Quality Committee Charter

**Purpose:** The purpose of the National Network for Oral Health Access Quality Committee is to drive equitable health outcomes for America’s underserved and support the health care workers who deliver their care. Specifically, the Quality Committee will:

1. Gather information and serve as links to other experts in the community on advances in prevention, clinical evidence, improvement science, and data sharing and benchmarking relevant to the health outcomes of health center patients.
2. Serve as experts to identify and prototype best practices and the implementation of these advances in the health center dental practice setting.
3. Engage with NNOHA’s board on opportunities to advocate for changes in support of quality-based best practices.
4. Serve as an advocate for NNOHA’s quality strategies to support the underserved with other agencies and in the profession at large.
5. Provide expertise to NNOHA on health center dental program measurement, data sharing, and benchmarking activities.

**Committee Membership and Organization:** The committee shall consist of at least 5 members to be designated by the committee Chair. The Quality Committee Chair is appointed by the NNOHA President to serve 2-year terms and may be reappointed at the President’s discretion. The Chair may appoint new committee members at any time during the year. Committee members will represent a broad array of interests and expertise important in developing a strong non-profit organization dedicated to oral health access and experience associated with the purpose of the committee, as described above.

The members are appointed for 2-year terms and serve at the discretion of the committee Chair and NNOHA staff. Members are selected for their expertise and interest in serving as a group of experts to help guide NNOHA to develop resources, serve as advocates, and provide subject matter expertise related to health center dental quality improvement, evidence-based dentistry, and measurement, with the goal of driving equitable health outcomes for America’s underserved and supporting the health care workers who deliver their care. Members are expected to actively participate in all committee activities and may continue to serve beyond 2 years if active in the committee. If at any time a member needs to resign from the committee, they may do so in writing to the committee co-chairs and NNOHA staff.

NNOHA members who are interested in volunteering for the committee will be considered by the chair and NNOHA staff. The committee and NNOHA staff will identify opportunities for NNOHA members who are interested in joining the committee to participate in specific and/or short-term workgroups and projects. A workgroup or project volunteer may be invited by the Committee Chairs to join the committee after he or she has demonstrated sufficient knowledge, experience, and skills needed to be an effective committee member.
**Meetings:** The committee shall meet as often as its members deem necessary to perform the committee’s responsibilities. This includes one in-person meeting per year, as well as monthly conference calls.

**Committee Responsibilities and Authority:** The committee shall have the following authority and responsibilities:

- Through an ad hoc advisory capacity, support NNOHA’s quality improvement activities, including learning collaboratives, the Dental Dashboard, and measurement benchmarking, amongst other quality improvement-related activities.
- Oversee the documentation and maintenance of the Quality Chapter of the Operations Manual.
- Partner with NNOHA’s board to recommend strategic quality-related opportunities for consideration to support safety net dental programs.
- Chair of the Quality Committee will also serve as NNOHA’s organizational representative on the Dental Quality Alliance, unless otherwise specified by NNOHA’s President.

**Reporting and Review:** The committee shall make regular reports to the Board and will propose any needed action to achieve its purpose to the Board.

The committee shall review and reassess the adequacy of this charter annually and recommend any proposed changes to the committee chair and for board action.

The committee shall annually evaluate the committee’s own performance and provide a report on such evaluation to the Board.

**Approved By Board of Directors: November 13, 2020**