Speaker:

Panelists:
Christy Fogarty, Children's Dental Services, Minnesota
Dr. Sara Goza, District X Chair and Member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Board of Directors
Dr. Jane Grover, American Dental Association, Illinois
Ann Lynch, American Dental Hygienists' Association, Illinois

Moderator:
Delegate Don C. Perdue, West Virginia

Faculty Biographies

Christy Jo Fogarty, RDH
Christy Jo Fogarty has been a licensed dental hygienist for 15 years and is the first advanced dental therapist, not only in Minnesota, but in the country. She works for Children's Dental Services—a non-profit clinic that has served children under the age of 21 and pregnant women for over 100 years. In addition, she is the president of the Minnesota Dental Therapy Association. She holds a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene and a master's degree as an oral health care practitioner from Metropolitan State University.

Sara H. Goza, MD, FAAP
Dr. Sara Goza is board certified in pediatric medicine at Piedmont Physicians in Fayette, Georgia. Prior to joining Piedmont Physicians, Dr. Goza was in practice with the Fayette Medical Clinic since 1987. She is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Georgia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Academy of Pediatrics. She is past President of the Georgia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and currently serves on the American Academy of Pediatrics Board of Directors as the District X Chairperson. Dr. Goza earned her bachelor's degree in biology at Southwestern at Memphis in Memphis, Tennessee, and her medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia. She completed her internship and residency in pediatric medicine at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati, Ohio.
Jane Grover, DDS, MPH
Dr. Jane Grover is the Director of the Council on Access, Prevention and Interprofessional Relations for the American Dental Association (ADA). From 2001 until 2013, she was a dental director and clinician for a Federally Qualified Health Center. Dr. Grover also hosted a health care television show on a local cable network for several years and has testified before a Congressional Subcommittee on financing models for dental services. She served on the Michigan State Board of Dentistry and several state committees at the request of former Michigan Governor John Engler. She attended the University of Michigan Schools of Dentistry and Public Health.

Ann Lynch
Ann Lynch is the Director of Governmental Affairs at the American Dental Hygienists’ Association (ADHA). In this capacity Ann monitors and advises members across the country on state and federal legislative initiatives that impact the dental hygiene profession and the patients they serve. Prior to working at the ADHA, Ann served in the Minnesota State Senate from 2007-2010, representing Rochester, Minnesota and surrounding communities. During her term, she served as Vice Chair of the Health and Human Services Budget Division. Among Ann’s chief accomplishments were being the author of legislations that created the mid-level dental practitioner in Minnesota. Ann grew up in a small Iowa farming community and later attended Hamline University in Saint Paul, Minnesota where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Management.

Julie Stitzel, MPA
Julie Stitzel is a manager for the Pew Children’s Dental Campaign, where she focuses most of her work on workforce issues. Julie has more than 12 years of experience working in the political, non-profit and public policy arenas. Before joining Pew, Julie served as vice president for the Mack|Crounse Group, where she provided strategic political and communications advice to state and federal candidates running for office. She served as a manager and a consultant for federal and state campaigns across the United States from the 2002 to 2010 political cycles. Additionally, Julie spent several years managing projects for the Economic Studies Program of the Brookings Institution, the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank, and at the Ohio State Senate. An Ohio native, Julie holds a master’s degree from Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government and a bachelor of arts with a major in political science from Ohio University.