



Oral Health for All



*Advocating for....
Access....
Quality....
Equity....
in Oral Health Care*



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Annual Report 2016

Mission

Through advocacy, coalition building and education, the Connecticut Oral Health Initiative works to create a public conscience that results in oral health for all.

COHI enhances this mission by:

- a. Leading and collaborating in statewide oral health advocacy efforts;
- b. Promoting the necessity of oral health to overall health;
- c. Serving as an expert resource on oral health policy; and,
- d. Publicizing oral health policy analysis and recommendations.

Dear Friends and Supporters of COHI,

To reiterate, COHI has piloted the way to “Oral Health for All” in Connecticut. Since our humble beginnings, we have advocated for the right of everyone in the state of Connecticut to have basic oral healthcare. In the past year, we fought to maintain public water fluoridation, protected children’s and adult dental care for Medicaid clients, and promoted oral health into health systems like the State Innovation Model and HealthyCT 2020. These are just a few of the challenges we successfully accomplished, however, we could not have completed any of these ventures without your help and support.

Today, our advocacy goals are as challenging as ever. Let me mention a few here:

- Maintain comprehensive dental coverage and eligibility under Medicaid for access to oral health care for the state’s low-income children and adults.
- Support cultural competency training for dental hygienist to help hygienist better understand the behaviors, attitudes, and struggles of their patients.
- Increase the number of young adults with access to dental services by extending parental dental coverage to their children until the age of 26 years.
- Decrease the incidence of oral and physical disease as a result of tobacco use by raising the legal age for the purchase of tobacco and increasing taxes.
- Decrease the incidence of dental disease and obesity by supporting a tax on certain high sugar sweetened beverages.

As you can see, our challenges are daunting but attainable.

I want to thank all of you for your backing and encouragement in the past, and let me thank you in advance for your enduring support of COHI’s future.

About COHI

As a statewide advocacy organization, the Connecticut Oral Health Initiative (COHI) has earned its reputation by identifying and acting upon critical decision points that impact oral health policy. We seek broad system change that addresses the inequities in the state’s oral health care policy, access to care, and the service delivery model.

Since 2001, we have helped legislators and the public understand the implications of oral health issues. The dramatic impact of oral health on primary health status becomes clearer every day. The need for good oral health care becomes an imperative we must all promote.

Our support comes from foundations, corporations, organizations, and individuals. We are grateful for the grants from the Connecticut Health Foundation and the James and Ella Burr McManus Fund of the Hartford Dental Society. We also thank the many individuals who have contributed generously to help us accomplish our goals.

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Oral Health Lobby Day at the Capitol



Advocacy Conference at the Legislative

Office Building



Presenting Representative Matt Ritter the 2016 Oral Health Legislative Champion Award.

Left to right: Danny Groshong, Jesse White-Fresé, Rep. Ritter, Mary Boudreau, and Judith Blei.



Presenting Senator Terry Gerratana the 2016 Oral Health Legislative Champion Award.

From left to right: Dr. Howard Mark, Sen. Gerratana, Mary Boudreau, and Kim Radda.



Presenting Marty Milkovic the 2016 Oral Health Champion Award.

Left to right: Marty Milkovic and Dr. Howard Mark.



Presenting Jesse White-Fresé the 2016 Howard I. Mark Award.

Left to right: Dr. Robert Harris, Jesse White-Fresé and Dr. Howard Mark.

COHI Awards

Annual Meeting



President Harris welcoming the attendees.

Shirley Mark enjoying a conversation with Judith Blei.



Mary Moran Boudreau sharing COHI's 2016 successes and future plans.



Special Olympics of Connecticut awarded the 2016 Golisano Health Leadership Award to Dr. Deborah Redford-Badwal, and the UConn Health School of Dentistry for their outstanding program "Special Smiles."

Continuing Education



Rocio Quinones, DMD
leads the discussion on
Oral and Perinatal Health.



Leigh-Lynn Vitukinas, RDH, Dr. Quinones, Dr. Liang,
and Dr. Balaski take questions from the attendees.



Mary Moran Boudreau with Tina
Liang, DMD and Shannon DeGroff,
MD

Health & Social Justice Fairs



Education

Fundraising



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$73,547.59
Fixed Assets	\$0
Total Assets	\$73,547.59

Liabilities and Equity

Current Liabilities	\$6,897.79
Net Assets	\$70,834.14
Net Income	(\$4,184.34)
Total Equity	\$66,649.80
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$73,547.59

REPORT OF FINANCIAL INCOMES AND EXPENSES

Income

Events	\$29,062
Donations	\$8,588
Grants	\$106,100
Contracts	\$2,000
Interest	\$238
Other	\$328
Total Revenue and Other Support	\$146,316

Expenses

Salaries and Benefits	\$102,589
Professional Fees	\$18,752
Administration	\$9,330
Events	\$10,745
Rent	\$6,000
Insurance	\$3085
Total Expenses	\$150,501

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Fundraising	\$24,606	16%
Management	\$47,717	32%
Program	\$78,177	52%

Grants



James McManus Fund

Corporate and Organizational Supporters

\$1,000+

Benecare * Benevis * Bridgeport Child Advocacy Coalition
Community Health Network of Connecticut
Connecticut State Dental Association * TDG Financial Services

\$500-\$999

Beacon Health Options * Dental Works
New Haven Dental Hygienists' Association

\$250-\$499

Community Health Services * Delta Dental of NJ
Dental Society of Greater Southington * Hartford Dental Society
Horizon Dental * Institute for Community Research
IT Direct * LaSalle Insurance * Litchfield Dental Society

Individual Supporters

\$1,000+

Marty Milkovic

\$250-\$499

Dr. Patricia Carta * Dr. Oscar Gonzalez * Dr. Howard Mark

\$100-\$249

Dr. Howard Bailit * Robert & Donna Batch * Dr. Alvin Berger
Dr. Tris Carta * Dr. Bruce Cha * Patricia Charest * Juliette Clark
Sharon Efron * Leslie & Adele Gordon * Dr. Robert Harris *
Dr. Douglas Keck * Douglas Larson * Dr. James Nally * Kim Radda
Robin and Rafael Santiago * Laurie Santos * Jesse White-Fresé

Strategic Plans for 2017-2019

Goal I. Provide a dynamic focus for broad based oral health advocacy efforts in Connecticut.

- Develop and support a comprehensive advocacy agenda with measureable outcomes.
- Enhance COHI's presence at the Capitol around oral health issues with legislature, agencies, and the governor's office.
- Track, monitor, and advocate for legislation and regulatory policies with potential to positively impact oral health care for underserved populations.

Goal II. Strengthen COHI's position as a community partner, change agent and recognized expert in oral health.

- Identify and participate in the appropriate national, state and local coalitions or partnerships as deemed vital to COHI's mission.
- Integrate oral health in the planning and advocacy efforts of targeted federal, state, and local health agencies.
- Encourage stakeholders to take effective actions to maintain or increase oral health access and/or quality of care.
- Improve communications with stakeholders around advocacy issues.

Goal III. Enhance COHI's governance and capacity to support strategic objectives.

- Sustain an effective governance structure that supports COHI's mission and strategic plan.
- Expand directors' appropriate knowledge by attending professional development programs.
- Recruit two new board members with consideration for diversity and appropriate skills to support COHI's mission and strategic plans.
- Meet best practices for nonprofit governance by developing and reviewing needed policies to ensure accountability.
- Develop and sustain staff structure that supports COHI's mission and strategic plans.
- Improve the communication and IT structure to support COHI.
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Goal IV. Develop and implement the long-term sustainability plan.

- Secure adequate funding to support COHI's programming and staffing needs.
- Draw on COHI's successes in developing requests for funding and in-kind resources.
- Implement an organizational/funding non-profit model for COHI sustainability.



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