ASTDD Healthy Aging Committee Annual Report
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1. List any new members or subcommittee members:
   Russ Dunkel (WI), Kally Kline (MO)

2. Describe the purpose of your committee:

   The Healthy Aging Committee (HAC) is a focal point for healthy aging issues, including chronic diseases, and resources for state and territorial oral health programs. The HAC consists of subject matter experts in healthy aging and oral health as well as state oral health program directors/program managers and staff interested in advancing statewide efforts to improve the oral health of the older adult population. The HAC is currently supported through a grant from the Gary and Mary West Foundation to develop a toolkit for state oral health programs, state units on aging and area agencies on aging to educate older adults on the importance of oral health to overall health. This is a three-year grant that will end in December of 2022.

3. List your committee accomplishments for the last calendar year.
   - A sub-committee was formed in March 2020 to develop a partnership assessment. The assessment was used to determine the extent to which state oral health programs and state units on aging and/or area agencies on aging were working with one another on older adult oral health.
   - The assessment was sent to 50 states, DC and territorial oral health programs.
   - Responses to the assessment informed the sub-committee as to which states would be invited to join the Healthy Aging Project Workgroup.
   - In November six state oral health programs and state units on aging were invited to join the workgroup.
   - Alabama, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, and Virginia accepted. Wisconsin’s state dental director will participate on the workgroup as a subject matter expert.
   - The initial Healthy Aging Project Workgroup meeting is slated for December 2020.
4. Describe the future activities planned by your committee:
   - The Healthy Aging Project Workgroup, along with input from the HAC, will create an inventory of existing educational materials that focus on older adult oral health.
   - Gaps in educational materials will be identified.
   - The Healthy Aging Project Workgroup and the HAC will determine if new materials should be developed based on the gaps identified.
   - A toolkit will be developed using existing materials and any newly developed materials.
   - The toolkit will be disseminated to state oral health programs, state units on aging and area agencies on aging.
   - A follow up assessment will be done in year three of the grant to determine how the toolkit has been used and the extent of dissemination.

5. Describe any subcommittees your committee uses, their roles and activities:
   - A sub-committee was formed in March 2020 to develop a partnership assessment. The assessment was used to determine the extent to which state oral health programs and state units on aging and/or area agencies on aging were partnering with one another on older adult oral health.
   - The sub-committee/workgroup reviewed responses to the assessment to determine which states to invite to be part of the Healthy Aging Project Workgroup.

6. List any unmet needs of your committee (e.g., members, funding, etc.):
   - In 2021 the HAC will need to discuss other potential funding sources as the Gary and Mary West Foundation funding will end in December 2022. Since many entities award funding once per year it will be important to begin the process early.