



NBDPN News

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NBDPN Board of Directors

NBDPN Board Officers

At the January 10, 2022, NBDPN Board Meeting, new officers were elected. The 2022 officers are:

Board Chair: Kimberlea Hauser
Board Vice-Chair: Mahsa Yazdy
Board Treasurer: Amy Nance
Board Secretary: Vinita Leedom

Retiring Board Members

At the end of 2021, Philip Lupo, Jason Salemi, and Samara (Sam) Viner-Brown retired from the Board.

- Sam had served in a leadership capacity the longest having served as President in 2008 and as the chair of the Membership and Elections committee through 2020. Sam continues support NBDPN in 2022 as the co-chair of the Program and Professional Development.
- Jason has been a member of NBDPN since the mid-2000s. Prior to being elected as the President in 2018, he was the chair of the Surveillance Guidelines and Standards Committee. He continues to support the Network, leading the workgroup on revising surveillance guidelines.
- Philip joined NBDPN in 2011 and served as President in 2020. Philip was instrumental in transitioning NBDPN through its revision of its Bylaw and the new organizational structure. Philip is staying involved with the Surveillance Data Committee.

The 2022 Board would like to thank Philip, Jason, and Sam for their service to NBDPN, as well as their continued involvement.

Birth Defects Data Tables and Directory

For the first time, the state data tables, and directory were published only on the [NBDPN website](#). Previously, this information was part of the special issue published by Birth Defects Research and hard copies were sent to all NBDPN members. As in past years, the full version of the PDF is available. Additionally, PDFs by individual state are now available for download at NBDPN.org.

NBDPN Director's Award

A special congratulations to Kim Hauser for being selected as the 2021 NBDPN Director's Award recipient. Dr. Rasmussen presented Kim with the NBDPN Directors

Award at the 2021 NBDPN Business Meeting. Kim, thanks for all you have done and are doing to help NBDPN run smoothly! - From the rest of the NBDPN Board (2021/2022).

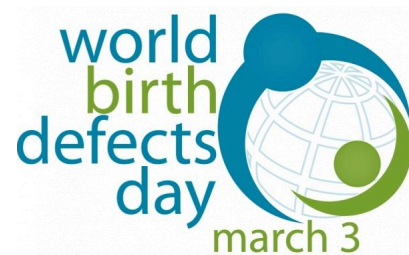
AMCHP Welcomes New NBDPN Liaison/Program Associate, Justin Huang

AMCHP is excited to announce that Justin Huang has joined as Program Associate and liaison to the National Birth Defects Prevention Network. Justin joins us from the Arizona Birth Defects Monitoring Program and has recently been an active member of NBDPN and the Communications and Health Promotion Committee. He will be supporting AMCHP's partnership grant with NBDPN, including logistic, administrative, and programmatic support to NBDPN and our collaborative activities. Both NBDPN and AMCHP are excited to have Justin in this new role. For questions or information about the partnership grant, contact the AMCHP team at NBDPN@amchp.org.

Announcements and Updates

World Birth Defects Day!

On March 3 2022, the National Birth Defect Prevention Network (NBDPN) will join the world to celebrate World Birth Defects Day (WBDD) with the theme "Many births defects, one voice" as this day recognizes our collective voice in raising awareness for all birth defects.



World Birth Defects Day aims to mobilize resources and commitment to improve birth defects surveillance, research, prevention and care. The first priority is to increase the awareness of birth defects and ways to improve health and quality of life of affected individuals. **Make some noise! Tweet, retweet, share and comment.**

Lifespan Surveillance Workgroup

The NBDPN is hosting a Lifespan Surveillance Workgroup chaired by Dr. Wendy Nembhard. The group is exploring challenges, interests, and capacity across states to conduct birth defects surveillance across the Lifespan. Please let Wendy Nembhard (WNNembhard@uams.edu) or Vinita Leedom (leedomvo@dhec.sc.gov) know if you would like to participate.

Newborn Screening for Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD)

The National Birth Defects Prevention Network and the Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) Newborn Screening Technical assistance and Evaluation Program (NewSTEPS) are pleased to continue a joint webinar series on Newborn Screening for Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD). Recordings of the first 2 webinar are available through the NewSTEPS website.

- [CCHD: Current Implementation Status and Future Webinar](#) (Recorded 9/9/2021)
- [CCHD: Clinical Aspects and Implications of Newborn Screening](#) (Recorded 12/2/2021)
- [Integrated State Surveillance and Care Coordination for Patients with Critical Congenital Heart Disease](#) (CCHD) (Recorded 2/24/2022)

Partner Corner

AMCHP 2022 Annual Conference Rescheduled to May 24-26 in an All-Virtual Format

Out of concern for the health and safety of our attendees and due to travel restrictions brought on by the Omicron variant of COVID-19, AMCHP's annual

conference initially scheduled for March is postponed and converted to an all-virtual format. The new dates are **May 24-26, 2022**. The conference theme continues to be **"Reflecting on our Past, Shaping our Future."** For more information, visit the [AMCHP 2022 Annual Conference website](#).

From Bench to Bedside and Back Again -- June 25-29, 2022

The Society for Birth Defects Research & Prevention will hold their 62nd Annual Meeting from June 25-29, 2022 in Vancouver, British Columbia. The robust scientific program represents active, timely research areas of high relevance to public health and significant usefulness to researchers in the fields of birth defects research and birth defects surveillance. Visit <https://birthdefectsresearch.org/meetings/2022/> to learn more

CDC Updates

CDC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) - CDC-RFA-DD22-2203: Population-based Surveillance of Outcomes, Needs, and Well-being of Children and Adolescents with Congenital Heart Defects

The purpose of this NOFO is to improve health outcomes among children and adolescents affected with a congenital heart defect (CHD) and identify factors contributing to health disparities. Objectives include: using U.S. population-based birth defects surveillance system data to identify and survey parents of children with CHD about their child's health outcomes such as cardiac and other healthcare utilization, barriers to health care, quality of life, social and educational outcomes, and transition of care from childhood to adulthood as well as needs and experiences of the caregivers. The NOFO is expected to be published on www.grants.gov in mid-late March with applications due in late May/early June. Additional information is available [here](#).

Interoperable Birth Defects Surveillance – Readiness Assessment Webinar Series

Through funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Public Health Informatics Institute (PHII) is hosting a series of webinars on components of the Birth Defects Readiness Assessment including current and future business processes, leadership and resources, and information technology infrastructure. PHII designed the readiness assessment to help birth defects programs gain an understanding of their current system and business processes, agency policies, available resources, existing partnerships, and information technology (IT) considerations to determine readiness for automated electronic data exchange using health information standards.

Please [register in advance for the 3-25-2022 Achieving Interoperability webinar](#). If you are unable to attend the webinar, it will be recorded and available on the phii.org website.

- [Interoperability 101 for Birth Defects Surveillance](#) (Recorded 2/18/2022)
- [Achieving Interoperability: Practical Lessons Learned](#) (Live 3/25/2022 @ 12 pm ET)

Connections

The NBDPN Social Media Workgroup develops content for the NBDPN social media feeds Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Most of our posts include information for the maternal and child health population, but most of our followers are YOU. Please bookmark our social media pages and **share** our posts, which cover all topics related to birth defects/anomalies. Connect with your local partners on social media (eg. county health departments, federally qualified health centers, culturally specific

community-based organizations, and more) to get the messages out further. Follow and share the NBDPN pages listed below:

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