



Minnesota Asthma Coalition Steering Committee Meeting Thursday, January 15, 2009 via conference call

Present: Barbara Yawn, Erin Simmons, Stephanie Kimmes, Tammy John, Don Uden, Kristi Van Riper, Erica Fishman, Alicia Bauman, Keely Hyland, Andrew Kadlec, Dawn Murphy, Jill Heins, Kerry Ward, Brenda Guyer, Andrea Baeder, Andrea Monk, Heather Steffens, Brittany McFadden, Cathie Miller, Polly Samardich

Topic	Discussion	Action/Steps/Person Accountable
Spacer use with HFA inhaler	Stephanie and Tammy shared that a committee reviewed 15 articles about the use of spacers with HFA inhalers. No clear evidence was found to support or not support the use of spacers with HFA inhalers. Barbara stressed the need for patients to learn correct inhaler technique also.	
Health of MAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 new coordinators were hired in 2008 and another in 2009 • Revitalizing 2 regions • Over 100 activities/programs were held throughout the state 	
MDH update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDC application has not come out yet • MDH received \$700,000 in requests through their letters of interest (\$240,000 was for coalition funding) • A needs assessment for MAC will have to be conducted for the application. Andrea Baeder will work with Erica on that project. Steering Committee members will be asked to participate. • The interactive AAP will be available in 2009. • The CRETA (home visit/modification program) is moving along. 	
Review of MAC Action Plan	A column was added to the MAC Action Plan to include progress to date. Many Action Plan items have been accomplished.	
Breathing A to Zzz conference	The ALAMN will have the Breathing A to Zzz conference in May, 2009. This is a multi-respiratory conference for health care professionals. Topic and speaker ideas are welcome. Also a member of the MAC Steering Committee is invited to participate on the planning committee for the conference.	<p>Send topic and speaker ideas to Kristi Van Riper.</p> <p>If you would like to serve on the planning committee, contact Kristi.</p>
Greater MN systems-change clinic	The ALAMN received a grant for the clinic systems-change project. The systems-change project utilizes a collaborative approach to implement new systems that support and sustain the adherence to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) asthma guidelines in partnering clinics. The project uses a continuous quality improvement approach to develop clinic systems that facilitate and ensure high quality asthma care in clinic. ALAMN is currently looking for a greater Minnesota clinic to participate this spring.	Send clinic contact information to Kristi Van Riper.

Faces of Influenza	The ALAMN has the Faces of Influenza campaign going on right now. The target audience is women 35-45 years old taking care of their children and/or parents. They make most health care decisions for their families. Many media outlets have picked up this campaign.	
MAC co-chair	Brenda Guyer will be staying on as co-chair for the next year. THANK YOU to Barbara Yawn for her time as co-chair!! MAC will have staggered co-chairs moving forward. Think about who might be interested in serving with Brenda.	Please contact Kristi Van Riper if you are interested.
Tobacco legislation	Pat McKone reported on upcoming tobacco legislation for this year. Three items are moving forward: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. banning smoking in cars when children are present 2. increase tobacco tax/fee by \$1/pack 3. keep tobacco control money Any support (from local coalitions or other professional organizations) that can be gained would be most helpful moving this forward. (Remember, MAC coordinators cannot lobby but they may educate.)	See attachments to this document.
Next meeting	Thursday, March 19, 2009 7:15 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Via conference call	