

**Minnesota Asthma Coalition Steering Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, October 21, 2008 via conference call**

**Present:** Barb Yawn, Erin Simmons, Stephanie Kimmes, Lillian Levine, Tammy John, Don Uden, Kristi Van Riper, Erica Fishman, Alicia Bauman, Keely H, Leslie W, Gary Johnson, Jan Salo-Korby, Andrew Kodlick, Dawn Murphy, Jill Heins

9 voting members

7 non-voting members/staff

Topic	Discussion	Action/Steps/Person Accountable
Decision related to MAC's medical policy	<p>Discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The document needs a more focused title</li> <li>• We may need another broader policy, too.</li> <li>• The original draft was written by Amy Roggenbuck and Amy E – thanks!</li> <li>• The goal is balance and scientific rigor</li> </ul>	<p>Add language to use both generic and all brand names of the medication in that drug category.</p> <p>Motion – Don moved to approve the policy, after adding the statement above. Lillian 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Erica offered to add the language above. Motion passed. Another, more general policy was recommended. The Executive Committee will discuss.</p>
Statewide policy on sick day legislation	<p>MAC was approached by Senator Ellen Anderson about supporting her pending sick day legislation. There was a strong opinion in both directions from MAC Steering Committee members.</p>	<p>The Executive Committee agreed that there would be no consensus on this issue and therefore would not be supported by MAC.</p>
Funding	<p>Partners for Asthma Action and Metro MAC Community Education and Outreach Workgroup received \$25,000 to further their workgroup's efforts.</p>	
Discussion around MAC's position on holding chambers with an HFA inhaler	<p>Metro MAC has set a policy to support/recommend a holding chamber with an HFA inhaler. Is there a statewide position?</p> <p>To date, MAC has sought expert opinion from Brenda Guyer, Barbara Yawn, Dick Sveum and others.</p>	<p>The Steering Committee will form an ad hoc workgroup to look at the evidence.</p> <p>Volunteers include: Don Uden, Stephanie Kimmes, Barb Yawn, Susan Ross, Gary Johnson, Tammy John, Erica Fishman, and Brenda Guyer.</p> <p>Stephanie will staff this workgroup.</p> <p>The workgroup will bring a recommendation forward at our January 2009 SC meeting.</p>

MDH update	<p>MDH is in their 7<sup>th</sup> year of asthma funding from CDC. They are going into a competitive process. MDH is looking at different funding structures.</p> <p>MDH's process report to CDC is due at the end of October.</p>	
ALA update	<p>Asthma Educator Institute is November 5 and 6</p> <p>Kristi has drafted a Faces of Influenza article template that has been distributed to the coordinators and placed on the MAC website</p>	
Regional updates	<p>SW – has worked on a school AAP. The one they found on the MDH website was not HIPPA or FERPHA complain (according to their local attorneys). Barbara Yawn will let Susan Ross know about the AAP compliance issues.</p> <p>NE – Through the “Take It Outside” campaign, the coalition is developing a list of childcare providers to provide asthma trainings to.</p> <p>NW – Coordinator started in August 2008. Has been a long-time since the region has had a coordinator so they are re-connecting with past members.</p> <p>Central – Coordinator started in September 2008. Held an asthma walk/run with Abbot. They are planning for a professional education event.</p> <p>West Central – Coordinator started in August 2008 and has received orientation. 1<sup>st</sup> coalition meeting was in September. Doing presentation to the 7<sup>th</sup> district nurses association.</p> <p>SE and SW regions do not have coordinators.</p> <p>Metro – Display at SNOM conference. Received a number of new MAC members. November 7<sup>th</sup> Anoka-Hennepin school health para training. November 18<sup>th</sup> foster care training on Asthma 101. October 20<sup>th</sup> YMCA panel presentation. Debbie Lee and Stephanie went to New Richmond, WI to talk about boarder issues. Next mtg December 8<sup>th</sup></p> <p>SC – Coordinator started this fall. Co-chairs are in place. Workplan drafted and agreed upon. Health fair at MSU. 1<sup>st</sup> mtg will be late November/early December.</p>	
Next meeting	<p>Thursday, January 15, 2009 7:15 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Via conference call</p>	