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Northeast Regional Asthma Coalition Meeting

July 14, 2008, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Hospital, 407 E 3rd St, Duluth

Regional Heart Center Conference Room

Conference Call in line: 1-866-394-4146 code: 11153687

Notes from meeting:

Present:

Cathie Miller (CSS and SMDC)

Bruce Brown (1st Plan)

Audrey Imberg (SMDC Phcy/UMD intern)

Mike Swanoski (SMDC Phcy/ UMD preceptor)

Pam Franklin (Parish Nsg Coordinator, Arrowhead Region)

Andy Kadlec (Merck Rep)

Jan Salo Korby (NERAC Coordinator, ALA rep)

Present by phone: Jean Larson (Nsg consultant, MN Dept of Health)

Co-chair Cathie welcomed members and meeting began at 2:05 p.m. Agenda approved as submitted. Minutes from April 21, 2008 meeting were sent by email in May NERAC News. (contact Jan if you need copy – watch www.mnasthma.org for our minutes/agendas to be posted soon.

Old Business:

Asthma Awareness Month – coaches clipboard activities – Pam reported parish nursing newsletter was sent with a coaches clipboard postcard to each subscriber, about 150 cards total went out. Jan reported that Sue Strohman brought postcards to East HS coaches, reaching approximately 10-15 coaches, and Marshall H.S. received postcards distributed to 12-15 coaches. Some outreach also done with athletic director at Cloquet HS. The postcards have been used in health fairs throughout the summer, including larger events at the zoo and Huskies games reaching thousands. Postcards are available to members for each individual to promote with coaches they know; request from Jan at Duluth ALA office, or print out your own (provided in NERAC newsletter, also soon to be on our webpage, also available at www.winningwithasthma.org) Coalition would like to continue to promote this program, not just for Asthma Awareness Month. Cathie brought idea from Sue Strohman to give the postcards with a letter to Arrowhead Youth Soccer Association (AYSA). Pam Franklin will get contact info to Jan,; Jan will contact Sue and Cathie to assist in implementation of Sue's idea. Open to anyone to help, contact Jan.

Asthma Outreach Program – Update: Jan described the efforts to bring this free program of the ALA to our region. Moose Lake, Cloquet and Grand Marais were the three first considered. Cloquet had just finished an update with Merck, Moose Lake only had one physician interested. Grand Marais was not contacted. ALA professional ed staff from St. Paul did find that the West Duluth clinic was interested in a program. This is pending on requested speakers responding positively to the Professional Ed dept.

Program was extended beyond the June 30 deadline we were originally given and may go until end of August.

Regional Work Plan Approval - Work plan was previously sent out by email to coalition - and some members did have feedback for change. Those changes were made and motion made by Pam, seconded by Audrey to approve as amended. Approved by the coalition after discussion (Jan will send final copy to coalition and MAC coordinators). It was suggested that work plan 09 discussions begin in the next meeting, Oct 13, 2008. We had most of the work in our plan completed by the time this was approved this year – our work had progressed on the basis of the list of responsibilities of the coordinator and the MAC work plan draft prior to the regional draft. We would like to have work plan completed early in year in order to be most useful to coalition – or just use responsibilities sheet and MAC plan as previously done and eliminate work plan document.

New Business:

Events coming up - Cathie mentioned Camp We No Wheeze is Aug 3-6.

MAC Steering Committee meetings – June 08 meeting minutes distributed. Steering Committee would like more participation from regional coalitions. If you're interested in being on the steering committee, talk to Jan. Currently, our co-chairs (Cathie Miller and Sue Strohman) and coordinator (Jan) are invited to these conference call meetings.

MAC "Speaker's Bureau" – MAC would like to develop a list of speakers in each region. Please contact Jan (jan.salo.korby@alamn.org) if you're willing to be on this list. Occasionally, there is a stipend or honorarium for speakers. Provide Jan your name, interest, brief background and the audience(s) you are willing to speak/present. Jan will get this information to MAC Steering Committee and should a speaking/presenting request come in, they will contact you. Please step forward to fill this request! We have a lot of people in our coalition that are great educators in asthma, let's share this with the Minnesota Asthma Coalition.

Other:

Pam presented information on the Health Care Access Office, provided handout. It was decided to also list this information on the MN asthma info website, as there are offices in Cook Co, Floodwood and also Duluth. Jan will post on the website. (<http://www.alamn.org/InfoCenter/CommunityServices.asp>) please contact Jan if you have other regional resources that should be listed here (integral part of work plan!). It was also suggested that items for both of the websites be a standard part of our meeting agenda in the future.

Jean shared that Itasca Co schools have received the \$1000 MN grants to increase the Asthma Action Plans for students with asthma. She will connect with them. It is high school and middle school nurse and local pediatrician that will be working together. Hopefully, more information on this project will be reported to the coalition – watch future emails with NERAC News for more.

Next Meeting Date/place/time:

October 13, 2008 : 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Regional Heart Ctr conf room at St. Mary's Hospital, Duluth – and as always, also by phone!

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. Notes submitted by:

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