

materials with ideas for recognizing awardees as a way to promote increased recognition and/or media coverage.

- In collaboration with Tracy Boehmer, National Fluoridation Engineer, we coordinated and presented the annual CDC Fluoridation Update as a Zoom webinar on May 12. Over 170 individuals registered and most attended. The session included “The Development of an Interactive Fluoridation Map for Pennsylvania,” presented by the Pennsylvania Oral Health Coalition and their partners at the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine and the Pittsburgh Water Collaboratory, as part of their effort to create an educational resource for fluoridation status in Pennsylvania. Information about the Collaboratory may be found [here](#), and the mapping project [here](#).
- Provided our annual report on ASTDD Fluoridation Activities (June 2020 to May 2021) to the National Fluoridation Advisory Committee (NFAC), an advisory committee of the ADA Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention (CAAP), during its virtual meeting in July.
- Continued to coordinate the CWF Community of Practice (CoP) for the 20 states funded by the CDC’s Division of Oral Health and promoted the use of a dedicated listserv for the grantees. The Committee coordinator facilitated five webinars during the year, including the CDC Fluoridation Update in May. All were well-attended and interactive. The March webinar was a presentation about the New Wave Tablet and Feeder System and open to other state fluoridation contacts to attend. In June, the CoP webinar included a discussion with Matt Jacob about the findings from the paper he co-authored on oral health literacy and state webpage content on CWF.
- Finalized a questionnaire to states about data reporting in WFRS, to inform updating state data for the National OH Data Portal and to explore factors in under-fluoridation in many states. The questionnaire was drafted with input from several Committee members and reviewed by ASTDD’s evaluation consultants. Better information from states will increase our understanding of perceived barriers to reporting and maintaining optimal fluoridation. The questionnaire, determined to need CDC/OMB review, was delayed for several months until clearance was given for ASTDD to send it to up to nine states pending final approval. Two states field-tested it in December and the others should receive it early in January 2022.
- We refined and continued our use of Curate, a data-mining company that provides a searchable database of local government meeting agendas and minutes built with “civic intelligence software [that] uses artificial intelligence and machine learning to process municipal meeting documents” and scans meeting minutes, agendas, planning documents, etc., from local government entities. ASTDD shares a subscription with the American Fluoridation Society, and starting in November 2021 upgraded to an enhanced and more comprehensive version.
 - Reports combining Curate findings with postings from Google Alerts are sent at least once but more often twice a month to state dental directors, state fluoridation contacts, the Fluorides Committee, ANOHC, and AAP’s Fluoride Responders listservs. The reports can serve as a sort of early warning system on fluoridation-related activity. Emails are sent to individual dental directors if either tool picks up something with more immediacy. In several instances, the Curate post or Google Alert has provided the first notice for a state oral health program of a fluoridation

- discussion scheduled for a public meeting and allowed the SOHP to be better prepared. Feedback on this service continues to be positive.
- The posts are recorded on a spreadsheet and maintained cumulatively, thus providing an ongoing resource and record of activity. For all intents and purposes, this function replaces the “Fluoridation Rollback Catalog” that had been posted on the ASTDD website.
 - Judy Feinstein served as moderator for the 2021 NOHC Roundtable, “Community Water Fluoridation during COVID-19,” presented by committee member Tooka Zookaie.
 - Committee member Jay Kumar moderated a national webinar in September reviewing the NASEM/National Toxicology Program’s report, *NTP NASEM Review: What It Means and What's Next for Fluoride Science*.
 - Several committee members attended an EPA webinar in November on chemical supply line issues (*Lessons from the Field: Tips to Mitigate Supply Chain Challenges*), looking for insight and support relative to fluoride additive shortages. There was some follow up communication with EPA staff.
 - The committee helped to review or drafted several letters on behalf of ASTDD, including a letter to the National Academies regarding the revised peer review of the NTP report.
 - TA/Consultation was provided during the year to:
 - MN, CO, VA, PA and RI regarding CDC grant requirements (email)
 - CO relating to an upcoming fluoridation challenge (telephone)
 - A, ADA staff feature writer looking for background information about CWF, at risk populations, and strategies for dental disease prevention for her work framing the narrative for an e-book for a vendor showcase for ADA members (telephone and email).
 - Fluoridation coordinators in MO, FL, and AL regarding issues around equipment cost recovery if a system uses public funds to purchase and then discontinues CWF within 5 years; public notification regulations were also discussed (facilitated call on Zoom with Johnny Johnson (AFS))
 - GA (A. Barefoot): resources for a CDC Grant Rounds presentation (email)
 - FL regarding the annual CWF awards and questions re Curate queries (email)
 - MI: clarified awards process (email)
 - PA, KY: advised on response to anti literature (email)
 - ADA (J. Grover): updated on recent history and concerns with school-linked fluoride mouthrinse programs (emails)
 - AZ: discussion about HRSA/HPSA designations and CWF (emails)
 - OK: New Wave system (emails)
 - MA regarding ongoing shortage/supply line issues for sodium fluoride (emails).
 - MI: information provided to staff in the state OOH to assist in preparing for a town council meeting where pros and cons of CWF were to be presented (emails)
 - Committee member Johnny Johnson provides TA to Idaho on an ongoing basis and has responded to requests from several states for assistance with local challenges

5. Describe the future activities planned by your committee:

- Continue to serve as resource, as a group and/or individually, to the CDC-funded states in their work toward CWF objectives, through the established Community of Practice and listserv for state fluoridation contacts, as well as to all states and territories.
- Complete review and revision of older fluorides resource documents.
- Continue to collaborate with partners (e.g., ADA, AFS, AAP, AAPHD) to identify fluoride advocacy opportunities.
- Develop and maintain regular communication with ADA for fluoride issues, e.g., monitoring state/local activities (local actions, referenda), public outreach, etc.
- Continue to work as requested with ASTDD evaluators to evaluate CDC-grant-funded fluoridation activities, particularly the Community of Practice.
- Ongoing assessment of our use of Curate to keep informed of fluoridation-related activity at the municipal level, along with Google Alerts.

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

- There are occasional ad hoc subcommittees that are identified to assist in particular activities, such as a document review process.

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

- Funding might be needed to accomplish revision of several of the fluorides resource documents.