

ASTDD Perinatal Oral Health Committee Annual Report

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1. List any new members or subcommittee members: Katy Glueckert
 2. Describe the purpose of your committee:

The Perinatal Oral Health Committee (POHC) serves as the primary ASTDD focal point for issues and resources for state and territorial oral health programs (STOHPs) relating to perinatal oral health. Most POHC activities focus on programs, initiatives, and priorities addressing the maternal and child health (MCH) population. POHC operates as a large group and as smaller ad hoc work groups or assigns individuals to work on 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) for a second funding cycle (2021-2024).

This report describes POHC's and other ASTDD members' participation in various program activities. Specifically, it focuses on perinatal oral health centered on assisting COHSII in providing technical assistance (TA) to three MCHB-funded Networks for Oral Health Integration (NOHI). The NOHI learning collaborative (LC) is comprised of three regional projects, each consisting of four states:

- o Midwest Network for Oral Health Integration (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, and Ohio)
- o Rocky Mountain Oral Health Network (Arizona, Colorado, Montana, and Wyoming)
- o Transforming Oral Health for Families (District of Columbia, Maryland, New York, and Virginia)

POHC assisted in providing TA to the LC projects to share successes, lessons learned, and challenges focused on building capacity around three core functions: (1) data, analysis and evaluation; (2) outreach and education; and (3) policy and practice.

- Regarding MCH Title V-related activities, POHC reviewed feedback from 32 states and jurisdictions that selected national performance measure (NPM) 13.1 and/or 13.2 for FY 2020. In FY'21, 27 states and jurisdictions selected NPM13.1 and/or 13.2. States' and jurisdictions' selections for FY'22 were submitted in September 2021 and the number selecting NPM 13.1 and/or 13.2 will be announced shortly. Along with COHSII-supported activities, POHC provided TA to NPM 13 states and jurisdictions, as resources permitted.
- POHC developed a plan and budget for providing TA in 2022 to Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and American Samoa. TA efforts will include updating existing local Basic Screening Survey (BSS) activities, training a local dentist to provide TA on BSS, assisting in implementing NPM 13 in FY'22 and exploring adoption of NPM 13 and/or oral health-related SPMs in FY'23.
- POHC assisted in updating the following ASTDD resources: *Essential Public Health Services for State Oral Health Programs* and four website pages, including the POHC page.
- POHC reviewed and provided comments on: (1) the draft of *Prevention of Dental Caries in Children Younger Than Age 5 Years: Screening and Intervention* by the US Preventive Services Task Force; (2) the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials policy statement in support of *Permanent, Sustainable Medicaid Financing for U.S. Territories*; and (3) the draft of *Promoting Oral Health During Pregnancy: October 2021* by the OHRC.
- POHC continued to participate in the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors' Medical-Dental Integration Project, including participating in conference calls and reviewing materials.
- POHC and other members submitted an abstract, *USAPI Oral Health Program Needs Assessment and Two Case Studies from the COVID Pandemic*, for a seminar presentation at the 2022 National Oral Health Conference. It was accepted. The presentation will focus on the completed ASTDD oral health infrastructure needs assessment in the US Affiliated Pacific Islands and on program planning to increase access to care for populations in CNMI and American Samoa, especially for women and children.

4. Describe the future activities planned by your committee:

Title V NPM 13:

- POHC members, will provide TA efforts to states and jurisdictions as resources permit.

NOHI:

- POHC is committed to build upon the work which has been accomplished to date. The COHSII project continues through June 30, 2024. ASTDD staff will continue to participate on the COHSII NOHI and Title V team to plan NOHI monthly webinars and annual virtual meetings and in the development of NPM 13–related resources.

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

POHC does not have any established subcommittees and constitutes ad hoc work groups to address specific tasks and functions.

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

A number of activities in the POHC work plan include the caveat “as resources permit.” The extent of the requests for TA may exceed our resources. In addition, due to the impact of the COVID pandemic the ability of our members and ASTDD consultants provide on-site TA may be limited.