National Oral Health Conference

April 16-18, 2018 — Louisville, Kentucky
Weekend Workshops April 14-15, 2018

Presented by:
American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD) & Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD)

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Registration is now open for the 2018 National Oral Health Conference and you are invited! The Planning Committee has put the final finishing touches on the program for the premier meeting for dental public health! The 19th joint meeting of ASTDD and AAPHD promises to provide attendees with the most current information on international, national, and local issues, lots of networking opportunities, information on new products and services, and a little fun!

Louisville, Kentucky, the city known as the home of the Kentucky Derby, will be our host for five days of programming:

- **Weekend Workshops:** April 14-15, 2018
- **Conference:** April 16-18, 2018

Louisville is the largest city in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the 29th-most populous city in the United States. It was founded in 1778 by George Rogers Clark and is named after King Louis XVI of France, making Louisville one of the oldest cities west of the Appalachian Mountains. Whether it’s pronounced Looavul, Luhvul, Loeyville, or Looaville, this historic city has much to offer. Check it out at [www.gotolouisville.com](http://www.gotolouisville.com).

The Louisville Marriott Downtown will host all Conference sessions and meetings. Sessions will focus on issues and topics relevant to research, policy, programs, education and community-based care, highlighting how all these areas of public health are integrated toward achieving “optimal oral health” for the nation’s population. The NOHC also will offer association awards, membership meetings, and social networking opportunities.

We will again offer educational sessions in a variety of formats, including plenaries, workshops, seminars, and oral paper presentations. Back are roundtable lunches and a poster session. In addition, the American Board of Dental Public Health will be offering the Specialty Board Examination to candidates on April 12-13, 2018.

This conference is designed for dentists, dental hygienists, health researchers, dental/health educators, legislators, public health officials, Medicaid/CHIP dental program staff or consultants, state/territorial dental directors, county/city/local dental directors, community health center personnel, students, school-based and school-linked health center personnel, federally-employed dental personnel, as well as dental manufacturers/distributors and dental insurance companies – in short, anyone interested in engaging in collaboration to improve the oral health of the public.

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**Questions?**

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THURSDAY, APRIL 12

7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. American Board of Dental Public Health (ABDPH) Board Oral Examination 1

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. ABDPH Board Oral Examination 2
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. ASTDD Board of Directors Meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. AAPHD Board Orientation
8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. ASTDD Mentor Training
   by invitation only
8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. ABDPH Board Written Examination
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ABDPH Board Business Meeting
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. AAPHD Board of Directors Meeting
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. ASTDD/AAPHD Board of Directors Joint Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Designing and Proposing Questions for the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) to Meet Changing Needs in Oral Health Surveillance – CDE 3.0
   Pre-registration required. Attendance is limited to 60 attendees.
   Carol Pierannunzi, PhD; Mei Lin, MD, MPH, MSc; Denise Kall, PhD
   In addition to two oral health questions (dental visit; tooth loss) on the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) core questionnaire, states are able to add “standard questions” from optional modules or to develop their own “state-added” questions to address gaps and emerging issues. The session will provide an overview of the BRFSS questionnaire development process and guidelines and changes to the 2018 questionnaire. This will include how the oral health questions are aligned with the BRFSS questionnaire guidelines and the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) recommendation on harmonization of federal surveys. A speaker from a state oral health program will share experiences with developing and using BRFSS questions to inform program development and connect to cross-cutting areas. The session will include interactive discussions to share other states’ experiences, seek potential topics for future BRFSS questions and their use, and conduct “hands-on” exercises to develop and examine questions.
   Sponsored by ASTDD

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. American Association of Community Dental Programs (AACDP) Executive Board Meeting

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. American Association for Community Dental Programs (AACDP) Annual Symposium – A Call to Action
   Pre-registration required. Registration Fee: $145.00
   Students'/Residents' Fee: $110.00
   The American Association for Community Dental Programs will conduct a full-day symposium directed at the interests and needs of individuals who work in community-based dental public health programs, or “where the rubber meets the road.” These include, but are not limited to, local and county health departments, community health centers, dental school outreach programs, etc. This year’s program, entitled, “Community Oral Health Programs: A Call for Local Actions,” will include Kentucky oral health program successes; an update from representatives of several federal agencies and the oral health direction of the current administration; a cutting edge comprehensive framework developed for school-based oral health programs and outstanding examples of its implementation; a discussion of how the senior dental patients of a Texas dentist are gaining improved access to oral care from the Older Americans Act, the Incurred Medical Expense process, the VA voucher system, and CMS dental regulations; and an update of activity and what is working in communities across the country relative to the dental therapist model of care. A networking box luncheon is included in the registration and will provide an opportunity for informal discussions with some of the day’s speakers.

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. AAPHD/ABDPH Joint Breakfast Meeting
SUNDAY, APRIL 15 Schedule Continued

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Exploring the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) Oral Health Component: Current Content and Future Directions – CDE 3.0**

Pre-registration required. Attendance is limited to 25 attendees.
Lorena Espinosa, DDS, MPH; Gina Thornton-Evans, DDS, MPH; Mark Moss, DDS, PhD; Eleanor Fleming, PhD, DDS, MPH

This session will promote awareness and use of the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES). NHANES is the primary data source for national oral health indicators, which include select Healthy People 2020 objectives such as dental caries, untreated dental decay, and dental sealants. This session will include the following three components: 1) introduction and in-depth demonstration of NHANES including the examination and questionnaire components; 2) interactive discussions to seek participants’ thoughts on how to enhance NHANES oral health data to better serve state dental public health programs and individuals in academic settings; and 3) discussion regarding the current content and future directions for national oral health surveillance. **Sponsored by ASTDD**

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Funding to Support Community Water Fluoridation – CDE 3.0**

Pre-registration required. Attendance is limited to 40 attendees.
Lisa Petersen, MS; Weldon Johnson, MBA; Emily Firman; Kip Duchon, PE, MSEnvE

To ensure continued funding for capital investments for water fluoridation equipment, government and private entities that support and maintain community water fluoridation, there is a need to engage in solution-focused dialogue to identify, understand, and expand diverse funding strategies. Some states and local communities have been successful in identifying funding resources through robust planning that helped explore various opportunities and define specific action steps that resulted in increased funding. These steps include outlining the necessary data to collect, identify and engage key players; investigating available mechanisms (laws, taxes, private funding sources, etc.) that could be used to support the process, and finally, determining a timeline for achievement. In this session, through presentations, break-out sessions, and larger group discussions, participants will be provided with information they can use to return to their community/state and create an action plan for funding. **Sponsored by ASTDD**

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **AAPHD Council on Educational Affairs Meeting**
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **AAPHD Council on Legislation**
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **AAPHD Council on Scientific Information Meeting**
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **AAPHD Council on Practice Meeting**
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **AAPHD Council on Publications Meeting**
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **DPH Residency Directors’ Meeting**
1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **American Network of Oral Health Coalitions (ANOHC) Annual Meeting**
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **AAPHD Council on Corporate Relations Meeting**
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **AAPHD Legislative Advocacy Workshop V.2.0 – CDE 2.0**

Pre-registration is required. Attendance is limited to 40 attendees.
Registration Fee: $50.00
Jennifer Brown, JD; Melissa Burroughs, BA; Ann Lynch, BA

Is oral health policymaking just an afterthought of an afterthought in your state? How can you make oral health a vital concern for policymakers? This workshop will focus on skill building and strategy development to become an effective oral health advocate in your state. Workshop attendees will be able to describe the political landscape at the national and state levels and discuss the importance of advocacy and how it can be used to increase issue awareness. Participants will discuss advocacy strategies to inform policymakers of the need to obtain or restore Medicaid dental benefits for adults and support dental benefits for seniors in Medicare. Participants will be able to describe how to develop an advocacy strategy, messaging and communications, and engagement activities. The workshop will feature speakers with state advocacy experience from the American Dental Education Association, American Dental Hygienists’ Association, and Families USA. Members of state oral health coalitions are encouraged to register for this workshop. **Sponsored by the AAPHD Council on Legislation**

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Leadership Development Workshop – CDE 2.0**

Pre-registration required. Attendance is limited to 50 attendees.
Registration Fee: $25.00 Students'/Residents’ Fee: $15.00
Catherine Hayes, DMD, SM, DrMedSc

To promote dental public health at the local, state, and national levels, leadership needs to be encouraged and developed. This workshop will provide training, discussion, and activities related to leadership development. **Sponsored by the AAPHD Council on Educational Affairs**

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **AAPHD Annual Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony**

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **Opening Reception**
Welcome to the first event of the 2018 NOHC! Here is where you will meet and greet old and new friends and catch up with one another. Hors d’oeuvres and beverages included. **Sponsored in part by our friends from PlakSmacker**
Schedule at-a-Glance

MONDAY, APRIL 16
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.  Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  Opening Welcome and Remarks
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Opening Symposium: Competition and Regulation in the Dental Professions: Impact on Access, Cost, and Quality – CDE 1.5

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break with Exhibitors
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ABDPH Symposium: The Economics of a Dental Benefit for Medicare – CDE 1.5

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Break with Exhibitors
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  Roundtable Luncheon – CDE 1.5
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  AAPPD Student Chapter Meeting/Lunch
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  Break with Exhibitors
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  Concurrent Sessions – CDE 1.5
  ■ So, You Want to Make Change: How to Design and Implement Social Change Strategies for Oral Health Impact
  ■ Promoting the HPV Vaccine: An Opportunity for Medical-Dental Collaboration
  ■ Impact of Social Factors on Service Utilization
  ■ The Oral Health Workforce Research Center (OHWRC): Three-year Summary of Critical Workforce Issues

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Exhibit Hall Open
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Break with Exhibitors
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  ABDPH Future Examination Orientation
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  Poster Session – CDE 2.0
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  CDC Water Fluoridation Update – CDE 1.0
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  DPH Residents and Recent Alumni Meeting
6:30 p.m.  Dinner on your own
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  ABDPH Diplomates Dinner and Meeting
  By Invitation Only

TUESDAY, APRIL 17
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.  Breakfast with Exhibitors
7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  AACDP Open Business Meeting
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  AAPPD Plenary: Can Dental Research Change Policy? – CDE 1.5

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Break with Exhibitors
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions – CDE 1.5
  ■ Change Packages for Improving Oral Health: A Hands-On Session to Improve Quality of Care
  ■ From PDSA, to Publication, to Public Health Outcomes: A Data Story
  ■ Responding to the Opioid Overdose Epidemic: A Multi-Level Perspective
  ■ Oral Presentations Session #1

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  National Organization Roundtable Luncheon – CDE 1.5
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  HRSA Oral Health Branch Grantee Meeting
  By Invitation Only
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  Break with Exhibitors

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.  Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  ASTDD Plenary: Conversations About the Greying of America – CDE 1.5

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Break
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions – CDE 1.5
  ■ The New Neighborhoods: How Social Networks are Reshaping Public Health Communication
  ■ Solving the Consent Conundrum: Strategies for Increasing Consent in School Oral Health
  ■ Collaborating with Organized Dentistry to Strengthen the State Oral Health Infrastructure in California – Lessons Learned
  ■ The Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Quality Improvement Project: Progress, Barriers and Successes of Three Participating States

11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Networking Luncheon
12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.  Concurrent Sessions – CDE 1.0
  ■ Silver Diamine Fluoride: Science, Practice, Potential
  ■ A 50-State Update on Dental Therapy: Public Health and Dental Plan Perspectives on this Growing Workforce
  ■ Engaging Health Schools and Residencies Based Upon a National Survey of Current Oral Health Education
  ■ Over ALL Health: State Public Health Collaboration for Dental Directors and Health Officers

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  Break
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  Concurrent Sessions – CDE 1.0
  ■ Raising the Bar: Enacting Laws that Govern Local Attempts to Cease Community Water Fluoridation
  ■ Experiential Learning: Utilizing A Poverty Simulation to Enhance Understanding of the Challenges Faced by Low-Income Families
  ■ Bridging the Medicaid-Public Health Divide: Collaborative Approaches and Leadership Competencies to Advance Statewide Oral Health
  ■ Collaboration, Telehealth, and Rural Access

Sessions offering CDE Credit are shown in purple.
MONDAY, APRIL 16

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Opening Welcome and Remarks

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Opening Keynote

Competition and Regulation in the Dental Professions: Impact on Access, Cost and Quality – CDE 1.5

Tara Koslov, JD; Joseph Crowley, DDS; Rebecca Haw Allenworth, JD; Ann Battrell, MSDH

The opening plenary will provide a panel discussion on how the scope of practice of Advanced Practice Nurse (APRM) and Dental Therapists (DT) are regulated by state dental licensing boards and policy/enforcement efforts of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). An overview will be provided on licensing boards and how they get their authority as well as differences among states. Panelists will discuss whether licensing boards restrict competition—both generally and in relation to oral health practitioners; compare and contrast regulatory approaches to the APRM and DT, including legal, political, and economic implications; and examine what the standard should be for evaluating and imposing restrictions on DTs. This will include whether scope of practice for such dental specialties should be governed by state or federal regulations, or by both, and if they are in conflict, how such conflicts should be resolved. Panelists also will examine how federal antitrust law applies to these two specialties and whether states can displace antitrust laws, as well as changes since the Supreme Court’s decision in the FTC vs. North Carolina Board of Dental Examiners case. Finally, panelists will discuss whether policies on these issues can be influenced.

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break with Exhibitors

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ABDPH Symposium

The Economics of a Dental Benefit for Medicare – CDE 1.5

Amber Willink, PhD; Marko Vujicic, PhD; Harold Slavkin, DDS, PhD

Ten thousand baby boomers are retiring every day. Most do NOT have dental insurance. The purpose of this ABDPH Board Symposium is to examine the disparities in an aging society regarding access to and outcomes of dental care in seniors and consider the economic aspects of including a dental benefit in Medicare. This includes the potential savings from including a dental benefit, the cost to society, and the cost to individuals in terms of premiums. We will describe some approaches to improving access and equity by including a dental care benefit in Medicare.

Sponsored in part by ABDPH Past President Judith Jones

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Break with Exhibitors

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Roundtable Luncheon – CDE 1.5

For all registrants. Pre-registration is required. Box lunch will be provided.

The luncheon will be conducted around small tables with facilitated discussion on scientific research, program planning and evaluation, community-based interventions, partnerships, and other topics related to dental public health. A complete list of topics, abstracts, and presenters will be available in the mobile app and a PDF listing all of the topics will be available to attendees to download and print prior to the conference. Participants will be able to attend two roundtables during the 2-hour session.

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Break with Exhibitors

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions – CDE 1.5

So, You Want to Make Change: How to Design and Implement Social Change Strategies for Oral Health Impact

Pre-registration is required. Workshop is limited to 75 attendees.

Katherine Libby, MA; Fatima Morales, MSW; Frances Walsh, MPH

This interactive workshop will provide attendees with the tools and strategies to implement a change effort in their local communities. Core theoretical assumptions include systems thinking as a method for understand complex problems, collective action methodologies such as social impact networks and collective impact initiatives, and understanding policy environments. Participants will leave with actionable strategies to implement change initiatives in their local communities and a deeper understanding of how to lead change efforts.

Promoting the HPV Vaccine: An Opportunity for Medical-Dental Collaboration

Christina A. Demopoulos, DDS, MPH; Sharon G. Humiston, MD, MPH, FAAP; Stacy Costello, MPH, CHES

Human papilloma virus (HPV) may cause 70 percent of oropharyngeal cancers (OPC) in the U.S. Unlike symptoms of tobacco-related oral cavity cancers, because symptoms of OPC are usually obscured until later cancer stages, it is crucial for dental professionals to be part of primary prevention efforts, i.e., promoting HPV vaccination. Many factors pose barriers to accessing this effective vaccine including hesitancy among dental and medical providers to discuss HPV—particularly with parents of 11 to 12-year-olds—partly due to HPV’s identification as a sexually transmitted infection and lack of knowledge about OPC. We can work collaboratively with our medical colleagues to deliver and reinforce messages to increase vaccination rates and to encourage our patients’ families to request and accept the HPV vaccine. This seminar provides an overview of HPV’s role in oropharyngeal cancers and presents strategies for broad-based interdisciplinary communications about HPV vaccine and cancer prevention as an example of effective medical-dental collaboration.
Impact of Social Factors on Service Utilization
Natalia Chalmers, DDS, PhD; Jane Grover, DDS, MPH; Carol Beckermann, DDS, PhD
Building on the session from the 2017 NOHC meeting, this session will examine in depth critical aspects of hospital emergency departments (ED) utilization for dental needs. While there is no significant change in the total spending of $1.5 billion per year, for the first time, in 2014, Medicaid became the biggest payer for these conditions. Significant racial and geographic disparities persist in ED visits for dental conditions. We further examine the impact of palliative opioid-based care for these conditions. We will also discuss national and state trends in ED utilization for oral health care needs, with a focus on repeat visits and disparities. Policy solutions to these issues will also be discussed, including models for successful referral programs.

The Oral Health Workforce Research Center (OHWRC): Three-year Summary of Critical Workforce Issues
Elizabeth Mertz, PhD, MA; Margaret Langeller, MSHSA; Simona Surdu, MD, PhD
The OHWRC at the University at Albany School of Public Health, SUNY, is funded under a cooperative agreement with the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to conduct research to assist in oral health workforce planning. In the past three years, the OHWRC has completed 15 studies that highlight critical issues in oral health service access and delivery. This seminar will synthesize key findings from several of these studies, including the impact of changing workforce models on access to care (e.g., the role of the dental safety net in oral health innovation, expanded scope of practice for dental hygienists); diversification of dental professions (e.g., underrepresented minority dentists, primary care clinicians providing oral health services); and emerging service delivery models (e.g., mobile and portable dentistry, tele-dentistry, and dental service organizations) to meet the needs of underserved populations.

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5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  CDC Water Fluoridation Update – CDE 1.0
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  DPH Residents and Recent Alumni Meeting
6:30 p.m.  Dinner on your own, enjoy Louisville!
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  ABDPH Diplomates Dinner and Meeting
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Can Dental Research Change Policy? – CDE 1.5
Janet Clarkson, BSc, BDS, PhD
This plenary presentation, which will focus on the need to improve the value of dental research and reduce waste will present evidence on how dental research can change policy. International evidence, with specific examples from the United Kingdom (UK), will be presented that demonstrate the current waste in clinical and public health research. Examples of prioritization strategies for dental research will be provided and a description of current National Institute for Health Research-funded UK practice-based research reported, including the importance of the timeliness of evidence synthesis and strategies for dissemination and implementation. Examples of how large scale, multi-center randomized controlled trials (RCTs) in dental primary care can inform policy and lead to change will be used to generate discussion.

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  Break with Exhibitors
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  Concurrent Sessions – CDE 1.5

Change Packages for Improving Oral Health: A Hands-On Session to Improve Quality of Care
Pre-registration is required. Workshop is limited to 60 attendees. James J. Crall, DDS, ScD; Jill Boylston Herndon, PhD
Oral disease is complex and multifaceted, requiring multi-pronged approaches to improve quality of care, and ultimately, outcomes. Quality improvement (QI) toolkits and change packages are common in medicine, but there are few resources to support QI efforts within oral healthcare systems. The Dental Quality Alliance (DQA) has developed QI resources, including Quality Innovator Spotlights and an Institute for Healthcare Improvement open school course, that will be shared with project participants. After providing a brief orientation to a QI framework and resources, participants will be engaged in hands-on applications to define/refine care goals, develop short-term and long-term aims, identify change ideas, and identify methods for measuring improvement. Attention will be paid to identifying barriers and strategies for overcoming barriers. Participants will be encouraged to share learnings from QI efforts within their own settings.
From PDSA, to Publication, to Public Health Outcomes: A Data Story
Patricia Braun, MD, MPH, FAAP; Nita Patel, DrPH, MPH; Leah Elsmore, MPH
Measuring impact and demonstrating health outcomes are challenges for public health programs. During this session, participants will learn the varied evaluation tools and techniques that moved the needle on oral health outcomes for vulnerable populations in Colorado. The story follows Colorado’s 10-year journey of inter-professional projects targeting young children, pregnant women, and patients with diabetes. Two innovative programs will be highlighted: Cavity Free at Three, which began in 2007 with a mission to reduce early childhood caries in vulnerable populations, and the Diabetes Oral Health Integration Project, a 2-year pilot to link diabetes management and oral health care in the clinical setting. Presenters will explain quality improvement tools including plan-do-study-act (PDSA) rapid improvement cycles; illustrate programmatic, evaluation, and surveillance data; describe collaboration and partnerships; and share lessons learned. The story includes real life examples leveraging program evaluation, including new research published in the American Journal of Public Health and state programs from the CDC.

Responding to the Opioid Overdose Epidemic: A Multi-Level Perspective
Paul Moore, DMD, PhD, MS, MPH; Grant Baldwin, PhD, MPH; Christine Farrell, RDH, BSDH, MPA; David R. Neff, DO
Overdoses from prescription opioids are a driving factor in the 15-year increase in opioid deaths. Dentists are the leading prescribers of narcotics to young people (10 to 19-year-olds, in 2011). For example, opioid addiction can begin with wisdom teeth extractions. This session will highlight four perspectives in addressing the opioid overdose epidemic within the oral health community. The first presenter will provide an overview of the response by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, available guidelines, and resources; the second presenter will discuss efforts to integrate and work with the oral health community at the state level; the third presenter will address policy and guidelines development for clinicians at the national level, as well as advocacy efforts; and the fourth presenter will share their experience as a practicing clinician and how they are responding to the opioid overdose epidemic. Session attendees will benefit from hearing how the oral health community can improve adherence to opioid prescribing protocols in dental settings.

Oral Presentations #1
This session will feature oral presentations on scientific research of interest to attendees. See final program for a complete list of topics and presenters.

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. National Organization Roundtable Luncheon – CDE 1.5
Pre-registration is required. Box lunch will be provided.

The luncheon will be conducted around small tables with facilitated discussion lead by leadership of national organizations. A complete list of topics, abstracts, and presenters will be available in the mobile app and a PDF listing all of the topics will be available for attendees to download and print prior to the conference. Participants will be able to attend two roundtables during the 2-hour session.

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. HRSA Oral Health Branch Grantee Meeting
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2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Break with Exhibitors

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions – CDE 1.5

Aligning Partners in School-Based Oral Health Programming with State Oral Health Plans
Gayle Mathe, RDH; Frances Walsh, MPH; Harold Slavkin, DDS
The California Oral Health Plan (2016-2025), which seeks to improve the oral health of all Californians, has created impetus to align oral health activities across the state. The L.A. Trust for Children’s Health has partnered with the California Dental Association to ensure that the Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment Mandate (AB1433) is implemented. A population-based oral health prevention program was developed and tested in schools throughout the Los Angeles Unified School District, which provides student, teacher, and parent education, coupled with screening and fluoride varnish, to link students to a dental home. This approach offers promise to reduce disparities in vulnerable communities. We will present this programmatic approach, its alignment with the state plan, and the development of partnerships to advance shared goals. Economies of scale, financial sustainability plans, and community buy-in will be discussed. We plan for the attendees to work in groups of 5–8 people, prompted by one or two key questions for each of the presented segments, to share/discuss the success or challenge they face in their state or region. We anticipate that participants will gain new insights, ideas, and resources for problem-solving related to school-based oral health programs.

Sample Size Calculations for Observational and Experimental Studies in Dental Public Health
Israel Agaku, DMD, MPH, PhD
The rapidly evolving landscape in dental public health has created new data needs. While some secondary datasets of dental relevance exist (e.g., NHANES, BRFSS), collection of primary data may be necessary under certain circumstances, thus necessitating sample size calculations, including: (1) survey data non-existent for a population of interest; (2) existing survey data that are older or do not contain variables of interest; and (3) research questions that are best assessed by analytical study designs than cross-sectional designs. This hands-on session will introduce a simple, user-friendly, and intuitive

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Excel-based tool for sample size calculations and sampling created by the presenter at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This application has 10 modules addressing different epidemiologic study designs, including cross-sectional, case-control, cohort, and randomized trials. The workshop will be interactive and hands-on; participants will be provided with the sample size calculator and are encouraged to bring their laptop computers.

**A State of Decay: A State Report on Older Adults’ Oral Health**

Beth Truett, MDiv; Caswell Evans, DDS, MPH; Karen Tracy, BS

Oral Health America will release its biannual report, A State of Decay, Vol IV (ASOD) during NOHC in April 2018. ASOD is a state-by-state report analyzing six variables that have an impact on the oral health of older adults. The report then ranks each state with an overall score. This seminar’s purpose is to summarize the importance of the findings in ASOD with take-home lessons about how messages can be tailored to raise awareness about the oral health needs of older adults. The goal is to empower participants to use the report to take collective action in improving oral health practices, plans, and policies in their states by sharing data, field strategies, and communications techniques for the purpose of working toward creating a healthier older adult population. In addition, the report will include a special section on national data to prompt change in the national infrastructure of oral health.

**Oral Presentations #2**

This session will feature oral presentations on scientific research of interest to attendees. See final program for a complete list of topics and presenters.

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  Break with Exhibitors

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Concurrent Sessions – CDE 1.5

**State Plans for Water Fluoridation**

Ray F. Lala, DDS, FACP; Elizabeth Dowd, RDH, LMSW, MPH; Jana S. Winfree, DDS, MPH

CDC recommends states develop a Water Fluoridation State Plan. The plan outlines strategies the state intends to implement to extend and maintain water fluoridation. This session will provide guidance on the recommended components of a state fluoridation plan and share examples of state plans that have been developed and implemented. Three states will highlight what has been helpful for their fluoridation programs and offer suggestions. A panel discussion will provide perspective between states and connect experiences.

**Developing Electronic Data Repositories: Lessons from Texas, Minnesota, and Colorado**

Pre-registration is required. Workshop is limited to 100 attendees. Annaliese Cothron, MS; Genelle R. S. Lamont, PhD MPH; Katya Mauritson, DMD, MPH

This workshop will guide participants through the process of building an oral health stakeholder network, developing statewide data collection methodology, creating electronic data repositories, and meaningfully applying data. Using the electronic repositories developed by Texas, Minnesota, and Colorado as models, participants will be shown three unique ways of approaching oral health surveillance and database creation. Attendees will be given information on data standardization and database development using national protocols, and then provided with a brief demonstration of each system. Guided activities will help participants to identify strengths and challenges to implementation in their respective states and how to leverage opportunities to overcome barriers. Facilitated small group discussion will focus on techniques for creating stakeholder buy-in, identifying funding opportunities, and utilizing partnerships to enhance datasets and plan meaningful collaborations to address disparities and oral health integration efforts. Participants will leave the workshop with actionable outcomes and strategies for state implementation.

**On the Road to Value-based Oral Health: Delivery Systems, Payment, and Science**

Paul Glassman, DDS, MS, MBA; Eli Schwarz, KOD, DDS, MPH, PhD; Jeremy Horst, DDS, PhD

The U.S. oral health system has entered the “Era of Accountability.” Government agencies, commercial benefit programs, and dental practice organizations are working on methods to move payment systems from “Volume to Value.” For this movement to be successful it will require a combination of care delivery systems that reach people in community settings and deliver early prevention and intervention services; payment systems that incentivize and support improvement in population oral health while reducing the per capita cost (the Triple/Quadruple Aim); and application of evidence-based prevention and early intervention protocols and techniques, including behavior support strategies most likely to improve population health outcomes and reduce the cost of doing so. Any one of the strategies alone is not likely to achieve the results possible as when all three are applied. The session will review current activities in these areas, likely future directions, and guidelines for those interested in participating in this movement.

**Oral Presentations #3**

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6:45 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.  Tuesday Evening Dinner and Networking Event

Pre-registration is required.

Join your friends and enjoy an evening at the Sports and Social Club, located in the heart of downtown Louisville on Fourth Street Live!, the city’s premier dining, entertainment, and retail destination. A night of hors d’oeuvres, dancing to a DJ, bowling, games, and fun awaits you at the NOHC. This venue is a short 3-block walk from the conference hotel.

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7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.  Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  **ASTDD Plenary**

*Conversations About the Greying of America – CDE 1.5*

Douglas Berkey, DMD, MPH, MS; Deborah Carr, PhD; Susan Hyde, DDS, MPH, PhD; Paul Mulhausen, MD, MHS, FACP, AGSF

Beyond coverage, access, and treatment considerations, the aging cohort presents unique challenges to practitioners and caregivers. Multiple variables, such as nutrition, housing, cultural and environmental influences impact the oral health and overall health of older adults. While many believe planning and decisions made over one’s lifespan may predict health and security, other social determinants must be considered. How people age in our society may be viewed from a more universal perspective that moves beyond the individual to aging’s overall impact on society. Our panel of “broad-based” geriatric experts will share their expertise and experience on what constitutes healthy aging. They will discuss potential upstream and inter-professional collaboration opportunities that can have a positive contribution to an increasing segment of the population having optimal oral health, which in turn will contribute to the improvement and maintenance of their overall health, while strengthening the oral health status of their community as well.

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  Break

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  **Concurrent Sessions – CDE 1.5**

**The New Neighborhoods: How Social Networks are Reshaping Public Health Communication**

Brittany Seymour, DDS, MPH; Matt Jacob, BA

The Internet and social media have shifted how we govern, communicate, purchase music and books, and even find love. Public health professionals are striving to better understand and adapt to these disruptive changes, recognizing that online social networks are the new “neighborhoods” where conversations happen. In this workshop, you will learn how online networks impact ways information and misinformation spread and shape public attitudes. During this hands-on session, participants will be asked to suggest health or oral health topics that will be searched in “real time.” This participatory exercise allows attendees to see who is influential in affecting the online narrative about their suggested topics, how they are talking about it, and where the dialogue is moving. Building from each live demonstration, presenters will facilitate a hands-on discussion about tools, techniques, and strategies to help health advocates shape how social networks are being engaged around their topic.

**Solving the Consent Conundrum: Strategies for Increasing Consent in School Oral Health**

Tammy Alexander, MEd; Kimberly Bartolomucci; Terri Chandler, RDH; Georgia Famuliner, RN

The School-Based Health Alliance program, “Strengthening School Oral Health Services and Growing the School Oral Health Learning Community,” began in February 2015, and has focused on one of the six national Oral Health 2020 Network goals—incorporating oral health into the education system. The School Oral Health Learning Community was launched in September 2016, with a goal of increasing the consent rates in the participating school districts and their school oral health programs. The school district teams have been addressing issues of oral health literacy and awareness, school engagement and integration, outreach to communities, strong student and family engagement, strengthening the school district policy to support oral health in schools, and critical case management to ensure continuity between school oral health programs and community providers. This seminar will discuss the learning community format, with some members of the learning community sharing key tools, tips, and strategies learned.

**Collaborating with Organized Dentistry to Strengthen the State Oral Health Infrastructure in California – Lessons Learned**

Jared Fine, DDS, MPH; Gayle Mathe, RDH; Jayanth Kumar, DDS, MPH

Despite recognizing the need for robust state and local oral health programs in the United States, resources are limited for providing essential dental public health services. The purpose of this seminar is to review the efforts undertaken in California to successfully build the dental public health infrastructure, capacity, and resources. This session will discuss the critical role organized dentistry played in developing a robust state oral health program in California, establishing a $30 million annual funding stream through the 2016 Tobacco Tax Initiative to support the implementation of the California Oral Health Plan and collaborating to implement strategies for achieving oral health equity.

**The Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Quality Improvement Project: Progress, Barriers and Successes of Three Participating States**

Shannon Wells, MSW; Jan Martin, DNP, RN, CCM, PAHM; JoAnn Wells, BSHS, RDH

Oral disease in pregnant women and infants is a national and growing problem. The Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Quality Improvement Project (PIOHQI), a national grant program funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA), is supporting work in 16 states to develop innovative quality improvement techniques, partnership building, and policy work to improve oral health outcomes for pregnant women and infants. This session will highlight successful interventions, challenges, and results from three project states – Massachusetts, New Mexico, and Virginia – that have very different demographic characteristics, economies, and health care systems. Presentations will highlight how successful interventions have been customized to meet the unique characteristics and health care systems of these very different states. Particular attention will be paid to the replicability of successful interventions used in each state in states with similar characteristics around the country.

11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.  Networking Luncheon
Engaging Health Schools and Residencies Based Upon a National Survey of Current Oral Health Education  
Hugh Silk, MD, MPH; Judith Haber, PhD, APRN, FAAN  
To address the oral health needs of the U.S., we must evaluate and manage patients in many environments. Because people visit their (medical) health care professionals often, this is an important place to engage in the oral health process. Our seminar will present the results of 14 nationwide surveys of health professions educational schools and residencies including nurse practitioners, physician assistants, dental schools, obstetricians, etc. We will engage participants in brainstorming on how we might use the lessons of these surveys to foster promising findings (e.g., importance of a champion, role of Interprofessional Education (IPE), and the power of working with oral health coalitions) and overcome barriers (e.g., lack of time and faculty expertise and not seeing oral health as important). Participants will work in small groups and report out on their recommendations and personal commitment to change.

Over ALL Health: State Public Health Collaboration for Dental Directors and Health Officers  
Jason Roush, DDS; Rahul Gupta, MD, MPH, FACP  
State dental directors and state health officers have a unique opportunity to collaborate and affect change within their states to maximize limited resources to address oral health and chronic disease. In this presentation, West Virginia’s public health leaders in these two respective positions will discuss how collaboration is working in their state to address state public health priorities. Discussion will also include experience with support from and involvement in ASTDD and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), as well as challenges faced by state dental directors and state health officers, how state dental directors can be empowered to make change at a system level, and development of infrastructure, data, and policy to support common initiatives.

A 50-State Update on Dental Therapy: Public Health and Dental Plan Perspectives on this Growing Workforce  
Jane Koppelman, MPA; Mark Schoenbaum, MSW; David S. Gesko, DDS, FACD  
Since 2016, a growing number of states, as well as Native American tribes, are having active discussions about allowing dental therapists to practice in an attempt to address a lack of providers in thousands of communities across the country. Speakers at this session will present an overview of state and tribal dental therapy initiatives in the United States and discuss the key provisions that differentiate them. Minnesota’s former Office of Rural Health director will offer his perspective on Minnesota’s experience in using dental therapists to expand care and access to the underserved, and the head of the National Association of Dental Plans will offer her perspective on how dental plans view these new providers.

Silver Diamine Fluoride: Science, Practice, Potential  
Deborah Jacobi, RDH, MA; Michael Helgeson, DDS  
Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF), a recently FDA approved pharmaceutical liquid, can arrest carious lesions without the need for anesthesia or excavation. SDF can stabilize a tooth as part of a continuum of care to restore form and function with a variety of dental restorative materials. SDF offers a disease management and minimally invasive approach of value for patients whose dental treatment options are limited by co-morbidities, ability to tolerate invasive procedures, financial circumstances, or other access to care barriers. Apple Tree Dental has implemented the use of SDF in its outpatient clinics and, with funding from the Dental Trade Alliance Foundation, in long-term care facilities. Panelists will discuss the science, current research, and describe Apple Tree’s practical experiences in the use of SDF with children, older adults, people with special needs and other patients. The session will include an active Question and Answer segment.

Raising the Bar: Enacting Laws that Govern Local Attempts to Cease Community Water Fluoridation  
Gary Harbison, MA; Bridget Walsh, MPH  
In recent years, several states have enacted laws requiring minimum periods of public notification before a city council, water board, or other local entity can take a final vote on ceasing its water fluoridation program. These laws are different from state to state. This session takes a closer look at laws passed in two states: one in Missouri (2016) and another in New York (2015). Presenters will examine the impact these laws have had so far. In Missouri, oral health advocates found that the relationships they built by passing a notification law helped them in other policy areas. New York State’s law went beyond notification by requiring local councils or boards to report whether they had consulted with local health professionals and what alternative plan they have to prevent tooth decay rates from rising.

Experiential Learning: Utilizing a Poverty Simulation to Enhance Understanding of the Challenges Faced by Low-Income Families  
Lewis N. Lampiris, DDS, MPH  
Dental students at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry are currently required to participate in a poverty simulation before embarking on their required community-based service learning rotations. This experiential active learning activity is designed to raise student understanding of the financial pressures, difficult choices, and emotional stressors faced by low-income families. Evaluations conducted over three years with successive classes found it was effective in raising student understanding of these factors. This session will provide participants with an understanding of how to utilize a poverty simulation to raise awareness of the impact of poverty on health and health-related behaviors for families living a variety of situations that result in poverty. The session will provide valuable insights for anyone who works with low-income populations. Methods utilized to implement and evaluate poverty simulations and lessons learned will be described.
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Tuesday, April 17, 2018
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April 15-17, 2019
Weekend Workshops April 13-14, 2019
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Registration Information

Weekend Workshop Session Fees:
You must pre-register for all workshops.
(The fees for Saturday and Sunday Workshops do NOT include Conference Opening Reception)

Saturday, April 14, 2018
- Designing and Proposing Questions for the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) ........................................... $0.00
- Navigating State Government: Common Questions and Scenarios ...$0.00

Sunday, April 15, 2018
- AACDP Annual Symposium (Students'/Residents' $110) ...............$145
- Project Management ................................................................. $75
- AAPHD Legislative Advocacy Workshop V. 2.0 ............................ $50
- AAPHD Leadership Development (Students $15) ........................ $25
- Exploring the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey Oral Health Component ................................................. $0.00
- Funding to Support Community Water Fluoridation ...........$0.00

Full conference registration fee includes all conference materials, Sunday opening reception, breakfasts, Monday–Wednesday lunches, Tuesday evening event, and all breaks.

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To qualify for the early registration rate, online registration must be completed by 11:59 p.m. CST, March 9, 2018.
To qualify for the regular registration rate, online registration must be completed by 11:59 p.m. CST, April 5, 2018.
All online registrations completed after April 6, 2018, will be at the Late registration rate. No exceptions.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION Fee is $835 and does not guarantee entrance to food functions.

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**If you register as a non-member, AAPHD will offer you a complementary membership through December 31, 2018.

Guest Passes
Guest passes are for those who are not registered for the conference but are planning to attend a meal function(s).
- Opening Reception .............................................................. $ 60
- Roundtable or Networking Lunch ...................................... $ 50
- Tuesday Evening Dinner and Networking Event .......... $ 80

Registration fees can be paid by check, Visa, Mastercard or Discover. (Purchase Orders will not be accepted.) If you will be paying by check, be sure to print a copy of your invoice/receipt and send it along with your check to the NOHC Office:

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Registration questions can be directed to the NOHC Office at 217-529-6503 or ssteil@associationcentral.org

ABDPH Diplomates Dinner Registration
The Annual Meeting and Dinner of the American Board of Dental Public Health will be held Monday, April 16, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. during the NOHC. Diplomates and their guests are welcome. Reservations must be guaranteed in advance. All registrants will be confirmed. Please be sure to indicate your choice of entrée. New Diplomates who attend will be introduced at the dinner and will receive their Board lapel pins. There will be a general meeting of Diplomates directly after the dinner in the same room starting at around 7:30 p.m. Even if you do not choose to attend the dinner, Diplomates are invited to attend this meeting.
- Bourbon Braised Short Ribs, Wiesenberger Cheddar Grits, and Honey Roasted Root Vegetables
- Bronzed Salmon, Quinoa and Crimson Lentil with Pilaf Pinot Grigio Caper Emulsion
- Vegetable Korma – Curried Cauliflower, Peas, Potato, Carrot, Cashews, and Green Beans served with Basmati Rice Pilaf (Vegan)

All selections above are $70 and are served with:
Kentucky Limestone Salad (Radicchio, Red Sorrel, Russian Corn, Heirloom Tomatoes, Feta with Bourbon-Sorghum Vinagrette), Bourbon Ball Cake (Bourbon Cream, Chocolate Genoise, Pecans and Ganache), Fresh Baked Bread and Butter, and Coffee and Tea.

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**IMPORTANT INFO**

**Local Information**

Be sure to visit the Louisville, Kentucky, Convention & Visitors Bureau website at [https://www.gotolouisville.com](https://www.gotolouisville.com) for information on dining, entertainment, and other attractions, as well as maps and how to get around.

**Lodging Information**

The **Louisville Marriott Downtown** is the host hotel. We have contracted with the Louisville Marriott Downtown for a guest room rate at the current Federal per diem rate of $138 for single/double occupancy, plus tax. However, this rate, which is set by the General Services Administration (GSA), is subject to change. Hotel room rates also are subject to applicable state and local taxes (currently 16.07%) in effect at the time of check-out. Reservations can be made once you have completed your conference registration. You will receive a link in your conference registration confirmation that will direct you to make your reservation. Please note: You must be registered to attend the conference before a reservation can be made.

*Staying in the block does make a difference!*

The prices we pay for items associated with the conference (room rates, food prices, AV, etc.) are determined in part by the number of attendees that stay in the host hotel room block. Please help us get the best, most consistent dates/rates/pricing possible by staying in the host hotel. This ensures that we receive credit for your stay and improves our ability to keep pricing/fees as low as possible for you.

*Please be advised of the following:*

All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a valid major credit card at the time of reservation. Reservations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis prior to Wednesday, March 21, 2018. Any guaranteed reservation not cancelled by 6:00 p.m. hotel time on the day before your scheduled arrival will be subject to a one-night room and tax forfeiture fee. If an additional block of rooms becomes necessary, NOHC staff will make every effort to acquire government per diem; however, we cannot guarantee government the rate will be obtained.

*Automobile Parking:*

On-site parking at the Marriott, fee: $10 USD hourly, $27 USD daily. Valet parking, fee: $32 USD daily. All parking is subject to availability and rate change.

**Ground Transportation to/from Louisville International Airport**

There are several ground transportation options available from the Louisville International Airport including rental cars, taxis, Uber, and Lyft. There is no shuttle service available from the hotel. **Transit Authority of River City (TARC)** provides bus service at the airport. Free TARC schedules are available at the airport Information Booth. You must have correct change to ride TARC. TARC pick-up is located on the island on the east end of the terminal. TARC – Telephone (502) 585-1234 or visit their website: [https://www.ridetarc.org/maps-schedule](https://www.ridetarc.org/maps-schedule).

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The NOHC Planning Committee has once again committed to the use of a mobile app for the 2018 NOHC. All program information will be included on the app and will be available for multiple platforms. The program will also be available for downloading and printing from the NOHC website. A smaller printed program will also be available on site.

A few weeks prior to the NOHC, all registrants will receive instructions on how to download the app and begin using it to plan your personal schedule for the conference. You will also be asked to approve the addition of your contact information to the app so your colleagues from around the DPH community can reach out to you in advance. The app will only be available to NOHC participants and not the general public.

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**Conference Attire**

All conference functions are business casual attire unless otherwise noted. Please keep in mind that meeting room temperatures vary. You may want to bring a jacket or sweater to all sessions.

**Non-U.S. Residency Registration Policy**

For those who reside outside the continental U.S. and wish to attend the NOHC, credit card payment in full is required. Any registration not paid for with a credit card before March 26, 2018, is not a confirmed registration and will be subject to an $835 registration fee upon check-in and must be paid in full with a credit card.

**Transfer/Cancellation Policy**

If you registered for the conference and cannot attend, you may transfer your registration to another person. All transfer/cancellation requests must be submitted in writing and received in the NOHC office no later than 5:00 p.m. CST, Monday, March 26, 2018, either via email to sssteil@associationcentral.org or fax to 217-529-9120 and acknowledged in writing by an NOHC staff member.

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- Cancellations received on or before March 26, 2018, will be refunded minus a 20% administrative fee.
- Cancellations received March 27, 2018, or later will not be refunded.

**Refund Policy**

Refunds are processed four weeks after the Conference ends.

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