

Minnesota Asthma Coalition
Regional Goals
Steering Committee Meeting 12-04-02

Central MN:

1. Updating the Central Region's database
2. January coalition meeting
3. Outside the MDH deliverables:
 - a. Encourage Open Airways
 - b. Stay connected and supportive of area schools
 - c. Camp We-No-Wheeze Central

Northwest MN:

1. We are in transition from a time of a lot of volunteer participation (for Halloweez in October), to moving into working on the MDH grant, finding our role in that plan, while maintaining the involvement of our active members. We would like to do a recruiting mailing for PACE outlining the program and the expectations of the first team. We have a problem with lack of specialists in the NW, and with involvement of physicians in the Coalition. Publicizing the need for AAP Champions will follow after publicizing for the Cert. Asthma Educator Course.
2. Outside of MDH Deliverables:
 - a. Continue doing Halloweez.
 - b. One of our members is talking to a pharmaceutical firm about dollars to continue with Open Airways. We feel it is one of the most successful things we've done in the past couple of years, and it has made a difference for the kids. We have had requests from schools to continue to offer it. No hours for coordination are needed, just dollars to pay the trainers as their donated time has been a drain on their departments.
 - c. Working on camp proposal with Don Rose, to send 6 to Camp We-No-Wheeze North (Ely) and 6 to Camp We-No-Wheeze Central next summer. We have discussed how to publicize openings/scholarships: flyers through the schools, and application on the website?

West Central MN:

1. Short term goals:
 - a. Recruit PACE team
 - b. Encourage attendance at Asthma Educator Prep Course in Feb.
2. Goals Outside MDH Deliverables:
 - a. Recruit WCRAC attendees at Camp We No Wheeze Central
 - b. Assist school nurse(s) with student inhaler assessments
 - c. Asthma update(s) for health care professionals sponsored by Glaxo.

Southeast MN:

1. Increase representation/attendance in coalition.

2. Keep working on contacting A.E. participants and ask them to join the coalition.
3. Continue working on getting Winona asthma people together- hasn't happened yet but there is interest.

Southwest:

1. Improve communication between care providers, patient/families and schools. We hope to do this by using the "Healthy Learners Asthma Initiative" as a role model program.
2. Continue providing asthma education opportunities for patients/families and care providers that promotes consistent understanding and implementation of the National Asthma Guidelines. We plan to do this by participating in PACE and Asthma Educator Courses and also by our regional workshops we hold.
3. Increasing active membership in the SWRAC.
4. Increasing the visibility of the SWRAC in our community and region. (Goals 3 and 4 go hand in hand: We plan to achieve these goal by creating a SWRAC brochure that provides information on the SWRAC, facts, resources, contact information, questions for care providers and also promotes the coalition. We also continue to individually target and recruit new active members)

Northeast:

1. To fulfill the deliverables
2. To fulfill the deliverables in the time funded
3. To re-look doing another professional education seminar in year 2
4. To increase our active NERAC membership
5. Continue supporting Camp We No Wheeze North
6. Continue to support limiting exposure to second hand smoke in our region