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Outstanding Achievement Award

Kimberlie J. Payne, RDH, BA

(Nominee must be a present or past member of ASTDD who has a record of five years of membership in good standing).



I am writing to nominate Kimberlie Payne for the ASTDD Outstanding Achievement Award. Kimberlie has demonstrated her leadership abilities in both the ASTDD and the State of North Dakota Ora Health Program. Kimberlie had a long tenure as the ND Oral Health Program Director from 2006-2018. She steered a struggling State Oral Health Program to become a successful program by creating a program infrastructure that grew from one person in 2006 to twelve staff in 2018. She built support among state policy makers, partners and the public by building public health capacity for implementation, evaluation and dissemination of best practices associated with oral disease prevention and improvement of oral health. She promoted and nurtured continuous collaboration across many stakeholders and partners. She helped with setting a common agenda among stakeholders to develop and implement plans and strategies for the State Oral Health Program to assure mutual objectives and create common goals. She implemented communication activities and strategies among coalitions and strategic partners. She is a founding member of the ND State Oral Health Coalition and helped to establish this coalition

in 2006. She is a member of a wide array of boards and professional committees that include the Red River Valley Dental Access Project, Northern Valley Dental Prevention and the ND Dental Foundation Board of Directors. She also promoted oral health integration and collaboration activities within the North Dakota Department of Health by being a member of the Chronic Disease Coordinating Committee, the Tobacco Prevention and Control Committee and the Cancer Prevention Steering Committee.

Kimberlie has also been one of the longest serving members of the ASTDD Board of Directors. She has served from 2008 to the present Board of Directors. She has served as Secretary, President-elect, President and is the current Immediate Past President. She has provided leadership to advocate for a governmental oral health presence in each state and territory. She has helped create a robust strategic plan and vision for the ASTDD. She has also been a member of a number of the ASTDD committees and has chaired the Communications committee. She presented on Communication Challenges at the a 2018 NOHC Round Table. She has also been involved in the State Development and Enhancement Committee and was part of the 2018 NOHC mentoring workshop. he has represented ASTDD and oral health as a member of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers (ASTHO) committees.

Kimberlie has represented ASTDD and the ND State Oral Health Program on the national level and interacted with a variety of national organizations such as National Network of Oral Health Access, the DentaQuest Foundation and the Medicaid/SCHIP Dental Association. She has been a long-term member of the dental hygiene professional association (ADHA and NDHA) and has been involved with their activities too. She has received numerous awards and received the Outstanding Volunteer Award from the Ronal McDonald Charities in 2011.

Kimberlie has been involved in a number of legislative and policy successes within North Dakota that has included increased Medicaid reimbursement, increased scope of practice for auxiliaries and the increased dental loan repayment.

Kimberlie has worked tirelessly to promotive and improve the oral health of North Dakota residents. She has also been excellent in promoting and advancing the role of ASTDD with multiple national organizations. It is my privilege to nominate Kimberlie Payne for the 2019 ASTDD Outstanding Achievement Award.

Nominated by Christine Farrell, RDH, BSDH, MPA
Michigan Oral Health Program Director

Distinguished Service Award

Renée Joskow, DDS, MPH, FAGD

(Nominee may be a member, associate member or non-member or organization who has made a significant contribution to ASTDD programs, initiatives, or dental public health).

I am writing to nominate Dr. Renée Joskow for the ASTDD Distinguished Service Award. Renee has been dedicated to dental public health for more than 30 years. She established her commitment to public health and serving communities during dental school while pursuing a dual DDS/MPH degree. Her first effort to reach beyond the walls of her dental school was community health projects where she traveled to local elementary schools playing guitar and singing songs that she wrote to teach kids about good oral health and prevention. For her senior project, she developed a research study and survey of preventive practices and employment of dental hygienists in local dental offices. She served as faculty for Columbia University's community-based Ambulatory Care Network, an effort to bring clinical services closer to the local communities in Washington Heights and northern Manhattan most in need. Furthermore, her passion to affect change beyond the walls of her private practice and boundaries of an academic appointment, led her to join the U.S. Public Health Service as an Epidemic Intelligence Service officer (EIS)



at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As an EIS officer she responded to a request from a local dentist in rural Missouri. She worked with the Missouri state epidemiologist (Dr. Eduardo Simoes), the state dental director (Dr. Dean Perkins), the state environmental agency, school superintendents, principals, and teachers, local physicians, pharmacists, and county and local nurses, to investigate an increase in enamel defects and opacities in children. She designed and led the field study by examining 3rd and 7th grade students enrolled in schools from two comparison communities for enamel defects, dental caries, and blood Lead levels, antibiotic and fluoride exposure histories, and water sampling.

As a public health service dental officer, Dr. Joskow has worked tirelessly to address oral health inequities and access challenges by leading policy changes, program management and oversight, and even providing direct patient care to underserved populations (e.g. Remote Area Medical mission - rural Tennessee, Mission of Mercy - Washington, DC). As the Chief Dental Officer (CDO) of the Health Resources and Services Administration, the "*agency for the underserved*," Renée has shared her expertise as a consultant to the National Governors Association, National Conference of State Legislatures, and Association of State and Territorial Health Officials on oral health policy briefs/products. In addition, she has provided presentations and resources to multiple states through the Regional Economic Commissions educating them on the importance of oral health and collaborated on the Georgia Oral Health (OH) Summit, Region VII OH Summit with state and local partners, and provided technical consultation to Regions VIII + III state representatives and stakeholders.

Dr. Joskow stepped up to serve in multiple positions simultaneously to better meet the needs of HRSA's grantees and stakeholders. In addition to her HRSA CDO responsibilities, she was appointed as Branch Chief of HRSA's Oral Health Training Branch where she directed and oversaw the Title VII programs as well as the Title III, section 340G *Grants to States to Support Oral Health Workforce Activities* program that provided three-year funding to more than 25 states. During her tenure as branch chief, the American Association of Public Health Dentistry received HRSA funding to develop a model dental public health curriculum built upon core competencies that was published and the coursework is available online. Additionally, Dr. Joskow has supported numerous ASTDD initiatives and efforts and participated in the ASTDD Emergency Department Workgroup stakeholder convening and ASTDD Emergency Department project.

For the past seven years, she has provided program updates and a federal perspective to the AACDP, AAPHD, and ASTDD and staffed roundtable discussions at NOHC in order to share resources and provide assistance. Perhaps most notably,

she established the public-private partnership, the Oral Health Medical Response Team during Hurricane Katrina, and provided direct technical consultation and support to the state dental directors of Mississippi, Louisiana, and D.C. as well as serving as the Incident Commander of the inpatient and outpatient medical, pharmacy, and dental operations in Gulfport/Biloxi and Waveland, Mississippi. Dr. Joskow worked in conjunction with stakeholders and ASTDD to develop an oral health toolkit for dentists and state oral health programs that is available on the ASTDD website.

Dr. Joskow is a passionate and energetic dental public health professional who has spent her entire career dedicated to education, service and improving the overall health and oral health of the public. It is for this reason and the many examples listed that I am pleased to nominate Renee for this prestigious award!

Nominated by Conan Davis, DMD MPH
Assistant Dean for Community Collaborations and Public Health
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Greg McClure Memorial President's Award

Steven P. Geiermann, DDS

Dr. Steve Geiermann attend the University of Michigan, Go Big Blue, where he received his DDS in 1983. He's kept the details of his escapades at the U of M well hidden, but we are sure there must have been some based on what we see today. Early on Steve was a "public health'r." He served as the acting dental director for the City of Chicago Department of Public Health early in his career. While there he used his excellent people skills to develop a collaboration that led to a permanent dental director position being created. Along the way Steve decided to check out theology courses at Aquinas Institute of Theology. Hence, his knack for sounding very kind and supportive while letting you know something is not quite right and needs some corrections. While some may get frustrated with Steve's perfectionist ways, he will tell you, "it's all for the good" or "all things work to the good."



Steve moved on and "did time" with the USPHS. He served as a HRSA regional dental consultant for 10 years, retiring with the rank of Captain. He also served as a dental director in the Indian Health Services and Federally Qualified Health Centers. Steve continues to be engaged with the Navajo Nation.

While he could have retired and ridden off into the sunset that was not what he chose to do. Instead he went to work for the American Dental Association where he is the Senior Manager of Access, Community Oral Health Infrastructure and Capacity. This allows him to continue his journey to help those who need it most.

Since he enjoys helping others and truly wants to make a difference, Steve is involved with multiple organizations. Not only does he serve as chair of the ASTDD Best Practices Committee he is also active in the National Network for Oral Health Access, the American Association of Public Health Dentistry, the DentaQuest Foundation National Oral Health Connections Team, and is an advisor to the U.S. National Oral Health Alliance.

One of Steve's passions is the arts. He enjoys being a member of the Chicago Gay Men's Choir and looks forward to their annual holiday performance. Another art he is quite fond of is the Manhattan. He is on a quest to find the best Manhattan ever made and has shared his expertise with many a bartender. His favorite NOHC location may have been Louisville, Kentucky!

Steve is also very passionate about his family. He visits his dad on a regular basis and indulges him with the sweets he loves. His mother also gets spoiled as he takes her out on a regular basis. Rumor has it he is also up for best uncle of the year!

As chair of the Best Practices Committee Steve has made it his mission to make sure the “so what” factor is addressed in all documents. It has become the Best Practices Committee mantra. Steve had big shoes to fill when he graciously agreed to take on the role of chair following the passing of Greg McClure. All would agree he has made Greg proud! It is therefore quite appropriate that Steve is honored with the Greg McClure President’s Award.

Submitted by Lori Kepler Cofano, RDH, BSDH, ASTDD Best Practices, Healthy Aging, and Mentoring and Orientation Coordinator

Fluoridation Special Merit Award

Bridget Walsh, MPH and the Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy

The Fluoridation Special Merit Award is given to recognize an outstanding contribution toward the progress of fluoridation.



The Association of State and territorial Dental Directors, the American Dental Association and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are pleased to present a dual award this year for outstanding contributions towards the promotion of science and progress of fluoridation, to the Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy in Albany, New York, and to Ms. Bridget Walsh, a Senior Policy Analyst for Health and Public Health at the Center.

The Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy (SCAA) is a leading statewide policy analysis and advocacy organization working to shape policies to improve health, welfare, and human services for all New Yorkers, especially those who are disenfranchised. Since 1872, it has advanced policies to improve opportunity for New York families and improve child well-being, so all New York children have a fair chance to thrive. SCAA analyzes data, examines the impacts of past and current policies and programs, and works with community-based partners to understand impacts of policies.

Ms. Walsh represents the Schuyler Center on numerous boards both in and out of government that advance health policy and improve access to health services. As an advocate and a champion for oral health for more than two decades, Ms. Walsh has helped the Schuyler Center to place oral health at the center of New York’s policy agenda. She was instrumental in organizing a statewide children’s oral health summit to bring attention to oral health. She was the co-chair of the committee that developed the New York State Oral Health Plan, past chair of the New York State Oral Health Coalition and a member of the Ad Hoc Committee to lead the State Health Improvement Plan called the *Prevention Agenda toward the Healthiest State* that prioritized children’s oral health.

In 2013, Ms. Walsh and the Schuyler Center assembled partners including the New York State Health Foundation, Health Foundation of Western and Central New York, Pew, Children’s Dental Health Project, the New York State Department of

Health and the Oral Health Center of Excellence as well as local public health and health advocacy organizations to expand the reach of oral disease preventive programs. Ms. Walsh and the Schuyler Center worked with partners and leveraged additional resources, provided technical assistance, disseminated information and assisted with cultivating new relationships.

The Schuyler Center developed and distributed materials about the nature and extent of dental disease in New York State and the health and financial benefits of community water fluoridation (CWF). These materials were designed to raise awareness and lay the groundwork for discussions about preserving and expanding CWF. Educational issue briefs were delivered to the Legislature, the Executive Chamber and other senior policymakers and promoted on social media to inform them of the public health value and cost savings associated with fluoridation. In 2015, after exploring various options with several influential groups, the Schuyler Center decided to pursue an amendment called *Healthy Teeth Amendment* to New York State Public Health Law (PHL) requiring 90-day public notice when a community considers stopping CWF. To make this law, Ms. Walsh and the Schuyler Center coordinated efforts to prepare the organization and partners for opposition to this amendment from anti-fluoridationists.

This amendment and the accompanying funds in the amount of \$10 million for the upgrade, repair and purchase of fluoridation equipment solidify efforts to protect and expand fluoridation. Because of these efforts, the New York State Department of Health has been able to establish a grant program that has supported 46 projects across the state. The Schuyler Center also developed a Community Campaign Kit (CCK), a tool to help communities identify oral health interventions that reduce dental disease in young children using evidence-based strategies. The CCK and a curriculum were used to create collaboratives and engage communities in CWF conversations. These wins have allowed New York to successfully stave off erosion of CWF.

Submitted on behalf of the ASTDD Fluoridation and Fluorides Committee.

2019 ASTDD Awards Committee

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