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John Robitscher, MPH
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Dear Mr. Robitscher:

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) is pleased to support the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) application for funding for Partner Actions to Improve Oral Health Outcomes (Strategy 2) CDC-RFA-DP18-1811.

NACDD has been a national leader for over 30 years in providing practice-based learning and leadership development programming to State Chronic Disease Directors, State Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Staff, and State Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Programs. NACDD has the organizational expertise and capacity to expand support of oral health promotion and disease prevention programs by providing technical assistance aimed at medical-dental integration with the outcome of increasing the strength and effectiveness of state programs to prevent and control oral diseases and related conditions. NACDD's efforts are consistent with ASTHO's mission to support, equip, and advocate for state and territorial health officials in their work of advancing the public's health and well-being. ASTHO has enjoyed a longstanding collaborative relationship with NACDD, an ASTHO affiliate, and has partnered with NACDD to bring added value to training leadership and development for community and prevention health.

ASTHO believes that NACDD and its membership are equipped and well positioned to promote models of medical-dental integration in states. ASTHO stands ready to assist this effort by supporting NACDD through dissemination of project-related findings, sharing information resources, and providing expertise and technical assistance as requested. We look forward to continuing our collaboration as they work with Chronic Disease Directors to expand access to oral health for all and improve population health broadly, given connections between oral health and other health outcomes.

Please contact Christie Mackie, Community Health and Prevention Chief, at cmackie@astho.org.

Sincerely,



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