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of Minnesota

Metro Region

to enhance the quality of life for people with asthma in Minnesota

Metro

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Chair: Dr. Pramod Kelkar

American Lung Association of Minnesota

490 Concordia Ave, St. Paul MN

Meeting Minutes

Participants: 16	Sommer Rian, North Memorial Medical Center Patricia Brown, Astra Zeneca Angie Carlson, Data Intelligence Stephanie Stull, Portico Healthnet Barbara Lehn, Pediatric Home Service Cheryl Como, Lupus Foundation of MN Gustavo Taberna, Lupus Foundation of MN Karen Lindberg, Dakota County Public Health Michelle Fischer, The Lung Clinic Carissa Duke, Live Smoke Free Derek Larsen, Live Smoke Free Don Uden, University of MN Tammy John, S. Washington County school district Berit Peterson, Ramsey-County Public Health Erica Fishman, MDH Stephanie Kimmes, ALAMN
Minnesota Department of Health Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MDH is compiling a list of Certified Asthma Educators (AE-Cs) in MN; they are working on identifying AE-Cs' contact information and surveying them to determine what AE-Cs' needs are, i.e. inservice, list serve, networking, etc; if you are an AE-C, please e-mail Erica.Fishman@state.mn.us.
ALAMN Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Asthma-Specific Medication Therapy Management training</i> for retail and hospital pharmacists. ALA staff will go to sites to train pharmacists – interested? E-mail jill.heins@alamn.org re: this excellent program. Program available for clinics: the <i>Asthma Outreach Program</i>, a new asthma guidelines training provided by a physician specialist, i.e. allergist, and an AE-C team. This 2 ½ hour training will be held on-site at clinics. Interested clinic groups with 10-20 clinic staff who plan to attend should e-mail heather.steffens@alamn.org.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <i>Asthma Walk</i> will be held June 7, 2008 on Boom Island, in Mpls. Please join the Camp SuperKids/Metro MAC team! • <i>Camp SuperKids</i> (asthma camp) is July 6-11, 2008 in Loretto, MN. This is a residential asthma camp for children 8-13 years of age. There is enough staff, but more campers are needed. Please promote to your patients! Interested campers' families should call Jonathan Oney to register at 651-227-0149.
Metro MAC Activities Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coalition members received the MN Asthma Coalition 2008-2009 Action Plan (state level) and the Metro MAC Work Plan (working draft). Please provide input re: the work plan by e-mailing Stephanie. • The May Asthma Awareness Month event was held at the Saints baseball game May 23, 2008 with co-sponsorship with the ALAMN, MDH, 4 smoke-free organizations and Pediatric Home Service. Brenda Guyer threw out the first pitch for the Metro MAC – way to go, Brenda! We reached over 5,400 fans with asthma and tobacco-free messages at the game, as well as others listening on the radio; all organizations involved had tabling prior to the event; Stephanie had a short radio interview with WCCO radio to discuss the connection between second hand smoke and asthma; the Pioneer Press had an article about the Saints going smoke free for the game with 71 blogs in response; the Metro MAC was mentioned in two radio ads as the sponsor for the game as well as a sports magazine. • Asthma brown bag sessions were provided to Dakota County government employees on 5/15/08 in W. St. Paul to 13 adults and 5/21/08 in Hastings to 10 adults. • In May, letters of support were sent to City Council members of Brooklyn Park and Forest Lake in support of a policy that would eliminate tobacco use at park and recreational facilities in those cities. The Metro MAC is proud to support Tobacco Free Youth Recreation in this effort!
Asthma Educator Brochure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Stephanie presented a draft of an asthma educator brochure made possible by the ALAMN; edits were suggested; the brochure will be completed and available at the September coalition meeting; it is in Word format and can be edited to include your clinic's information; thank you, Val, from ALAMN for putting this together!
Clinic Alert Fax (Asthma Care Fax)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clinic Alert Fax is a tool which is intended to notify the primary care provider via fax about overuse of Albuterol by the pharmacist; the Coulee Study in Wisconsin is one published study (www.japha.org; November/December 2006; Vol. 46, No. 6). Conclusions from the Coulee study in 2004/2005: Recommendations and informational faxes were overall helpful to health care professionals in making clinical decisions (about asthma management). • Pat Brown suggested that we look to CVS and Walgreen's

	<p>pharmacies as they have improvement programs in place and may be interested in a pilot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don Uden, Pharm D., provided an update; initial editing of the Clinic Alert Fax has been done; project is in process; if any of you are interested in joining this workgroup, please let Stephanie know. Our next meeting will be in August, TBA.
Future Metro MAC Activities	<p>School district asthma initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asthma presentation to Anoka-Hennepin county teachers 8/12/08 <p>Child care provider outreach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Caring for Kids with Asthma" presentation to Hennepin County foster care providers 7/22/08 <p>County asthma initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington County Asthma Initiative mtg – Stillwater – 9/11/08 • Dakota County Asthma Initiative mtg – 7/23/08 <p>Professional outreach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSN training - 2007 asthma guidelines – S. Washington County nurses 8/18/08 <p>Community outreach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metro MAC display board and asthma game at the Asthma Walk 6/7/08
Announcements & Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome aboard, Michelle Fischer, from the Lung Clinic! • Thank you to Daniel Tranter from MDH who provided an excellent presentation re: indoor air quality in child care centers (Daniel.Tranter@state.mn.us) and Stephanie Stull, with Portico Healthnet (sstull@porticohealthnet.org), who provided information to the members re: 1) outreach/screening services and 2) insurance coverage program for eligible folks in Washington, Dakota and Ramsey counties. The coalition reviewed the asthma information packet that Portico Healthnet provides to its members and provided input. • The FDA issued a Safety Update re: asthma meds May 13, 2008. The topics are: 1) Incorrect use of Foradil aerolizer, 2) Suicidality and behavior/mood changes with Singulair, 3) Safety of long-acting beta agonists and 4) Anaphylaxis and Xolair. For a copy of this report: www.fda.gov/consumer/updates/asthmameds051308.html • See attached "Spring Has Sprung, Along with the Pollen..." article and "You Can Exercise with Asthma!" article from the ALAMN – please distribute. • An "Asthma Inhalers" poster is available in English or Spanish for patient education. If interested in obtaining a complimentary copy, please e-mail Stephanie.
Next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, September 8, 2008 at the ALAMN, Mississippi Room, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.