2018 Annual Report
A Year of Accomplishments
“If you want to go fast, go alone, if you want to go far, go together.”

African Proverb

As I reflect on the activities and impact of 2018, I am confident we are going far. Through the process, we must keep in mind the work we are doing as a coalition requires a long lens. This report will detail many of the footholds we have achieved in the past year, by going together.

PCOH has noted significant increases in the breadth and depth of committed individuals contributing to our collective work. This commitment has supported progress in all of our priority areas: improving access, workforce development, advancing oral health policy, and advocating for community water fluoridation. On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I offer gratitude to each person that has contributed to our successes of the past year, including recognition of our outstanding staff team. Helen, Merrilynn and Holly expertly balanced current work with an eye to opportunities, which continues to position the coalition for success.

A highlight of 2018 was the Oral Health Summit. For two days a diverse and dedicated group considered collaboration in new and exciting ways. Together, we considered the existing assets of the current system and new ways to leverage those to create greater equity in access and health outcomes. Being in the room was energizing and inspiring; I cannot wait to see the actions that will emerge both for PCOH and our stakeholders.

With gratitude,
Jenny
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PCOH was recognized in 2018 as a Community Star by the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health
ABOUT PA COALITION FOR ORAL HEALTH (PCOH)

**Mission**: To improve oral health for all Pennsylvanians by uniting stakeholders to advance advocacy, policy, education and innovative approaches

**Vision**: Essential to overall health and wellness, optimal oral health benefits ALL Pennsylvanians. By bringing together oral health advocates and professionals to share the best and most innovative approaches, PCOH serves as the dynamic leading voice to improve oral health across the Commonwealth.

**Priorities:**

- Improving Oral Health for Pennsylvania’s Most Vulnerable Populations
- Supporting Pennsylvania’s Workforce Development
- Advancing and Advocating for Oral Health Policy and Infrastructure across ALL Systems
- Advocating for Community Water Fluoridation
FINANCIAL PARTNERS

Visionary Partner ($100,000+)

DentaQuest Foundation

Leading Partners ($10,000 and up)

Delta Dental
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UPMC Health Plan

Partners ($1,000 and up)

AmeriHealth Caritas
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Thank you to everyone who supported us in 2018!

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OUR STAKEHOLDERS

PCOH ended 2017 with just over 300 stakeholders. By the end of 2018, we grew to more than 700 stakeholders... and we continue to grow!

"I am very proud to be a member of PCOH. The children of PA need more advocates like PCOH."
-Dental Director, PA Managed Care Organization

"The group has motivated me to get more involved-- I feel much more a part of the work and feel appreciated."
-2018 Stakeholder

700+ STAKEHOLDERS IN 2018

Thank you to all of our 2018 stakeholders! Our work would not be possible without you.

PCOH held its first Stakeholder Meeting of the year in Erie, PA on June 15, 2018
OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Improving Oral Health for PA's Most Vulnerable Populations

- Worked jointly with ACHIEVA, Berks County Community Foundation, Put People First! PA, PA Health Access Network, and Community Catalyst on our State Medicaid Advocacy work group to improve dental benefits under Medicaid
- Continued to press for restoration of comprehensive adult dental benefits and a streamlined Benefit Limit Exception process under the State's Medicaid program
- Collaborated with Temple University on a survey of provider attitudes toward Medicaid to identify barriers to participation by dentists
- Awarded 12 mini-grants, totaling $25,900, across the state to support work that advances the priorities of the PA Oral Health Plan

Supporting Pennsylvania's Oral Workforce Development

- Expanded a dental career pipeline project utilizing Teeth by Mary Otto to spark interest in dental public health careers, which was completed with 63 dental and dental hygiene students
- Continued to work on additional teledentistry pilot projects, expanding into northwest PA
- Provided continued support of Perry County dental career pipeline program and to numerous regional oral health task forces across the state
- Assisted the PA Department of Health in applying for a 4-year Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant

Advocating for Community Water Fluoridation

- Began establishing contacts within water authorities across the state using information obtained at the AAP's Building Effective Statewide Teams for Fluoridation meeting in Chicago
- Launched and distributed flyers, magnets, and a brief for the Statewide Water Action Team (SWAT) initiative at the biennial Oral Health Summit and other events like water authority meetings.
Advancing and Advocating for Oral Health Policy and Infrastructure Across All Systems

- Elevated oral health as a key topic in Community Health Needs Assessments by working in partnership with a graduate student at the University of Pittsburgh
- Funding was identified and acquired for a State Dental Director position
- Recommended changes to the state's CHIP program to make dental care more accessible

Other Successes and Victories

- Presented “Pregnancy and Oral Health: An Important Connection—A Successful Outreach Campaign in Pennsylvania” at the 2018 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo in San Diego
- Assisted the PA Department of Health in developing applications that resulted in Pennsylvania receiving $3.45 million in federal grants over the next 5 years to improve the oral health of Pennsylvania residents
- Increased number of stakeholders to more than 700 across Pennsylvania
- Presented “Achieving Whole Child Health” at the 2018 Children’s Interagency Conference
- Continued involvement in the PA Oral Health Collective Impact Initiative (POHCCI)
- Updated our website with a fresh new look
- Hosted 4 in-person stakeholder meetings around the state and 2 virtual meetings
- Increased our social media presence on Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter
The 2018 PA Oral Health Summit: Pursuing New Opportunities in Innovative Collaboration convened to foster new collaborations among stakeholders across the Commonwealth. For the first time in the history of the Summit, community members were invited to attend and provide insight into their individual needs. This gave leaders across Pennsylvania the opportunity to better understand underserved populations, while also empowering community members to become advocates for change. PCOH created an open space to work together and build upon the strengths of the current system.

Throughout the Summit, space was created to share ideas and a feeling of inclusiveness was felt by all. PCOH is grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this work, and attendees left the summit knowing their passions and interests will be the top priorities of the coalition moving into 2019 and beyond. The relationships that were newly established and the ones that were refreshed during the event will allow all PCOH stakeholders to work together and achieve better oral health for all Pennsylvanians.

"The best part of the Summit was constantly being engaged in problem-solving, sharing ideas, collaboration, and creative work together."
- 2018 Summit Attendee

"Thank you for sharing your knowledge with me and inspiring me to become a better dentist."
-2018 Summit Attendee
The PA Department of Health Oral Health Program was awarded both CDC and HRSA grants for 2018-2023 totaling $3.45 million. PCOH assisted in writing for both of those grants and will help distribute the program funds for our partner organizations. The Department of Health has now committed to hiring a dental director in early 2019 which will continue to elevate the importance of oral health in PA.

**Erie County Health Department hits road for dental screenings**

A local reporter captured a young dental patient looking at images of his teeth with Karen Omniewski, a public health dental hygiene practitioner with the Erie County Department of Health.

PCOH is partnering with the Erie County Department of Health through PA Head Start and others for the HRSA grant.

**Center for Disease Control and Prevention Award**

*Improving Oral Health in Pennsylvania (IOH-PA) 2018-2023*

- Partners: PA Department of Health, PA Coalition for Oral Health, PA Association of Community Health Centers, PA Water Authorities
- Add at least 10 new school sealant programs
- Increase number of people served by community water systems that receive optimally fluoridated water by 5%
- Develop, implement, and sustain a state oral health surveillance system (SOHSS) that allows the PADOH to monitor the burden of oral disease and use data to inform program and policy decisions
- Hire a State Dental Director in the first year of funding
Health Resources and Services Administration Award

New Approaches to Oral Health Infrastructure and Capacity
2018-2022

• Provide training to 400 oral health professionals on how to improve the quality of services provided to individuals with disabilities
• Provide training to 3,000 high school students and 800 dental health students on careers in public oral health professions
• Provide training to prevent obesity and dental caries to 20 agencies
• Expand oral health services to 4,800 members of the targeted population in 2 Rural Health Clinics
• Implement tiered community-of-care model and serve 300 children in Erie Dental Health Provider Shortage Area (DHPSA)
• Reach at least 400 parents of children receiving MA in DHPSAs and 200 staff that work in programs serving children that receive Medicaid in DHPSAs
• Hire a Public Health Program Administrator and a Dental Public Health Consultant
• Track workforce prototypes and reduce the number of DHPSAs with a dentist to population ratio of less than 1:5,000 by 1%
• Data dashboard changes to updated surveillance system platforms
Our support comes from federal and state grants, corporate sponsorships, individual and organizational donors, and private foundations. Our total revenue fluctuates each year due to special projects. As a public charity, PA Coalition for Oral Health takes its obligation to operate in the public view and the public interest very seriously. Accordingly, we make available our federal tax return and our audited financial statements. Our IRS Form 990 may be viewed at www.paoralhealth.org and www.guidestar.org, and financial statements may be requested at info@paoralhealth.org.

$452K
TOTAL REVENUE

74%
SPENT ON DIRECT PROGRAMMING
In 2019 PCOH will seek to improve the infrastructure of our state’s oral healthcare system by supporting the PA Department of Health and their oral health program as well as initiating our own new projects and collaborations. Plans for 2019 include:

- Specialized community water fluoridation trainings in multiple areas of the state
- Charitable work tracking project aimed at identifying and quantifying the need for more accessible care in our state
- Continued advocacy for the complete restoration of adult dental benefits under the state’s Medicaid program
- PA CHIP dental benefits being offered as a standalone coverage for kids outside of medical insurance
- Assisting the PA Department of Health in writing the next iteration of the state oral health plan (2020-2025)
- Adding dental services to existing Rural Health Clinics
- Supporting water authorities in our state who make the choice to maintain optimally fluoridated water with mini-grants
- Strengthening our dental workforce pipeline by introducing high school students to dental careers and informing current dental students about the public health options in PA
- Investigating the possibility of requiring an oral health facet to all K-12 Health and Physical Education standards in PA schools
- Following up from our 2018 PA Oral Health Summit by increasing our physical presence in Harrisburg and pursuing new collaborations between medical and dental healthcare
- Expanding and diversifying our Board of Directors