

ASTDD Perinatal Oral Health Committee Annual Report January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020

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1. List any new members or subcommittee members: Brita Allen, Kally Kline, Jay Kumar, Rhonda Stephens

2. Describe the purpose of your committee:

POHC is a broadly representative group of ASTDD members and non-member key informants. POHC serves as the primary ASTDD focal point for issues and resources for state/territorial oral health programs (STOHPs) relating to perinatal oral health (POH). Most POHC activities have related to programs, initiatives and priorities focusing on the maternal and child health (MCH) population. POHC has functioned as a single group and has also separated into smaller, targeted work groups or has assigned individuals for specific projects and activities.

3. List your committee accomplishments for the last calendar year.

- POHC continues its partnership with the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center (OHRC), lead for the Center for Oral Health Systems Integration and Improvement (COHSII), a consortium working in partnership with ASTDD and Dental Quality Alliance and funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB). This report covers the calendar year 2020 and includes POHC's and other members' participation in various program activities. Specifically, the focus on perinatal oral health centered on assisting COHSII in providing training and technical assistance to three MCHB-funded grantees of the Networks for Oral Health Integration (NOHI) within the MCH Safety Net (NOHI). Furthermore, as resources allowed, POHC provided support through COHSII to many of the 32 state/jurisdiction MCH and STOHPs that selected the Title V MCH Services Block Grant National Performance Measure (NPM)13.1 or 13.2.
- The POHC assisted COHSII in drafting *Title V Maternal and Child Health National Performance Measure 13 (Oral Health) First and Second Editions*. These documents are intended to provide sample strategies, sample evidence-based or evidence-informed strategy measures (ESMs), possible data sources for ESMs, and a selection of resources. State Title V programs can use the information in this document in their implementation of the national performance

measure on oral health (NPM 13) and state performance measures. It can be found at: <https://www.mchoralhealth.org/announcements/npm13-StrategiesForSuccess.php>

- The POHC assisted in drafting an OHRC/ASTDD survey to the 32 STOHPs that selected MCH Block Grant national performance measure on oral health (NPM 13) in FFY 2020 to share information about their experiences, e.g., their lessons learned, successes in promoting preventive dental visits for pregnant women, children, and adolescents, and their FFY 2021.
- The *Best Practices Approaches: Perinatal Oral Health* was published in September 2019. It served as the basis for the update of the *Perinatal Oral Health Policy Statement* which was begun shortly thereafter. The *Policy Statement* update was completed and approved on February 25, 2020. It can be found at: <https://www.astdd.org/docs/perinatal-oral-health-policy-statement-2-26-2020.pdf>
- POHC members submitted and had four abstracts accepted for presentation at the 2020 NOHC. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the NOHC was changed to a virtual format and none of the substracts were presented.
- The POHC developed the *Response to HRSA Request for Information on MCHB Strategic Plan Perinatal Oral Health, Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD) Draft to ASTDD Executive Board: December 11, 2020*. The Board approved and forwarded the *Response* to MCHB.

4. Describe the future activities planned by your committee:

MCHB Title V NPM 13:

- For Federal fiscal year (FFY) 2021, 27 state/jurisdiction MCH programs selected NPM 13.1 or 13.2. Results from the FFY 2021 Title V block grant applications can be found at: <https://mchb.tvisdata.hrsa.gov/PrioritiesAndMeasures/ListOfStatePerformanceMeasures>. A small COHSII workgroup, including POHC members, will be providing technical assistance efforts to states/jurisdictions and will be based on resources available.

Other COHSII/NOHI:

- The current COHSII project period is in its final year. The OHRC intends to apply for renewed funding. For the remaining project period POHC members and other ASTDD staff will continue to participate on the COHSII Goal 1 team in planning/participating on monthly webinars and as well as the bi-monthly planning NOHI and monthly planning NPM calls. Should COHSII funding be renewed, the POHC and ASTDD are committed to continue and build upon the work which has been accomplished to date.

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

The POHC does not have any established subcommittees. It does constitute ad hoc work groups to address specific tasks and functions, e.g., to review the POHC and related content on the ASTDD website to streamline and eliminate redundancies.

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

The primary source of funding for the POHC is from COHSII and will be available until at least through August 2021. Beyond that will depend upon funding renewal for the project.

Other activities in the work plan include the caveat “as resources permit.” This is a reality and will dictate the degree and extent to which these other activities are addressed, and outcomes and results are achieved.