



**Minnesota Asthma Coalition  
Steering Committee**

March 12, 2008  
Meeting minutes

Present: Tammy Johns, Amy Roggenbuck, Dawn Murphy, Jan Salo-Korby, Jonathan Oney, Kristi Van Riper, Doreen Hanson, Barbara Yawn, Vicky, Jill Heins, Jay McLauren, Patti F, Alisa, Stephanie Kimmes, Erica Fishman, Lillian Levine, Roxanne Erickson

1. Welcome to Jan Salo-Korby, NorthEast RAC.
2. Update - Regional Coalition Coordinator positions are currently open (SE, SouthCentral, NW). Interested individuals should forward their resumes to Erica Fishman and Jill Heins.
3. Welcome to new/replaced Steering Committee members – Welcome to Dawn Murphy from GlaxoSmithKlein. GSK has been an organizational member of MAC for several years. Due to turnover within GSK, Dawn Murphy has agreed to serve on the MAC Steering Committee.
4. Review - MAC endorsement policy – The Steering Committee reviewed their endorsement policy.
5. Request for endorsement of Asthma Control Test – GSK has approached MAC has asked us to consider placing our MAC logo onto the ACT. This version of the ACT would be available to MAC unbranded from GSK. The SC discussed how we might use the ACT, including website, presentations, etc. It would not be used for screening. Erica reminded the group that ACT is one of three NHLBI recommended tools. The SC voted on this issue. Jill abstained due to conflict of interest. Vote did not pass.
6. How can MAC be involved with the 2009 legislative discussion for the funding of health disparities of chronic conditions (currently, asthma is not one of them). Guest Jay McLauren, Schering Plough, shared that the Eliminating Health Disparities legislation was enacted in 2001 with strong bi-partisan support. The current legislation includes 8 chronic conditions, excluding asthma. The legislation will be up for renewal in 2009 (funding to begin again in 2010). The SC discussed the possibility of advocating to include asthma and include additional funding for asthma programming. Currently, MDH is neutral about adding additional chronic conditions. CAACP Leadership Team will discuss on March 21, 2008. The MAC SC agreed that this may be a good idea. They want to know more and to develop a plan.

7. Medical presentation policy – The SC was in agreement with the policy that Erica Fishman put forward. The SC did not approve the exact language. Rather, they would like time to review it and vote electronically.
8. MAC Action Plan – The SC reviewed and approved the 2008 and 2009 MAC Action Plan.
9. Next Steering Committee meeting – Thursday, June 19, 2008 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.