



Healthy Connecticut 2020 State Health Improvement Plan

Chronic Disease ACTION Team Meeting AGENDA & NOTES		
Date: Tuesday, August 14, 2018		
Time: 9:00am – 11:00am		
Location: Connecticut Hospital Association, 110 Barnes Road, Wallingford CT		
Attendees: Mehul Dalal, Liz Beaudin, Charles Brown, Gina Smith, Mary Boudreau, Sandy Gill, Chantelle Archer		
Agenda Items	Discussion	ACTION Items and person responsible
Welcome & Introductions		
2019 Policy and Advocacy	<p><i>Tobacco</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team will continue to advocate for tobacco control legislation, including raising the age for the purchase of tobacco-based products to 21 and a Comprehensive Clean Indoor Law. • There was discussion on the need for an advocacy committee external to state government that provides education on the issue. A longer term education strategy would allow members to reach a broader audience and identify themselves as subject matter experts. • Keep in mind that all lobbying is advocacy; however, not all advocacy is lobbying. Educating the general public, as well as elected officials, is part of the 10 Essential Public Health Services (<i>Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues.</i>) • Can look at states that have passed similar legislation that involved local communities involved in the effort (e.g. Massachusetts). • For the October meeting members will assemble existing tobacco fact sheets and brainstorm ways to distribute them in a non-lobbying way; need to be strategic about distribution, specifically to the local level. <p><i>Oral Health</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team needs to think about doing some advocacy around community water fluoridation; there need to be more efforts to encourage people to drink more fluoridated water. 	<p>A Doodle Poll was sent out to the team to schedule a one hour call in September to review existing tobacco education materials.</p>

<p>Data Gaps & Needs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Health Systems Action Team thought it would be beneficial for all of the Action Teams to identify where there are gaps in their data. If teams know where the gaps are they will be in a better position to determine how to move their strategies forward. The Mental Health & Substance Action Team already started the process by creating a data worksheet that includes existing measures for the SHIP strategies and objectives along with the corresponding data sources. • There needs to be a systems level approach in determining where the data gaps are and finding new sources of data. It may be a good idea to first present this to the Advisory Council and then possibly open up the conversation to partners. • The coalition must have standardized, sustained data to see whether its efforts are making a difference. 	
<p>Subcommittee Updates</p>	<p><i>Obesity</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The subcommittee has revised the cover letter for the Healthy Food Donation List based on input from local food pantries. The letter will be distributed to individuals who want to donate to a food drive and to organizations that are interested in coordinating a food drive. The list needs to be received by local health departments no later than September in order for the letter and list to be distributed before Thanksgiving. • On August 30, 2018 there will be a workshop at the CT Food Bank in Wallingford from 11:30-1:30 titled “Hunger to Health”. The hope is that this will be an ongoing group. <p><i>Oral Health</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral Health Improvement Plan – In late May of 2018, DPH contracted with the Connecticut Oral Health Initiative, Inc. to facilitate and write a new State Oral Health Improvement Plan to be submitted on August 8, 2018 and a planned released in September. The plan includes 30 advocacy strategies and addresses availability of data. More than 70 people contributed to the plan. • DPH received a CDC grant to do new surveys on older adults and later on children. • On August 29, 2018 there will be a summit for dental hygienists who go into schools. The focus will be on second and third graders • The subcommittee will not be working on the third strategy which pertains to improving access to utilization of dental prevention and treatment. Since there are already several existing policies it is not necessary to do anything with this strategy. <p><i>Asthma</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SIM Prevention Services Initiative has engaged community based organizations that are doing asthma homecare visits. Three communities are participating in this initiative including New Haven, Bridgeport, and Middletown. • Green & Healthy Homes Initiative – The purpose of the initiative is to utilize funds to create and advocate for healthy, safe, and energy efficient housing. Phase one has been completed and they are currently in the middle of phase two. The project is seeking funding from local philanthropies. 	

Action items for the next three months	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will organize a one hour call in September on education, advocacy, and dissemination of materials. 2. The subcommittees will identify data gaps. 3. Instructions on how to distribute the Healthy Food Donation List will be provided 	
Next Meeting Date/Time:	<p><i>GoToWebinar – Wednesday, September 12th, 2018, 12:00p-1:00p</i></p> <p><i>GoToWebinar – Thursday, October 11th, 2018, 9:30am-11:00am</i></p>	