



minnesota asthma coalition

Southwest Regional Asthma Coalition

Tuesday, July 31 2007

7:00-8:00 PM

Willmar, MN

1. Welcome and Introductions

Members present: Cam A., Marilyn B., Amy R., and Sandra Schlagel (guest)

2. Presentation by Sandra Schlagel, Program Manager of the Kandiyohi Cty. Tobacco Coalition

Sandra gave a great presentation on the role of the Tobacco Coalition and how her role has changed since the passing of the Smoke-Free Statewide Ban. She will be doing a lot of education and work on the interpretation of the new law. She expressed that our partnership for the Radio PSAs went well and would like to continue to collaborate with our Coalition. She offered a small amount of dollars to buy give-away items for our Family Event to be held next Spring. Amy R. will keep in contact with Sandra, to explore other potential partnering opportunities.

3. MAC Steering Committee Report

New Meeting Dates:

September 24th at 12:00 Noon

December 4th at 8:00 AM

March 12th (2008) at 12:00 Noon

June 19th (2008) at 10:30 AM

Amy gave a brief report on the MAC Steering Committee. The new meeting dates have been set. Any of the Coalition members are invited to attend the meeting by phone if they would like. Marilyn has agreed to represent our Coalition as a voting member. There are two new co-chairs of the Committee, namely: Dr. Brenda Guyer and Dr. Barbara Yawn.

4. Report on Past Activities

Amy Reported on past activities held in May to include: a booth at the Willmar High School Health Fair, the Radio PSAs aired in partnership with the Tobacco Coalition, Clinic talks presented by Dr. Ellingson, a staff in-service held at Parkside Elementary in Marshall, and short asthma presentations given to 200 kindergarteners at Kennedy Elementary in Willmar.

5. Future Activities

- Member Recruitment
- Lunch and Learn at Redwood Area Hospital
- Scheduling of other Nurse's trainings through Community Colleges
- 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

-Spirometry Education

Discussion was held on future activities.

-Amy would like to reach out to potential new members and new organizational members. If anyone knows of people, please e-mail Amy R.

-We would like to hold a Lunch and Learn on Asthma Management this Fall at the Redwood Area Hospital. Amy R. is checking into this, with help from Maydra M.

-Cam talked with Brad Hanson about the presentations for Fire Dept., EMTs, First Responders and will check into this further

-Amy R. will check into the possibility of holding a Spirometry Training at Rice Memorial Hospital in January or February 2008

-Marilyn will check into getting us scheduled for ABE classes this year to talk with the Hispanic and Somali populations

It was brought up that many of the Public Schools still do not fully acknowledge the law about self-carrying inhalers in schools by students. Cam will draft a letter that we can send out to all School Districts in our Region regarding this and encouraging them to let students have their inhalers readily available.

6. Next Meeting Date: **Monday, September 10th at 7:00 PM at the Allergy & Asthma Specialty Clinic**