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Tuesday National Organization Roundtable Topics

(1) Americas Toothfairy: National Children's Oral Health Foundation: Improving Oral Health Outcomes for Underserved Children

Presenting Author: Jill Malmgren, Executive Director, National Children's Oral Health Foundation

Americas ToothFairy: National Children's Oral Health Foundation (NCOHF) is a national, non-profit organization established in 2006 to address the most prevalent chronic, untreated disease among children in America tooth decay. As a resource provider, our mission is to increase access to oral health care by supporting non-profit clinics and community partners delivering education, prevention and treatment services for underserved children. NCOHF promotes prevention and increases oral health literacy by equipping organizations and individuals with comprehensive educational programming and resources for community outreach. To address the access to care gap, NCOHF provides financial grants, donated products and equipment to non-profit and safety net clinics reaching underserved communities with free or low-cost dental care. Over the last 11 years, NCOHF has distributed more than \$17 million in resources to improve oral health outcomes for children and youth in need. For more information, visit www.ncohf.org.

(2) American Academy of Pediatrics Oral Health Initiatives

Presenting Author: Lauren F. Barone, MPH, Manager, Oral Health, American Academy of Pediatrics

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) focuses on reducing oral health disparities by educating pediatricians to provide preventive oral health services and advocating at the state and national levels for improved oral health services for children and better medical/dental integration. The AAP provides resources for pediatricians and other primary care providers through its web site (www.aap.org) that houses a number of practice tools, resources, and educational offerings. Behind the scenes, the AAP works to remove barriers that prevent primary care providers from participating in oral health such as payment and coding and spreads its work through its Chapter Oral Health Advocates (COHAS). COHAS are a group of pediatricians who train others and advocate for oral health at the local level. The AAP currently has two grant funded initiatives, the Campaign for Dental Health, and a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to create an oral health communications toolkit targeted at low income pregnant women and their families. The Campaign for Dental Health, an effort to preserve and support community water fluoridation, communicates with the public through its web site www.ilikemyteeth.org and various efforts to engage likely and unlikely partners in water fluoridation advocacy.

(3) American and International Associations for Dental Research: Advance Research and Increase Knowledge for the Improvement of Oral Health in the United States and Worldwide

Presenting Author: Linda M. Kaste, DDS, MS, PhD, Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry

The International Association for Dental Research (IADR), founded in 1920, currently has over 10,500 members worldwide. The American Association for Dental Research (AADR) followed in 1952. AADR is the largest of the 45 IADR Divisions and Sections with 3,426 members. The National Student Research Group of the AADR originated in the 1980s and in 2016 reached over 1,200 members. In 2015, Jocelyne Feine, Professor from McGill University, Montréal, whose research focuses on quality of life and patient-based outcomes most relevant for palliative therapeutic goals, became the inaugural editor of JDR Clinical & Translational Research (JDR CTR). This quarterly journal encompasses all areas of clinical and translational research in the dental, oral and craniofacial sciences, and is dedicated to publishing original research at the interface between discovery science and clinical application, with the translation of research into healthcare delivery systems at the individual patient, clinical practice, and community levels. Nearly a century later than the first issue of the Journal of Dental Research (JDR) (March 1919), JDR CTR supplements the science presented in JDR. As IADR approaches its centennial, the significance of scientific support for policy development rises in importance for evidence-based dentistry application. AADR provided proof of its commitment to community perspectives on research with the addition of the Patient Advocate Representative to its Board of Directors in 2016. Drop by this roundtable for further insight into AADR/IADR science diversity, resources, influence and policies along with continuing the activities of Friends of National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research (2016).

(4) American Association of Public Health Dentistry: An Overview

Presenting Author: Corinna Culler, RDH, DrPH, Director, School-Based Programs, Boston University School of Dental Medicine

Founded in 1937, the American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD) provides a focus for meeting the challenge to improve oral health among the public. AAPHD membership is open to all individuals concerned with improving the oral health of the public. AAPHD is the sponsoring organization for the American Board of Dental Public Health. To meet the challenge of improved oral health for all, the AAPHD is committed to:

- Defining and promoting competency in public health dentistry and developing education and training programs to increase knowledge and improve skills.
- Developing and sustaining diversity in the practice of public health dentistry.
- Advocating for evidence-based policies and practices that increase access for the dentally underserved and achieve optimal oral health for the population.
- Foster growth and development of leaders in dental public health and encourage engaged leadership that promotes DPH at the local, state, and national levels.

This roundtable will provide an overview of the mission and Council activities of AAPHD.

(5) American Dental Association-The New Dental Landscape: Data and More

Presenting Author: Kathleen O'Loughlin, DDS MPH, Executive Director, American Dental Association

New research data from the ADA Health Policy Institute indicates major changes have occurred to the dental landscape in both the delivery and access arenas. Additionally, the dental provider profile has changed with contemporary demographics exerting major organizational influence to ADA advocacy efforts. This Roundtable will focus on new ADA priorities and provide an update on current dental consumer utilization patterns, Medicaid expansion effects and survey results which report why key age groups are not seeking oral health services, even for preventive care.

6) American Dental Education Association

Presenting Author: Jennifer Brown, Esq., Senior Director of Government Relations, American Dental Education Association

The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) is The Voice of Dental Education. ADEA members include all 76 U.S. and Canadian dental schools, more than 1,000 allied and advanced dental education programs, 66 corporate partners and more than 20,000 individuals. Academic dental institutions provide care during approximately 3.1 million dental visits each year. In addition to dental schools, allied dental and advanced dental education programs are part of the dental safety net in the United States. Every state and jurisdiction across the country has their own network of academic institutions providing dental care to the underserved. Many of the individuals served are uninsured or underinsured and reliant on safety-net providers, such as dental school clinics, for their dental care needs. ADEA and its members are also dedicated to continue increasing diversity and inclusion in both the student and faculty populations. According to the 2017-18 ADEA Snapshot of Dental Education, in the past five years, the proportion of underrepresented racial and ethnic groups and the number of women represented in the dental student population has increased to almost 50%. In the 2015-16 academic year, the percentage of part-time or full-time women faculty members increased in almost every age category from the previous academic year. This roundtable will address ADEA's role in increasing the diversity and inclusion of students and faculty in the dental education community, the role of academic dental institutions as safety-net providers, and strategies to improve the oral health of the public through strategic and innovative partnerships.

(7) American Dental Hygienists' Association: Emerging Issues and Trends: Dental Hygiene Education and Practice

Presenting Author: Tammy Filipiak, RDH, MS, President, American Dental Hygienists' Association

This roundtable, presented by Tammy Filipiak, RDH, MS of Mosinee, Wisconsin and the 2017-18 President, will provide an overview of ADHA as an organization and an update on issues such as the Commission on Dental Accreditation's proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Education Programs, new CDT codes specific to dental hygiene care, and utilization of Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) by dental hygienists.

From working to break down unnecessary barriers to dental hygiene care to improving dental hygiene education, ADHA remains committed to being a passionate voice for the dental hygiene profession. This allows dental hygienists to work to the top of their scope of work and more efficiently and effectively bring people into the oral health pipeline.

(8) Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors: Resources Galore

Presenting Author: Kimberlie J. Yineman, RDH, BA, State Dental Director, ASTDD

The Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors is a professional association that provides leadership to promote a governmental oral health presence in each state and territory, to formulate and promote sound oral health policy, to increase awareness of oral health issues, and to assist in the development of initiatives for prevention and control of oral diseases. ASTDD's Members and Associate Members are dedicated public health and dental professionals. Through various funding sources, ASTDD committees and consultants have developed competencies, guidelines, best practices, communication plan templates, evaluation tools, public health policy statements, basic screening surveys for various age groups, and other significant resources. Visit this roundtable to find out how you and your program can access and use these resources. Why not join the organization so you can have access to additional members only resources and participate in developing new resources?

(9) Center for Health Care Strategies: Improving Oral Health Care Access and Outcomes for Low-Income Children and Adults Through Medicaid

Presenting Author: Stacey Chazin, MPH, Director of Prevention Programs, Center for Health Care Strategies

The Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS) is a nonprofit health policy resource center dedicated to improving health care access, quality, and cost-effectiveness for low income populations. It works with state and federal agencies, health and dental plans, providers, and consumer groups to develop innovative programs that better serve beneficiaries of publicly financed care, especially those with complex, high cost needs.

CHCS has worked with state Medicaid agencies, their contracted plans, and other oral health stakeholders for over 15 years to improve oral health care coverage, access, and quality for Medicaid beneficiaries. Initiatives in support of these goals include:

- An initiative to support agencies/organizations working to expand access to dental services for low-income adults;
- A retrospective analysis of dental service utilization among Medicaid-enrolled adults, examining associations with beneficiary, community, and delivery system characteristics;
- Leadership of multi-state learning collaboratives to support groups of state Medicaid agencies to improve oral health care access and outcomes for children enrolled in Medicaid; and
- A leadership training program for state Medicaid dental program directors and state oral health program directors to work collaboratively to improve oral health for low-income populations

CHCS Director of Prevention Programs Stacey Chazin will describe the above programs, highlighting the approaches and partners that have been most successful in advancing this work. Ms. Chazin will also lead a discussion around barriers to address and collaborative efforts needed to achieve further significant progress in oral health care access and outcomes in the Medicaid delivery system.

(10) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Oral Health

Presenting Author: Ali B. Danner, MPH, Project Officer / Public Health Advisor, CDC

The Division of Oral Health (DOH) within the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) works to prevent and control oral disease and conditions. By building knowledge, tools, and networks, CDC DOH works through its partners and stakeholders to promote healthy behaviors and effective public health practices and programs. DOH core functions include Surveillance Monitoring; Research; Communications; Prevention Strategies; State Infrastructure; Evaluation; Partnerships; and Policy Development. This roundtable will focus on current DOH activities related to surveillance activities and health promotion and prevention programs. Surveillance topics will include discussion of the National Oral Health Surveillance System, Healthy People 2020, the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, and the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. Discussion topics will include advances related to state oral health program infrastructure and community-based prevention programs such as community water fluoridation and school sealant programs. The impact of collaboration with national partner organizations, that enhance national and state surveillance efforts and support state infrastructure and prevention programs, will also be discussed.

(11) Indian Health Service: Addressing Oral Health Disparities in American Indians & Alaska Natives

Presenting Author: Timothy L. Ricks, DMD, MPH, Deputy Director, Division of Oral Health

The mission of the Indian Health Service (IHS) is to raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) to the highest level. Across all age groups, AI/ANs suffer disproportionately from dental disease. When compared to other racial or ethnic groups, AI/AN children 2-5 years old have more than double the number of decayed and filled teeth and overall dental caries experience as the next highest ethnic group, U.S. Hispanics, and more than four times that of U.S. white children. In the 6-9 year-old age group, eight out of 10 AI/AN children have a history of dental caries compared with only 45% that of the general U.S. population, and almost half of AI/AN children have untreated tooth decay compared to just 17% of the general U.S. population in this age group. In the 13-15 year-old age group, eight out of 10 AI/AN dental clinic patients have a history of tooth decay, compared to just 44% in the general U.S. population, and almost five times as many 13-15 year-old AI/AN youth have untreated decay compared to the general U.S. population. In adults, the disparity in disease is equally as pronounced. To address these disparities, the IHS Division of Oral Health has utilized different tactics which include national initiatives, partnerships with private and federal partners, expanded use of alternative dental workforce models, and an extensive continuing dental education program designed to train all dental staff on promising and best practices related to prevention and early intervention of dental disease.

(12) National Association of Chronic Disease Directors: Promoting Oral Health and Chronic Disease Partnerships to Improve Overall Health

Presenting Author: Barbara Z. Park, RDH, MPH, Public Health Consultant

The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) is a non-profit public health organization committed to serving chronic disease program directors in each state and U.S. jurisdiction. NACDD connects more than 6,000 chronic disease practitioners to advocate for preventive policies and programs, encourage knowledge sharing and develop partnerships for health promotion. NACDD is a national leader in mobilizing efforts to reduce chronic diseases and their associated risk factors. There is an emerging body of evidence that links poor oral health to increased risk for systemic disease, including cardiovascular disease (CVD), diabetes and other chronic conditions. Studies have demonstrated that chronic inflammation is a significant risk factor for atherosclerosis. Periodontal disease is the most common inflammatory condition afflicting the world population yet it is often not diagnosed or treated. To further complicate matters, health behaviors (smoking, stress, obesity) associated with increased cardiovascular risk and diabetes are also associated with poor oral health. Recent opinion surveys indicate that the public acknowledges oral and overall health connections. Healthcare professionals should be communicating with each other about oral/systemic disease relationships. Adequate prevention strategies require integration of improved oral health care into chronic disease prevention and control programs and policies. This roundtable will provide a framework and examples of how oral health and chronic disease programs can collaborate at the state health department level, and will showcase examples of successful partnerships that have increased the effectiveness of oral health and chronic disease prevention priorities and interventions to maximize outcomes and improve overall health.

(13) National Center on Early Childhood Health and Wellness

Beth Lowe, BSDH, MPH, National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center

The National Center on Early Childhood Health and Wellness (NCECHW) advances best practices for developing comprehensive and coordinated health and wellness services within early childhood education (ECE) settings by linking ECE program staff, health professionals, and families. The centers work includes providing support on topics such as medical and dental home access; health promotion and disease prevention; emergency preparedness and environmental safety; trauma and toxic stress; developmental, behavioral, vision, and hearing screening; and nutrition. The information and resources provided by NCECHW reflect current evidence, are research-informed, and promote effective practices and professional development within programs serving pregnant women and children from birth to age 5 from families with low incomes. This session will focus on the centers oral health activities and will discuss opportunities for working with Head Start and child care programs to improve the oral health of the populations they serve.

(14) National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research: Oral Health Disparities Research Priorities and Dental Public Health Training

Presenting Author: Darien Weatherspoon, DDS, MPH, Director, Health Disparities Research Program, National Institute of Dental Craniofacial Research

Despite improvements in the oral health of the United States population, not everyone in the nation has benefited equally. Oral, dental and craniofacial conditions remain among the most common health problems for low-income, racial/ethnic minority, disadvantaged, disabled and institutionalized individuals across the life span. Dental caries, periodontal disease, and oral and pharyngeal cancer are of particular concern.

The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) places a priority on research that aims to eliminate oral health disparities and inequities, and devotes one of its four strategic goals to this concern. Research studies that utilize multi-level, multi-disciplinary, and community-based participatory approaches to evaluate or inform clinical practice, public health policy, health care provision, and community and individual action; as well as studies that provide essential information to guide the development of tailored/targeted interventions are essential. The appropriate dissemination and implementation of research findings is also critical to achieving NIDCRs goal.

In addition to funding extramural research, NIDCR sponsors a fully-accredited Dental Public Health training fellowship. This program provides fellows with training in: Research Methods in Dental Public Health; Health Policy, Program Management, and Administration; Oral Disease Prevention and Oral Health Promotion; and Oral Health Services and Delivery Systems. Upon completion, trainees are prepared to address the oral health needs of underserved populations through a variety of approaches and leadership roles.

At the conclusion of the roundtable, participants will understand: 1) NIDCRs goal to address health disparities and inequities, 2) available funding opportunities, 3) NIDCRs Dental Public Health training fellowship.

(15) National Interprofessional Initiative on Oral Health (NIIOH) Update

Presenting Author: Anita Glicken, MSW, Executive Director, National Interprofessional Initiative on Oral Health

NIIOH is the only profession neutral, national voice for interprofessional integration of oral health into whole person care. The NIIOHs mission is to advance the role of the primary care team to integrate oral health through a patient-centered care approach. We accomplish this by cultivating leadership, facilitating interprofessional learning, agreement and collaboration, and supporting tools and resources that create common knowledge to bridge understanding, communication and skills for oral health integration. Founded in 2009, NIIOH uses a collective impact approach to engage organizations from multiple, diverse parts of the healthcare workforce to work together, in mutually supportive ways, to promote interprofessional oral health education and practice.

This past year, progress by NIIOH and our partners furthering the Initiatives goals included:

- Advancing Smiles for Life, the free, profession-neutral, on-line tool for teaching about oral health has had >1,025,000 discrete site visits with >221,000 courses completed for CE credit (www.smilesforlifeoralhealth.org).
- New modules for frontline health workers (CHWs and others) and a downloadable clinical support app increase capacity of primary care workforce to collaborate across community and practice settings
- Engaging new provider education groups, i.e. the Association of American Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and the Council on Social Work Education
- Promoting the online Implementation Guide to the Integration of Oral Health and Primary Care, that provides tools and resources to support oral health integration into primary care and the creation of referral networks (www.safetynetmedicalhome.org/change-concepts/organized-evidence-based-care/oral-health).

This roundtable provides an opportunity to discuss these and other advances.

(16) National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center: What's New

Presenting Author: Katrina Holt, MPH, MS, RD, FAND, National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center

The National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center (OHRC) supports professionals working in states and communities with the goal of improving oral health services for pregnant women, infants, children, and adolescents, including those with special health care needs, and their families (the maternal and child health (MCH) population). The presentation will share information about OHRC services and will highlight a new OHRC activity, the Center for Oral Health Systems Integration and Improvement (COHSII). Under COHSII, which is funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, a consortium of partners works with national, state, and local key stakeholders to improve existing systems of care in support of a quality improvement, patient-centered approach that addresses the comprehensive oral health needs of the MCH population. COHSII is led by OHRC working in collaboration with the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors and the Dental Quality Alliance. COHSII has a three-pronged approach, which includes (1) providing Title V recipients with technical assistance and training, (2) identifying and developing MCH oral health quality indicators, and (3) creating oral-health-related learning and engagement opportunities for professionals working in or with Title V agencies.

(17) National Network for Oral Health Access: Supporting Community Health Centers

Presenting Author: Phillip Thompson, Executive Director, National Network for Oral Health Access

National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) is a national organization that works to address the needs of oral health professionals and other staff with a focus on the unique needs of Federally Qualified Health Centers and other safety net programs. Activities of NNOHA include a National Oral Health Learning Institute (NOHLI) designed to develop excellence in leadership among new Dental Directors; plus the National Oral Health Innovation and Integration Network (NOHIIN) funded by the DentaQuest Foundation. NOHIIN addresses the challenge of preparing the dental safety net for handling the increased volume of individuals who are seeking care in community health centers through support at the national, state/regional, and community levels. Many other resources can be found on NNOHA's web site, www.nnoha.org. NNOHA holds an annual conference where oral health professionals from FQHCs and other safety net programs come together to learn, share experiences and build strong networks. The next conference will be held in New Orleans, November 11-14, 2018. At this year's round table we will focus on the goals of NNOHA's national cooperative agreement with HRSA to expand access to dental care in community clinics to promote the understanding and use of quality improvement measurements and tools in dental programs, to collaborate with other organizations, and to promote oral health for vulnerable populations.

(18) nccPA Health Foundation: A Partner in Building Physician Assistant Oral Health Workforce Capacity

Presenting Author: Cynthia Booth Lord, MHS, PA-C, Past Board Member, nccPA Health Foundation, Case Western Reserve University PA Program

The Physician Assistant (PA) Leadership Initiative in Oral Health is a profession-wide movement that partners PA organizations with PA and interprofessional champions to build oral health workforce capacity. With more than 115,500 certified PAs and an estimated 8,000 graduates annually, the PA profession provides care in more than 4 million patient visits across all settings and specialties. This initiative has fostered educational and practice transformation through top-down and bottom-up efforts. The national PA organizations representing accreditation, education, certification, and professional practice as well as the national foundations have worked from the grass-tops down by raising awareness and equipping PAs to build capacity, competencies, and skills. Mutually-reinforcing activities have included CME tools for educators and clinicians; small grants programs for curriculum change and community outreach; videos, webinars, and podcasts; and clinical research, outcomes studies, and scholarship. Individual PAs and students have expanded the movements impact by leading bottom-up changes from the grass-roots in their practices and educational programs. The combined efforts yield a growing recognition and capacity among PAs to view oral health as essential to overall health, as a source of disparities and inequitable care that can be positively impacted; and as an exemplar for interprofessional learning and practice to provide the most comprehensive care. This roundtable will provide an overview of the PA professions collective efforts as well as its profession-neutral tools and resources to support a growing PA and healthcare workforce equipped to put the mouth back in the body.

(19) Oral Health America: Improving Oral Health Through Partnerships

Presenting Author: Beth Truett, MDiv, President and CEO, Oral Health America

OHA is dedicated to connecting communities with resources to drive access to care, improve health literacy and advocate for policies that lead toward better oral and overall health for all Americans, especially those most vulnerable. This roundtable presentation will highlight opportunities to connect with OHA by providing participants with a deeper understanding of OHAs work. OHA has two primary programs: Smiles Across America®, which offers grants, product donations and educational support for state partners who provide free/low cost oral health care to 500K children annually through school-based sealant programs, and the Wisdom Tooth Project®, which reaches 30K older adults and family caregivers, monthly, with oral health information and a clickable map to find care through OHAs renovated website, toothwisdom.org, and community workshops, Tooth Wisdom®: Get Smart About Your Mouth. The presentation will also cover OHAs Campaign for Oral Health Equity, which underscores the importance of oral health across the lifespan and offers participants Toolkits appropriate to each age cohort, giving partners and consumers ready resources to spread the message that preventive oral health habits can begin at any age and have a lasting impact on lifelong well-being. Finally, the presentation will feature OHAs advocacy efforts, rooted in the belief that all Americans should have an equal opportunity to have a healthy mouth. OHAs legislative priorities are based on increasing access to oral health care by advocating for innovative policies and evidence-based interventions, like school-based sealant programs, dental benefits in CHIP and Medicare, Community Water Fluoridation, and an interprofessional dental workforce.

(20) Oral Health Section in The American Public Health Association Goals

Presenting Author: Peggy Timothe, DDS, MPH, Current Chair, Oral Health Section, Oral Health Section, American Public Health Association

This session will 1) describe the history and purpose of the Oral Health Section of APHA, and 2) explain how the Oral Health Section benefits members, as well as the public health community. The Oral Health Section was established in 1943 and has a proud history of achievements. Our goals include promoting models to increase access to oral health preventive and treatment services; and monitoring and disseminating evidence-based recommendations about the oral health needs of the public. Our Section advocates promoting the integration of oral health and chronic disease prevention and management. Recent examples include Oral Health Section leadership on APHA policies on community water fluoridation, fluoride varnish, dental health therapists and third molar extractions.

There are many reasons and benefits to being a member of the Oral Health Section. We conduct monthly conference call meetings open to all Section members, where we develop and promote policies to improve the public's oral health and overall health. One of the key benefits of membership includes being part of the APHA's Annual Meeting and Exposition, where one can increase professional knowledge and earn continuing education credits while attending exceptional scientific presentations. Members serve on committees that have active roles in planning the Annual Meeting as well as serving as peer-reviewers for abstract submissions to the meeting. Lastly, most members value the ability to network and experience the professional camaraderie of public health students, scholars and professionals from a wide variety of public health disciplines.

(21) Organization For Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP): Education to Support the Safest Dental Visit

Presenting Author: Kathy Eklund, RDH, MHP, Chair, OSAP, Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention

OSAP is a membership organization that advocates for the safe and infection-free delivery of oral healthcare. In dentistry, risk is real and several recent highly public infection control breaches support the need for an organization that is dedicated to helping the dental community with infection prevention and patient and provider safety. This roundtable is designed to introduce NOHC participants to OSAPs focused resources that support compliance with recommendations, guidelines and regulations and that support the Infection Control Coordinator (ICC) in state dental programs, community health centers and other public health settings.

(22) School-Based Health Alliance - Strengthening School Oral Health Services and Growing the School Oral Health Learning Community

Presenting Author: Donna M. Behrens, RN, MPH, BSN, Program Director, School Based Health Alliance

In February 2015, the Alliance launched the initiative Strengthening School Oral Health Services and Growing the School Oral Health Learning Community, supported by the DentaQuest Foundation. This exciting and ongoing program focuses on one of the six National Oral Health 2020 Goals incorporating oral health into the education system. The target for the Oral Health 2020 goal is the 10 largest U.S. school districts. Together, these school districts represent more than 4 million children and a significant number of high-need students.

The Alliances method of advancing school oral health in the school districts has been to work with national, state and local partners to:

- establish and support a school oral health learning community focused on increasing consent and utilization rates of their school oral health services
- create a framework that outlines the components of school oral health
- create a web-based Oral Health Resource Library
- develop tools and resources on financing and sustaining school oral health programs

The objectives of the roundtable will be to describe the work of the School Based Health Alliance to date including the school oral health learning community, resources available through the Alliances initiative and web-based library, and describe work on school oral health sustainability. This roundtable will provide an update of the results of Alliances initiative and activities to date.

(23) Special Care Dentistry Association

Presenting Author: Samuel R. Zwetchkenbaum, DDS, MPH, Dental Director, Rhode Island Department of Health

The Special Care Dentistry Association (SCDA) is an organization of dental professionals involved with clinical care, education, and research to improve oral health of persons with special health care needs. Founded out of the joining of three organizations, the American Association of Hospital Dentistry, the American Society for Geriatric Dentistry, and the Association for Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities, members appreciate the unity, both because interests often intersect and there is a combined synergy in terms of meetings, education and advocacy. SCDA's journal, Special Care Dentistry, is peer-reviewed and promotes evidence-based care. Current initiatives include promoting oral health literacy among persons with special health care needs and their representatives, outcome assessment and other education advancement in general practice residencies and other dental residency programs, and promotion and recognitions of clinicians via Diplomate status through the American Board of Special Care Dentistry.

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(24) The American Association of Women Dentists

Presenting Author: Karyl Patten, DDS, MPH, JM, 2018 Immediate Past President, American Association of Women Dentists

Designing the future of Dentistry with insights, innovation and impact! The mission of the American Association of the Dentists is to be the leading resource for advancing, connecting and enriching the lives of women dentists. From dental school to retirement AAWD supports the needs of the busy woman dentist. We do this by offering our members a variety of programs and services. Our member benefits include programs in leadership, financial sustainability and work life balance. The Smiles for Success (SFS) Foundation was created by members of AAWD in 1995 to assist women in transition from welfare to work. Facing a job interview for them may mean self-consciousness, embarrassment and pain as they attempt to hide decayed, missing and damaged teeth. Smiles for Success offers cost-free dental care to women graduates of accredited job readiness and placement programs or other community-based agencies thus helping those who are helping themselves. SFS is affiliated with numerous job readiness programs in over 30 states. The dental care offered is meant to be a short term solution to those who need treatment unavailable to them through government programs or traditional insurance as they move from public assistance to the working world. Smiles for Success provides an opportunity for the dental community to effectively assist women who are on public assistance confidently obtain employment and financial independence.

(25) The American Institute of Dental Public Health

Presenting Author: David P. Cappelli, DMD, MPH, PhD, Professor and Director, Research Division, Department of Comprehensive Dentistry, UT Health San Antonio School of Dentistry

The American Institute of Dental Public Health (AIDPH) was created to promote and disseminate evidence-based health promotion practices to advanced education students in dental public health. The mission of AIDPH is, Leading the advancement of dental public health through science and education. Supported by a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration, AIDPH provides educational internships in academic leadership, internship in federal service, and focused public health service-learning experiences along the Texas-Mexico border region.

AIDPH, in partnership with the American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD), serves as a platform for the distribution of dental public health scholarship. Through the annual colloquium, attendees can apply dental public health concepts to real world situations. Key topics address dental public health informatics, health equity, cultural competency, diversity in the oral health workforce, and addressing the oral health needs of the underserved.

Along with the colloquium, a podcast series outlines career trajectories of noted dental public health scholars. A mentorship program guides recent graduates of advanced education programs into dental public health to career opportunities and supports the inclusion of underrepresented minorities into the profession. Through science and education, AIDPH seeks to cultivate a future dental workforce to understand the oral health needs of underserved populations.

(26) The Gerontological Society of America Interprofessional Solutions for Improving Oral Health in Older Adults

Presenting Author: Karen Tracy, Senior Director of Strategic Alliances & Communications, The Gerontological Society of America

The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) launched its Oral Health Initiative in Fall 2016. The goal of the initiative is to promote oral and general health and quality of life outcomes in older adults by focusing all members of the health care team - medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, social work, and other professions - on interprofessional whole-person care that recognizes the inherent connection between oral and systemic health and is valued in the health care system. This multi-faceted initiative is comprised of interrelated components including a strategic workgroup, publications and presentations, plus an online collection of resources and the engagement of an interdisciplinary stakeholder group of oral health champions. GSA is the nation's oldest and largest interdisciplinary organization devoted to research, education, and practice in the field of aging. The principal mission of the Society and its 5,500+ members is to advance the study of aging and disseminate information among scientists, decision makers, and the general public. At this Roundtable we will invite participants to share information about their efforts and explore ways GSA can support your work, amplify your messages and increase the number of interprofessional oral health champions. We will also have available the two publications produced as part of the initiative.