

ASTDD Perinatal Oral Health Committee (POHC) Annual Report January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

Chair: Mark Moss

Consultant: Reg Louie

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1. List any new members or subcommittee members:

In 2022 POHC added Anne Buss, and Amy Lein.

2. Describe the purpose of your committee:

POHC continues to serve 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 the 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) within the MCH Safety Net (NOHI). The NOHI learning collaborative (LC) is comprised of three regional projects, each consisting of four states:
 - Midwest Network for Oral Health Integration (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, and Ohio)
 - Rocky Mountain Oral Health Network (Arizona, Colorado, Montana, and Wyoming)
 - Transforming Oral Health for Families (District of Columbia, Maryland, New York, and Virginia).

COHSII provides 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, COHSII has begun planning for a collection of information from 7 jurisdictions, including the District of Columbia that selected national performance measure (NPM) 13.1 and/or 13.2 in FY '22. Along with COHSII-supported activities, COHSII provides TA to NPM 13 states and jurisdictions, as resources permitted.

In addition, Katrina Holt and Reg Louie participated in the FY'23 Title V Services Block Grant reviews of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Guam, Federal States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) and Palau.

- COHSII plans to provide TA in FY '23 to American Samoa, CNMI, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Guam, and RMI. Example of TA include updating existing local Basic Screening Survey (BSS) activities, training a local dentist to provide TA on BSS, training dental and non-dental providers in preventive services (fluoride varnish), assisting in implementing NPM 13 in FY '23 and exploring adoption of NPM 13 and/or oral health-related state performance measures in FY '24.
- POHC continued to provide information to CDC funded Strategy-3 listserv regarding perinatal oral health and COVID, including information from the American Dental Association, CDC, OHRC and OSAP, and information about teledentistry, which is especially relevant to the US Affiliated Pacific Islands (USAPI) and Caribbean jurisdictions.
- Katrina Holt and Reg Louie continued to participate as a member of the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACCD) Medical-Dental Integration Project.
- POHC and other members presented a seminar at the 2022 National Oral Health Conference (NOHC) entitled *USAPI Oral Health Program Needs Assessment and Two Case Studies from the COVID Pandemic*. The presentation focused on the ASTDD oral health infrastructure needs assessment in the USAPI and on program planning to increase access to care for populations in American Samoa and CNMI, especially for women and children.

In addition, an abstract for a roundtable entitled *Public Oral Health Crisis in Guam and Efforts to Facilitate Preventive Oral Health Care to Children* was accepted for presentation 2023 NOHC.

- To promote POHC as a learning collaborative, calls have featured members showcasing activities. Two key examples include: [1] A team from Texas led by Rhonda Stokley presented their work on use of social media to engage parents who are expecting a child. This project leveraged external funds and is now sustained by funding from Texas’ Maternal and Child Health Block Grant; and [2] Emily Norrix, perinatal oral health consultant in Michigan, presented an update on the medical-dental co-location of services for a dental hygienist within an OB/GYN clinic.

4. Describe the future activities planned by your committee:

Title V NPM 13:

- COHSII completed a report on states that selected NPM 13 for FY ’21, which included descriptions of accomplishments and challenges/solutions. In FY ’23, the plan is to collect information from the four US Affiliated Pacific Islands, US Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia regarding their efforts to implement NPM 13 in FY ’22.
- COHSII plans to conduct on-site trainings for MCH programs in American Samoa and Guam on providing silver diamine fluoride treatment to arrest caries in children. Funding support for the on-site trainings will be sought from MCHB and the Pacific Islands Primary Care Association, respectively.
- POHC members, will provide TA efforts to states and jurisdictions retaining NPM 13 for FY ’23 as resources permit.

NOHI:

- POHC is committed to build upon the work which has been accomplished to date. COHSII continues through June 30, 2024. ASTDD POHC members will continue to participate in COHSII NOHI and Title V team to plan 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):

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