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The TDA assembled a team of five nationally recognized dentists from both academia and private practice and contracted with Austin-based public policy research firm, Mindstorm Consulting, to manage the project. The dentists (hereafter called the editorial review board or ERB) were asked to identify the state's most pressing issues, needs and challenges associated with improving the oral health of all Texans, with a special focus on the state's most vulnerable. The ERB was also directed to propose practical policy recommendations that the TDA could review and consider.

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