

## Minnesota Asthma Coalition Steering Committee Meeting Thursday, July 16, 2009

**Present:** Bob Zajac, Brenda Guyer, Erica Fishman, Kerry Ward, Roxanne Erickson, Kelly Hyland, Stephanie Kimmes, Brittany McFadden, Lillian Levine, Cathy Miller, Jan Salo-Korby, Erin Simmons, Andrea Baeder, Vicki Haberman, Jill Heins Nesvold

Topic	Discussion	Action/Steps/Person Accountable
<p>Pearls of learning from EPA's National Asthma Forum</p>	<p>The June 4-5, 2009 EPA National Asthma Forum, attended by Susan Ross, Erica Fishman, and Jill Heins, included a lot of sharing about rural/urban asthma efforts, financial partnership development, and evaluation results.</p> <p>EPA fully supports home-based environmental assessment and modification projects.</p> <p>Susan Ross and Jill Heins were invited to attend a pre-conference meeting about the national health care reform legislation and how that might impact asthma.</p>	<p>Jill will share her notes with MAC.</p>
<p>MDH Update</p>	<p>MDH anticipates hearing from CDC about future funding mid-August 2009.</p> <p>All home assessments, funded by the Beverly Foundation, are completed. They are in the data collection phase.</p> <p>MDH is working on a toolkit to assist local public health if they are interested in working on asthma.</p>	
<p>ALAMN Update</p>	<p>The June 2009 Camp Superkids and August 2009 We No Wheeze North camps have been closed due to the H1N1 pandemic.</p> <p>ALA and Partners for Asthma Action are recruiting for their 7<sup>th</sup> cohort for the asthma and COPD systems change project. Three of the six clinic positions are filled. Interested clinics should contact Jill directly.</p> <p>ALAMN will be conducting a visioning process for the Minnesota Asthma Coalition for September 1, 2009 and beyond. All MAC members and interested others will be encouraged to complete the online survey.</p>	<p>Jill will forward a draft survey to the SC for review and additional questions.</p>
<p>Regional Updates</p>	<p>South Central – Rausmaussen College is offering the Asthma 101 to their nursing students as their asthma education.</p> <p>Southwest – Coalition met in June. Looking to work in the Willmar area manufacturing worksites to share information about asthma. They are scheduling an Asthma 101 training in May, June, and Fall 2009.</p>	

Central – no report

South East –

- We had an asthma display at the Winona County Fair July 8-12.
- We had our 2<sup>nd</sup> coalition meeting on July 10 – 6 in attendance
- We will be a part of the Winona School Districts employee health fair in September – provide asthma resources for teachers/caregivers/coaches.
- Will be trying to coordinate activities in the Fall with Elton Hills and Bishop schools in Rochester – these have been the pilot schools for the Asthma Action Plan in Rochester.
- Looking into the possibility of presenting information to the SE MN School Nurses Association.
- Working on a daycare provider training in Olmsted County.
- Will begin doing an electronic newsletter on a quarterly basis for our regional coalition.
- Will begin work on getting a Facebook set up for our regional coalition.

West Central- Coalition met on June 24, 2009 to plan for fall activities.

Northwest – Conducted spring health care professional educational presentation. They are planning an Asthma 101 presentation for Bemidji.

Northeast –

Working to reach out to all 7 counties. Their coalition meeting is yet in July. They are looking to be involved in the county fairs with booths and activities.

Metro – The coalition have several presentations and activities in June 2009. Dory Baker was on MJOJ radio show reaching our 3100 African Americans. Offering a Managing Your Child's Asthma in Somali for ECFE

	<p>educators tonight.</p> <p>Challenges that exist – lack of funding to do a lot of new programming. Limited staff/coordinator time. It is difficult for coalition members to travel to meetings in the rural areas.</p>	
Other agenda items	<p>The Center for Healthy Living, funded by CDC, has completed a meta-analysis on home-based environmental assessments and modifications. You can simply google “Center for Healthy Living” to download this report.</p> <p>Laura Oatman has received a grant to develop an online training for home-based environmental assessments and modifications.</p>	
Next meeting	<p>Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 7:15 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. via conference call.</p>	