



# NBDPN News

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## Around the Network

### NBDPN Committees at Work

At the heart of NBDPN is its working committees. Many opportunities exist for members to be active. Please consider participating in one of these committees:

- The **Education & Outreach Committee** is developing a resource toolkit for 2017 Birth Defects Prevention Month.
- The **Publications & Communications Committee** is redesigning the website.
- The **Membership & Elections Committee** facilitates the Network Mentorship initiative, membership drive and annual elections.
- The **States Data Committee** is working on the 2016 Annual Report, with a data brief on microcephaly.

Find a full committee listing and contact information on the NBDPN website [here](#) or contact [nbdpn@nbdpn.org](mailto:nbdpn@nbdpn.org).

### 2016 NBDPN Virtual Annual Meeting

The 2016 virtual meeting is scheduled for June 7-8, 2016. Join us for a packed agenda, featuring topics such as brain abnormalities and Zika virus disease outbreak response; analytic sessions, including data visualization; national birth defects standards development; ICD-10-CM and birth defect surveillance. Register and view the agenda [here](#).

### NBDPN Membership Renewals

It is time again for the annual membership drive. Be on the look out for your membership renewal message, coming soon.

## Announcements and Updates

### American Academy of Pediatrics

The AAP showcases newborn screening for critical congenital heart defects (CCHDs) in a new report (Pediatrics, May 2016). This article reviews the overall effects of CCHD screening, including costs and health outcomes, challenges and implementation in special settings. A summary of key findings can be found [here](#).

### March of Dimes (MOD) Representative on NBDPN Executive Committee

Rebecca Russell will replace Melanie Lockhart as the MOD affiliate member on the NBDPN Executive Committee. Melanie has been the MOD representative for many years, and we are grateful for Melanie's generous contribution of time and expertise to advance the work of NBDPN and state birth defects surveillance.

### 2017 Folic Acid Awareness Week (FAAW)

In 2017, the NBDPN's annual promotion of Folic Acid will move permanently to the second week in January. The dates for FAAW 2017 are January 8-14. Previously, FAAW was held in the first week of January. For further information about FAAW please contact [Barbara.Frohnert@state.mn.us](mailto:Barbara.Frohnert@state.mn.us).

### MEMBER UPDATES

**Jane Correia** (Florida Birth Defects Registry), will retire on May 31, 2016. Join Network colleagues in wishing Jane a fond farewell ([jane.correia@flhealth.gov](mailto:jane.correia@flhealth.gov)). Jane has been instrumental in the development of NBDPN and has continued to bridge and share FBDR resources and tools with other state programs. Jane says she will continue to be involved with NBDPN in retirement. Let's all hold her to it!

**April Montgomery:** We recently touched base with April to hear about her life in retirement. April says "When I left my position at the Colorado Department of Public Health, one of the things I missed most was NBDPN, which offered exposure to different disciplines, opportunities to hone skills and tackle complex projects while spending time with enjoyable people..."

[More from April](#)

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