FOCUS AREA WORK GROUP LEADERS

Charge
Focus Area Work Group Leaders coordinate the development of goals, objectives, and implementation strategies for the Focus Areas of the Connecticut State Health Improvement Plan.

Membership
Each Focus Area has two Work Group Leaders, from the member organizations of the Connecticut Health Improvement Planning Coalition.

Focus Area Work Group Leaders:
- Have a broad knowledge of Connecticut population health and commitment to health equity
- Have expertise in their respective Focus Areas
- Are consensus builders, respectful of their group members
- Have clear understanding of needs and methods for improving population health
- Have a proven track record for involvement and participation in collaborative health improvement planning structures
- Have the ability to organize, communicate with, and facilitate work groups
- Can act as catalysts to inspire commitment of and action by Work Group members

Role & Responsibilities
- Lead work groups charged with proposing goals, objectives, and implementation strategies for the Focus Areas of the State Health Improvement Plan, using indicators and findings from the State Health Assessment
- Recruit other content experts and interested persons from within and outside the Coalition to participate in the Work Groups
- Serve as liaisons between the Focus Area Work Groups and DPH, the consultants, and the Coalition’s Advisory Council
- Participate in approximately 3-4 scheduled Work Group Leader meetings or conference calls between February and September, 2013, with Work Group meetings to be scheduled as needed
- Act as ambassadors and educators on the State Health Improvement Plan and subsequent implementation initiatives

Working Principles
- Open communication and transparency in all Work Group activities
- Work collaboratively, by building consensus as a unified entity advocating for the interests of all
- Recommend goals, objectives, and strategies that are feasible from multiple points of view, considering fiscal implications, identifying positive incentives, maximizing the use of available resources, developing capacity, and building on strengths
- Support discourse, learning, and leadership in public health