



*minnesota asthma coalition*

## Southwest Regional Asthma Coalition

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

7:00-8:00 PM

Willmar, MN

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Those in attendance included: Tracey E., Berdelle I., Cam A., Amy E., and Amy R.

### 2. Report on Past Activities

-Healthy Kids Day was held at the YMCA on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Cam did a questionnaire screening for the 5-8 year olds in attendance. It was estimated that she reached 180 kids

-Rice Care Center held a staff in-service on asthma medications and inhaler techniques

-Amy E. gave an asthma update at the Canby Medical Clinic on April 5<sup>th</sup>, with 4 doctors and 2 Nurse Practitioners in attendance. Credits were given to the nurses in attendance.

-Amy E. gave an asthma update at the Paynesville Clinic on March 22<sup>nd</sup> for staff

-Amy E. gave an asthma update at the Medicine Shoppe in Willmar on April 19<sup>th</sup> for Pharmacists

-On March 6<sup>th</sup> Amy R. presented an asthma basics class at the Minnesota West Community & Technical College in Granite Falls. Credits were given to the 12 participants in attendance.

### 3. Future Activities:

#### -WAD Events

Radio PSA's

Letter to the Editor

School Newsletters

Lunch & Learn at Redwood Area Hospital

City Proclamation?

-It was decided not to hold the Annual Family Asthma Event this year and hold it every other year instead. Next year the Coalition will make plans to hold the event.

-Amy R. will work on Radio PSAs to be run during the month of May, featuring kids with asthma and the effects of secondhand smoke. We will also see if we can get information out in the School Newsletters this month.

-Amy R. discussed the campaign ALAMN has contracted to do with the Ad Council and passed around a copy of the ad that will be distributed to all newspapers. Radio PSAs will also be sent out to area Radio Stations.

-The Lunch & Learn for Redwood Area Hospital has been put on hold until September, due to the construction happening at their facility

-Scheduling of other Nurse's trainings through Community Colleges

-Elementary School 10 min. Presentations this Spring?

-Presentations for Daycare Providers

-Class through Willmar Community Ed.

- Presentations for Fire Dept., EMT's, First Responders
- Presentations for School Bus Drivers in late Summer
- Coaches Talk in late Summer

Discussion was held on future Coalition Events...

- Amy E. will be doing an asthma update at the Ortonville Clinic on May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Berdelle will be working on try to set up training for the Respiratory Therapists at Rice Memorial Hospital
- Members would like to look into the possibility of holding a Spirometry Training in August, to be facilitate by ALAMN
- Berdelle will look into the possibility of setting up a time to do a presentation for the Parish Nurses
- Tracey would like the group to come up with a pamphlet or questionnaire to put in ECFE Screening packets
- Berdelle brought up the possibility of hosting a booth at Farm Fest in Redwood Falls in August
- Amy R. went over the Coalition budget and pointed out that some funds needed to be spent down. Many suggestions were made on how to use the money including print materials
- Amy R. has been in contact with Tari at Ridgewater College in Willmar. She will be doing a class for Child Development on Asthma Basics on September 25<sup>th</sup>
- Amy R. will be doing a staff and parent in-service at Park Side Elementary in Marshall on May 21<sup>st</sup>

5. Next Meeting Date: **Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00PM**