



*minnesota asthma coalition*



**Minnesota Asthma Coalition Steering Committee Meeting  
Thursday, March 19, 2009 via conference call**

**Present:** Barbara Yawn, Erin Simmons, Stephanie Kimmes, Tammy John, Erica Fishman, Keely Hyland, Dawn Murphy, Brenda Guyer, Andrea Baeder, Andrea Monk, Brittany McFadden, Sue Strohman, Jan Salo-Korby, Dr. Zajak, Lilian Levine, Roxanne Erickson, Jill Heins

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action/Steps/Person Accountable</b>
<p>CDC's RFP for state asthma programs</p>	<p>Description of RFA from CDC for Addressing Asthma from a Public Health Perspective Letters of intent are due April 8, 2009. Full proposals due May 8, 2009</p> <p>Purpose: The primary purpose of the National Asthma Control Program is to develop program capacity to address asthma from a public health perspective to bring about:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. a focus on asthma-related activity within states;</li> <li>2. an increased understanding of asthma-related data and its application to program planning and evaluation through the development of an ongoing asthma surveillance system;</li> <li>3. an increased recognition, within the public health structure of states, of the potential to use a public health approach to reduce the burden of asthma;</li> <li>4. linkages of state health agencies to other agencies and organizations addressing asthma in the population; and</li> <li>5. implementation of interventions to achieve positive health impacts, such as reducing the number of deaths, hospitalizations, emergency department visits, school or work days missed, and limitations on activity due to asthma.</li> </ol> <p>Goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reduce asthma disparities among populations disproportionately affected by asthma as compared to the general population with asthma.</li> <li>2. Reduce the state asthma hospitalization rate.</li> <li>3. Increase the proportion of people with current asthma who report that they have received self-management</li> </ol>	

	<p>education.</p> <p>Note that additional goals and objectives may be proposed.</p> <p>2 parts to the RFP:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Core program, with a funding ceiling of \$500K. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interventions should be prioritized based on analysis of asthma surveillance data and focused on populations disproportionately affected by asthma as compared to the general population</li> <li>• Interventions may include but are not limited to, education for the patient/ caregiver (including self-management education), environmental controls, policy development/ implementation, provider training, public education/awareness campaigns, work-related asthma, or interventions designed to change systems.</li> <li>• Core program includes at a minimum 1 FTE epidemiologist; 1 FTE coordinator; 0.5 FTE evaluator</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Expanded program with a funding ceiling of \$450,000 with up to \$150,000 for each intervention area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surveillance</li> <li>• Disparities</li> <li>• Interventions</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>Funds can not be used for: clinical care, personal health services like medications and medical devices, asthma screening or population based registries, camp scholarships, construction, research, environmental home products, promotional items, paying for AE-C exam</p> <p>MAC could fall under core or expanded programs.</p> <p>MDH will be requesting both organizational and individual letters of support on how we collaborate on implanting objectives in the State Plan for Addressing Asthma in Minnesota. Partnerships and collaborative efforts are important parts of the application.</p>	
MAC needs assessment	MDH is working on a statewide asthma needs assessment.	MAC will email out a survey monkey link when available. All are

		encouraged to complete the needs assessment survey.
World Asthma Day planning	<p>Dr. Zajak shared that in the South Central region, they are planning an asthma day at the community rec center that includes parent and child education.</p> <p>The Metro area is partnering with Smoke Free Dakota County for World No Tobacco Day, May 31<sup>st</sup>, and a 5K run/walk. All proceeds will go toward Camp Superkids 2009.</p> <p>NE Asthma Coalition is planning five Managing Your Child's Asthma courses through HeadStart and ECFE. The Soccer association has included an article about asthma in their newsletter and is encouraging coaches to go to the Winning with Asthma website.</p> <p>NW Asthma Coalition is planning displays in public libraries.</p>	Reminder: Regional Asthma Coordinators, please put your regional MAC events on the MAC website and the EPA website.
DME legislation	<p>The durable medical equipment bill (House File 264 and Senate file 178) haven't moved out of committee.</p> <p>Identifying a "gatekeeper" about who would determine when/when/what is needed, would strengthen the bill.</p>	Jill will send information about the bill out to MAC.
Kids and Cars legislation	Brittany shared that the legislation made it through a couple of Senate committees, but voted down in the Senate Transportation Committee. It is most likely dead for this year.	MAC agreed to send a letter of support to Association for Non-Smokers Rights. Brenda volunteered to also write a letter.
Next meeting	<p>Thursday, May 21, 2009 7:15 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Via conference call 1-866-394-4146 Pin 11153687</p>	