David Cappelli for his effort in helping us find a DPH resident.
- Best Practices Development Protocol was updated to reflect changes in process and posted to BP webpage.
- Submitted abstract for NOHC 2020: *Don't Reinvent the Wheel: Best Practices for Improving Oral Health for Pregnant Women* was accepted as a concurrent session.
- BPARs in process in 2019:
  - *The Role of Oral Health Workforce Development in Access to Care* (started as an update, but was completely revised): Liaisons: Julie, Irene, Steve and Lori

- *State Oral Health Coalitions and Collaborative Partnerships* has been renamed *State and Territorial Oral Health Programs and Collaborative Partnerships* (started as an update, but had a change in focus): Liaisons: Robin, Lori, Steve
- *Perinatal Oral Health* (update): Liaisons: Irene, Steve and Lori with Perinatal Oral Health Committee as lead in collaboration with the MCH Oral Health Resource Center
- *Data Dissemination* will be a new BPAR. A workgroup was formed with members from the BPC, Communication Committee and Data Committee as this is a collaborative project for the three committees. BPC Liaisons: Steve and Lori.
- Provided technical assistance pertaining to completion of DRs and Dropbox
- 2019-2020 logic model and workplan updated, approved and posted to ASTDD BP webpage

**Current activities:**

- Continue to contact states to update submissions that are more than five years old.
- Collecting state examples for *State and Territorial Oral Health Programs and Collaborative Partnerships* BPAR.
- Development of new BPAR on *Data Dissemination*.
- Continue to solicit and collect submissions for BPARs in process.
- BPC members are liaisons to one workgroup working on a new BPAR.
- Review of materials related to BPARs in progress.

**Future activities:**

- Streamlining process for updating states submissions that are more than five years old
- Solicit submissions for BPARs and solicit liaisons to guide the projects
- Completion of two BPARs in process with posting to website
- Dissemination of BPAR information via webinars, presentations at meetings, distribution via list serves, and archiving on ASTDD website
- Collaborate with DPHPC to make sure information aligns
- Solicit additional successful and promising practices for BPARs and BPC collection
- Review and monitor BP webpages for revisions
- Provide technical assistance around BPARs, submissions and use of Dropbox

**Subcommittee interactions:**

- BPC members serve as liaisons to committees working on BPARs
- Volunteers are used for reviewing BPAR narratives and DR submissions.

**Unmet committee needs:** Additional funding to:

- Support primary authors in writing and presenting BPAR materials
- Support more consultant hours to provide requested technical assistance
- Revise, update and simplify the Best Practice pages (death to Verdana 9)