

ASTDD Healthy Aging Committee Annual Report Jan 1, 2017 – Dec 31, 2017

Chair: **Diane Brunson (Jan-Nov)

Consultant: Lori Cofano

Members: *Carol Amerine, Bruce Austin, Steffany Chamut, *Megan Clare Craig-Kuhn, Conan Davis, Sarah Dirks, Elisa Ghezzi, Ruth Goldblatt, Susan Griffin, Mike Helgeson, Toni Hruby, Deb Jacobi, Judith Jones, Prasida Khanal, Andie Kyros, Karen Lewis, Jill Moore, Karen Phillips, Julie Stage-Rosenberg, Gena Schoen, *Merry Jo Thoele, Damon Terzaghi, Sarah Tomlinson, Chris Veschusio, *Brad Whistler, Judy White, Mary Worstell, Janet Yellowitz, Kimberlie Yineman, Sam Zwetchkenbaum

*Resigned (due to retirement)

**Diane submitted her resignation as chair during the September meeting effective January 2018

1. List any new members or subcommittee members:

Mary Worstell, Senior Advisor to the HHS Deputy Asst. Secretary for Health Science and Medicine (DASH) – April 2017

Christie Hogue, geriatric dentist with the Department of Veterans Affairs and a member of the American Geriatric Society (AGS) Oral Health Special Interest Group –May 2017

Maryam Tabrizi, Asst. Professor of General Practice & Dental Public Health at the University of Texas School of Dentistry and Health Science Center at Houston – July 2017

Bruce Austin, Oregon State Dental Director – Sept. 2017

Karen Tracy, Gerontological Society of America (GSA) – Sept. 2017

Gena Schoen, GSA – Sept. 2017

Damon Terzaghi, Senior Director at the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) – Sept. 2017

Karen Phillips, dental hygienist at the Oregon Health Authority – Sept. 2017

Prasida Khanal, Minnesota State Dental Director – November 2017

Sarah Tomlinson, North Carolina State Dental Director – November 2017

2. Describe the purpose of your committee: The Healthy Aging Committee (HAC) serves as a focal point for healthy aging issues and provides resources for state oral health programs. The HAC consists of experts in the area of 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 involved with reviewing model programs, policies and resource materials related to healthy aging with the goal of supporting statewide efforts in this area.

3. List your recent committee accomplishments: The HAC holds calls on the second Thursday in the odd numbered months. The HAC had five meetings in 2017. The

meeting in January 2017 was replaced with a webinar. An informal breakfast gathering was held during the National Oral Health Conference (NOHC) 2017.

- January 18, 2017: webinar *Medicaid Oral Health Coverage for Older Adults and People with Disabilities* Presenter: Damon Terzaghi from the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD)- posted to webpage.
- January 2017: *Basic Screening Survey (BSS) Tips for Success* posted to webpage
- Lori traveled to Michigan with Oral Health America (OHA) to discuss a potential oral health screening and fluoride varnish pilot project for older adults that would be billed through Title III-D of the Older Americans Act. Project did not move forward. (Note: Screening language is actually in Title I-D)
- March 22, 2017: webinar *Data Sources: Where to Uncover Oral Health Information for Older Adults* Presenters: Diane Brunson, Mike Manz, Kathy Phipps – posted to webpage.
- March 2017: *Oral Health in the Older Adult Population (Age 65 and older) Best Practice Approach Report (BPAR)* posted to HAC and Best Practices webpage
- Anubhuti Shukla, a Dental Public Health resident at Harvard, under Dr. Mary Tavares, agreed to be primary author on white paper focusing on the support for a dental benefit for older adults. Workgroup: Diane, Lori, Judy White, Sam
- March 2017: Healthy Aging Committee webpage was updated and reorganized for a more user friendly format.
- March 2017: Lori, Elisa and Janet attended the GSA meeting in Arlington, VA.
- Reached out to the American Geriatric Society's (AGS) Aging and Oral Health Special Interest Group – shared BPAR and link to HAC webpage.
- NOHC 2017:
 - Lori moderated the session – *Implementing an Oral Health Program for Older Adults in Your Community: A Seminar Illustrating the Latest Interactive Resources from the Department of Health and Human Services*
 - Lori, Megan Clare-Kuhn, and Jill Moore presented *Conducting a Successful Older Adult Survey*
- Lori and Mary Worstell submitted an abstract for a 90 minute session at the National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) meeting in November 2017; abstract was accepted as a poster session; Lori presented the poster: *America's Population is Aging: Improving Oral Health Improves Adult Lives.*
- June 2017 Lori facilitated an older adult oral health panel discussion during Maryland's Older Adult Symposium.
- Lori is a member of Oral Health America's (OHA) Advisory Committee for the update to *A State of Decay, Vol. IV*, along with Kathy Phipps from the ASTDD Data Committee. Updated report slated to be released at NOHC 2018.
- Lori conducted an Older Adult BSS standardization session at the Texas Oral Health Metrics Summit and facilitated an older adult panel session.
- Workgroup formed to work with the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) to create a database of programs that train students to work with the older adult population. Workgroup: Diane, Christie, Sam

- November 2017 HAC meeting: Alia Katabi and Karen Lewis from ACORA (formerly the Washington Dental Service Foundation) presented on Washington's older adult BSS results.
- Scheduled webinar: *Training Health Care Professionals to Focus on the Oral-Systemic Health of Older Adults* for Thursday, January 25, 2018. Speakers: Judith Haber, Lillian Mitchell and Stephen Shuman. Moderator: Conan Davis
- Lori invited to present on Older Adult BPAR during Michigan's Coalition for Oral Health for the Aging (COHA) call in January 2018
- Provided Older Adult BSS technical assistance to: Montana, Kansas, West Virginia.
- 2017-2018 logic model and workplan updated, approved and posted to webpage.
- HAC members shared resources and information of interest via the HAC listserv.
- September 2017 – meeting dates for 2018 sent to HAC. Meeting times changed from 2pm ET to 12pm ET to accommodate new chair's schedule.

4. Describe your current committee activity:

- Working on a white paper around older adult dental benefits.
- Continue to provide TA around Older Adult Basic Screening Survey (BSS).
- NOHC 2018:
 - Submitted for a plenary session in collaboration with ADA's National Elder Care Advisory Committee (NECAC) that has been accepted. Speakers: Deborah Carr, Susan Hyde, Paul Mulhausen. Moderator: Doug Berkey
 - Lori submitted for a poster session on the Older Adult BPAR (was accepted as a roundtable). Sam Zwetchkenbaum will present the roundtable
- Many members of the HAC submitted for various sessions on older adults for NOHC 2018.
- Lori and Diane participated on the ASTDD Chronic Disease Workgroup.
- Workgroup reviewing revisions to Older Adult BSS Manual.
- Workgroup creating database of program that train students to work with the older adult population.

5. Describe the future activities planned by your committee:

- Dissemination of BPAR information via webinars, presentations at meetings and distribution via listservs.
- Lori will continue to participate in the ASTDD Chronic Disease Coordination Workgroup led by Barb Park.
- Dissemination of white paper.
- Continue to diversify HAC membership to extend outreach and impact.

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

- Older Adult BPAR workgroup: reviewed and provided input on BPAR narrative and submissions.
- BSS Tips for Success workgroup: reviewed and provided input on tool.

- Older Adult BSS Manual update workgroup: reviewing and providing input to Kathy Phipps. Anticipate revisions done by January 2018.
- Database workgroup: collecting information on programs that train students to work with the older adult population.

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

- Funding from another source would help increase the sustainability of the HAC