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Dr. Annaliese Cothron is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the American Institute of Dental Public Health.

She received her Doctor of Health Sciences (DHSc) from A.T. Still University in Leadership and Organizational Behavior and Master of Science from Mississippi State University, specializing in Experimental Psychology with a theme in Applied Statistics. Dr. Cothron is credentialed as Certified in Public Health and has a certificate in nonprofit management and fundraising from Our Lady of the Lake University.

After moving to San Antonio, she worked at UT Health San Antonio School of Dentistry for eight years as the Evaluation Coordinator for two school-based sealant programs, teaching as a core instructor in the Dental Public Residency Program and serving as Director of the Texas Repository of Oral Health Data for Evaluation and Outcomes (ROHDEO). In her present position at AIDPH, Dr. Cothron manages the programming, fund development, and overall organizational strategy of AIDPH.

Dr. Cothron is an active member and leader within several national professional organizations, including the Dental Informatics Section of the American Dental Education Association and the American Public Health Association. She serves as a board member for Equality Texas, Texas Impact, and the Texas Oral Health Coalition while supporting the Oral Health Progress and Equity Network as a ROCHT Lead and facilitating the LGBTQIA+ workgroup. Prior to joining UT Health San Antonio, she was one of the initial members of the Mississippi Tobacco Data Workgroup in the Social Science Research Center at Mississippi State University, focusing on health policy initiatives, tobacco susceptibility and cessation research, and administration of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey for the state of Mississippi.