



minnesota asthma coalition

**Minnesota Asthma Coalition
Steering Committee**
Wednesday, December 4, 2002
American Lung Association of Minnesota
Board Room 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Chair: Ashok Patel, MD

Present: Andrea Todd, Deb Haider, Gail Brottman, Janet Keysser, Linda Hemmesch-George, Michelle Hahn, Ron Van Beusekom, Stephanie Bisson-Belseth, Amy Reasoner, April Athmann, Glory Dennison Jill Heins, Kris Brands, Lyann Yates, Penny Fena, Joy Carmona, Tricia Todd, Sarah Welch (Isaak Walton League)

Present on Conference Call: Barbara Yawn, Mary Keating, Mohamed Yassin, Sue Strohman, Cherisa Templeton, Connie Graff, Kathy Benham, Marti Lundin

Topic	Discussion	Decision / Action
2:00 PM Call to Order and Introductions- Ashok Patel	Called Meeting to order. Introduced members and guests. Introduced new MAC staff. No action required Background materials: bios for Lyann Yates and Kris Brands	
Approve Minutes- Ashok Patel	Asked for changes. Motion to approve minutes required. Background Materials: Sept. 25, 2002 Minutes	Motion by Gail Brottman (Linda Hemmesch-George) to accept passes unanimously.
Review of MDH grant deliverables- Penny Fena Jill Heins Janet Keysser	Review of MDH Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- PACE- Certified Asthma Educators- MN Asthma Info Center No action required. Background Materials: MDH Deliverables, PACE Implementation Plan, Certified Asthma Educators Evaluation	Discussion on the use of AAPs and current disagreement in the medical community on the effectiveness was raised.
Communications Plan of the MAC- Tricia Todd	Tricia described the current planning process to assess the communication needs of the MAC and outline potential direction. No action required. Background Materials: Communication Plan	

Regional Reports – Regional Representatives	Each Region gave a brief (2 min) report on: - What are your top three goals - What you are doing outside of the MDH Deliverables No action required.	
Metro Emmissions Reduction Information- Sarah Welch	Sarah Welch of the Izaak Walton League presented information on the Excel Energy's Metro Emmissions Reduction Project for support from MAC. Background Materials: info from Sarah Welch	MAC needs to develop a policy for responding to and/or initiating policy/advocacy. The Executive Committee will take the lead. Dr. Patel asked Ms. Welch to send a draft letter of support and the pros and cons of MAC supporting (received 12- 05-02).
Future Scheduling- Lyann Yates April Athmann	Plans for Future Meetings - Approval of Strategic Plan Satisfaction Survey (send Thursday) Next Meeting: Wed. March 19, 2003 American Lung Association 2:00 – 4:00 PM MAC Annual Meeting: June 12, 2003	
4:00 PM Adjourn- Ashok Patel		