



ANOHC Principles/Common Purpose

The following principles guide the work of the American Network of Oral Health Coalitions (ANOHC):

- ANOHC exists to create a reliable place for state oral health coalitions to share information, ask questions, and leverage time and resources.
- ANOHC members are statewide oral health coalitions that promote lifelong oral health by shaping policy, promoting prevention, and educating the public.
- ANOHC members recognize that state oral health coalitions share a common purpose to advance oral health issues at the state level, but that the structure and funding of each is different, based on individual statewide issues.
- ANOHC members respect the differences between the state coalitions and honor the confidentiality within which coalitions share information.

Operating Structure

ANOHC is a membership organization of state oral health coalitions from throughout the United States. ANOHC provides a forum for coalition executive directors, or key volunteers if no staff exists, to share information, ask questions and leverage time and resources in an atmosphere of trust, confidentiality and mutual respect. Additionally, ANOHC will speak and advocate as a unified voice on policies and issues affecting oral health in the nation.

Members:

Each member coalition must demonstrate it is state-wide, with a focus on oral health issues that are not specific to any one population (i.e.: a coalition for oral health access for the elderly, with no emphasis on other population groups), and includes policy change as one of its areas of focus.

Each Coalition member receives one vote. Up to two individuals representing a state coalition can be on the listserv. This will include the Executive Director or designated coalition representative. If no staff exists a board member or key volunteer may be included.

Associate Members:

Statewide oral health coalitions that are not able to take policy positions because they have direct oversight by a governmental entity may serve as ANOHC Associate Members. Associate Members are not eligible to vote, but they may include one person on the ANOHC listserv and are welcome to use all the shared documents and ANOHC policy positions.

Board of Directors:

- Eight to twelve members elected by entire ANOHC membership – each member coalition has one equal vote
- Responsible for ANOHC governance, managing budget, listserv and communications, and adopting policy positions on behalf of all member coalitions
- Will include chair, vice chair, treasurer and secretary
- Three committees (governance, advocacy, development) will recommend draft policies/procedures and recommendations for board votes
 - Each member of the board of directors serves on one committee
 - Each committee elects a chair to direct meetings
 - Recommendations are approved by majority vote (of individuals on the committee/individuals present)
 - People who are members of ANOHC, but who are not on the board of directors may serve on committees.
- Committees:
 - Governance
 - Create bylaws
 - Create organizational policies and procedures
 - Advocacy
 - Determine policy issues to propose to entire the coalition for a vote
 - Development
 - Budget management
 - Manage website development (outsourced)
 - Recommend and pursue appropriate revenue streams

Voting Structure:

- ANOHC governance decisions (e.g, by-laws, media policy) are determined by majority vote of board of directors. Each director will have one individual vote.

- ANOHC programmatic/partnership activity decisions will be made by the board of directors by majority vote. (ex: CMS would like to work with ANOHC to help state coalitions work with state Medicaid departments on oral health initiative)
- ANOHC position statements related to advocacy/policy etc. will come from the board by unanimous decision and be presented to the entire 'membership' for a vote. ANOHC will not take a position unless there is unanimous agreement. Each coalition will have only one vote. (ex: CDC downgrades the office of oral health; national workforce issue)