

ASTDD Dental Public Health Resources Committee Annual Report Jan 1, 2017 – Dec 31, 2017

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Members: Sahiti Bhaskara, Robert Birdwell*, Lindy Bollen, Antonina Capurro, Conan Davis, Christine Farrell, Carrie Farquhar, Shelley Guinn, Ray Lala, Greg McClure, Robin Miller*, Cathleen Taylor-Osborne*, Jason Roush, Merry Jo Thoele*, Mona Van Kanegan, Le'erin Voss; Judith Feinstein, consultant.

* partial year

1. List any new members or subcommittee members:

Antonina Capurro, DMD, MPH, MBA (Nevada)	[May]
Angela Filzen, DDS (Mississippi)	[joining January 2018]
Shelley Guinn, RDH, MPH (Washington)	[May]
Ray Lala, DDS (South Carolina)	[May]
Mona Van Kanegan, DDS, MS, MPH (Illinois)	[May]

2. Describe the purpose of your committee:

To develop, promote and support resource and policy-related documents to assist state oral health programs to improve oral health, in support of ASTDD's objective to reflect the Association's priorities and stance on dental public health issues. These documents describe the issues and evidence base, and contain statements that may include recommendations, strategies, and/or information to assist decision makers (such as healthcare providers, federal, state or private agencies, employers, public health officials), or the public, in choosing between alternative courses of action in specific situations. The Committee's function is to oversee the creation of resource documents on such issues for submission to the Board of Directors for approval, working with other ASTDD committees and/or individuals.

3. List your recent committee accomplishments:

- Updated the Committee logic model and work plan for 2017.
- Conducted the annual Policy Priority Survey of members and associate members via Survey Monkey following the ASTDD Annual Meeting in April. Using Survey Monkey again effectively doubled the number of responses compared to previous years when paper surveys were used. The committee consultant (Feinstein) completed data input, analysis and a summary report; findings were shared with the Board, other ASTDD Committees, and the membership via ASTDD's newsletter. Summary:
 - For all survey respondents combined, and looking at the total number of votes, three topics tied with the most votes: health communications strategies, management and treatment of caries as a chronic disease, and the role of medical providers in early intervention in oral health. These were followed by

adult oral health benefits in Medicaid and performance management and QI in dental public health programs, with the same number of votes, and then by CDC's chronic disease domains and integration of oral health, and determinants of oral health.

- Collaborated with AAPHD to review ADA Resolutions of interest/concern to dental public health at the ADA's Annual Session in October. Many resolutions were monitored, although letters and/or testimony were submitted for only a few this year. Conan Davis represented ASTDD at the meeting.
- Developed/reviewed/updated several dental public health resource documents:
 - Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and Oropharyngeal Cancer
 - SDF Fact Sheet (with the Fluorides Committee)
 - School Dental Sealants White Paper (revised) (with the School and Adolescent Health and Best Practices Committees)
- Completed "ASTDD Guidance for Drafting Dental Public Health Resource Documents" for use by ASTDD committees and individuals drafting ASTDD documents, such as dental residents. The document addresses guidelines and criteria for assessing references and evidence and standards for drafting.

These were approved by the BOD and posted to the ASTDD website.

- Submitted abstract (October) for a session at the 2018 NOHC in Louisville, "Promoting HPV Vaccine: An Opportunity for Medical-Dental Collaboration," with DPHRC consultant Judith Feinstein to serve as the moderator. The abstract was accepted for a concurrent 90-minute presentation.
- Following the resignation of a number of Committee members (some of whom had not participated in several months), a number of other SOHP directors were invited to join the Committee, resulting in 13 members at the end of 2017.

4. Describe your current committee activity:

- Review pending of Fluorosis Issue Brief provided by the Fluorides Committee
- Providing input to the Healthy Aging Committee and the primary author of a pending white paper tentatively titled "Improving Access and Financing Options for Dental Care for Older Adults." Expect paper to be final by March 2018.
- Working with a dental resident on a paper discussing teledentistry as a strategy to improve access to care.
- Consideration of review of older resource documents (publication date 2012 or earlier) and coordination of revisions/updates as needed. Have identified papers on perinatal oral health and early childhood caries as most likely for updates.

5. Describe the future activities planned by your committee:

- Continue to work with Chris Wood, ASTDD's Executive Director, and Bev Isman, Cooperative Agreement Manager and Communications Committee Coordinator, to effectively promote use of ASTDD resources.
- In lieu of an issue brief on oral health literacy, which is very broad in scope, the Committee may undertake drafting a short document (one to two pages) that will summarize the many and multi-faceted issues around oral health literacy and describe ASTDD's resources.

- Review and update annual policy priority survey tool as needed.
 - Continue to assess need for, recruit writers, and develop white papers, as resources allow, on priority issues identified by members (see #3 above), and on those previously identified such as but not necessarily limited to workforce and related issues, oral health and chronic diseases, emergency room use for non-traumatic dental care and needs assessment/dental surveys. In particular, a paper on CDC's chronic disease domains and integration of oral health has been discussed with ASTDD's chronic disease consultant.
6. Describe any subcommittees your committee uses, their roles and activities:
- No current subcommittees. Subcommittees are established as needed to work on specific statements or other activities; e.g., an ad hoc subcommittee reviewed the ADA's proposed resolutions.
7. List any unmet needs of your committee (e.g., members, funding, etc.):
- Specific expertise on accepted oral disease prevention modalities either from committee members or others on an *ad hoc* basis, and on other topics as identified, would be beneficial in drafting statements on such issues.