

West Central Region Asthma Coalition
Meeting notes for June 25, 2008

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION	FOLLOW-UP
Welcome and Introductions	Members present: Sue Ewy, Vickie Haberman, Shelly Svec, Connie Graff, Bryana Mayer, Gary DelaBarre, Doreen Hanson-Coordinator. Guest: Keely Hyland.	Will continue to offer both teleconference to participate in meetings
Education	Bryana showed the group a webcast entitled, "Assessing Risk Factors, Triggers, and Symptoms of the Asthmatic Patient" This brought forth discussion on how well patients are assessed in the clinic setting, does the provider ask enough or the right questions to find out about risk factors, triggers and symptoms. Doreen shared with the group that ALA does provide a seasonal article about asthma to be used in newspapers, newsletters etc. Also discussion on if this 8 minute webcast would be a good educational tool in the clinic setting for providers and nurses.	The WCRAC would like an article by August of this year to take to local newspapers, newsletters etc to alert parents and students, prior to the start of school, to assess their asthma status and see their provider regarding this. Doreen will contact ALA regarding this. September meeting consider showing the "September Epidemic" module from Merck.
Events/Activities since last meeting	<p>World Asthma Day in May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilet Paper/In the John -Toilet Paper dedicated to asthma in May, In the John in June. Several requests for copies from elsewhere in the state. • Day Care Provider training -Barb Heier gave the Caring for Kids class in Perham, good turn out. • Radio interviews Alexandria-Ruth T and Doreen went on Open Line Glenwood- Shelly S and Doreen tried twice but were unable to get on air, Fergus Falls-Connie G was interviewed on Health Matters. • Fargo Asthma Walk Vickie H participated in the walk and a tree planting-discussion on doing this as a group next year. This year 85 people participated. • Day Care Provider packets -42 packets were given out, discussion on asking in each county if the person who does the licensing for day cares would work with us in getting packets out. 	<p>Consider doing the Toilet Paper and In the John again next year.</p> <p>Continue to look for opportunities, Day Care packets have our name and contact information on them. Another good opportunity to educate the public</p> <p>We will plan to begin discussion in December regarding a team from the WC region for next year.</p> <p>Doreen will contact county licensing personnel and see if they would be willing/able to help us with this.</p>
Fargo Smoke Free Ban	Keely and Vickie shared with the group the happenings in the Fargo/West Fargo area around this issue	Way to GO FARGO !!!!!
Plans and Goals for the WCRAC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provider education-Vickie was contacted by Cheryl Sasse from ALA about a provider training there. 2. Community education-there will not be a Super Asthma Saturday event in Alexandria this year. Discussion on looking for opportunities to join with projects already happening which tie in well with asthma such as the recent "Green Expo" in Fargo. 3. Member recruitment-continue to tell your friends and co-workers about the WCRAC. 	
Next Meeting		Our next meeting will be September 24th from 10 AM to 11:30 AM in person (at Lake Region Hospital) or via teleconference.

