

Minnesota Asthma Coalition Steering Committee Meeting Thursday, May 21, 2009

Present: Cathy Miller, Roxanne Erickson, Andrea Baeder, Keely Hyland, Leslie Whittle, Alicia Bauman, Kerry Ward, Jan Salo-Korby, Tammy John, Lillian Levine, Bob Zajac, Erin Simmons, Brenda Guyer, Erica Fishman, Jill Heins Nesvold

| Topic | Discussion | Action/Steps/Person Accountable |
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| Introduction and welcome to Dr. Bob Zajac | Dr. Zajac is a pediatrician with Glencoe Regional Medical Center and will be serving as the MAC's co-chair for the next two years. | |
| MDH Update | <p>Their proposal was due to CDC on May 8th.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MDH will not be conducting a needs assessment statewide at this time. 2. MDH is working on an interactive AAP 3. MDH is developing a set of patient scripts to use with physicians 4. All data has been collected for their Beverly Foundation funded home-based environmental assessment and modification project 5. Susan Ross and Erica Fishman from MDH are attending the EPA National Asthma Forum June 4-5, 2009 | |
| ALAMN Update | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. June 10, 2009 Implementation and Interpretation of Spirometry in the Primary Care Practice course 2. June 11, 2009 Breathing A to Zzz conference 3. June 16 and 17, 2009 Asthma Educator Institute 4. June 12 – 17, 2009 Camp Superkids and We No Wheeze North in August 5. Minnesota Asthma Coalition visioning process 6. Initiating systems change project cohort 6 with the following clinics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fremont Clinic, Minneapolis • Sheraton Clinic, Minneapolis • Central Clinical, Minneapolis • HealthEast Rice Street Clinic, St. Paul • HealthEast Maplewood Clinic • HealthEast Woodbury Clinic • HealthEast Vadnais Heights | |

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| Legislative update | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Governor may unallot funds at MDH to balance the state's budget. 2. The legislature passed and funded a CME pilot project to conduct environmental assessments and modifications with a small sample of Native Americans in Mpls, St. Paul, and Duluth. 3. Health Care Homes are developing their rules at this time. They will be open for public comment. 4. Information on the asthma basket of care is on the MDH website. | |
| Regional Updates | <p>Central MN – Sponsoring a smoke-free Riverbats game; challenge is long-term sustainability for members and lack of funding.</p> <p>South Central – Held a Super Asthma Saturday; have had articles in the school newsletters.</p> <p>West Central – May 13th Asthma 101 presentation to 22 people from 15 county public health agencies. They will be taking Asthma 101 to rural communities; challenge – coalition is small and trying to fit efforts into their existing work schedule</p> <p>North East – Held Managing Your Child's Asthma and Asthma 101 with child care providers; challenge is that they have people and energy with no programming money. They also have a large geographic area.</p> <p>Northwest – a colorful, informational paper was sent electronically to all county government employees and information was placed in employee newsletters. Challenge – small number of interested people. There is concern about burnout of members. There is a lack of resources (RT and AE-C) in this region. All specialists are in Fargo and Grand Forks.</p> <p>South West – Asthma 101 was held in Willmar</p> | |

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| Next meeting | Thursday, July 16, 2009 form 7:15 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. via conference call | |
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