



Healthy Connecticut 2020 State Health Improvement Plan

Chronic Disease ACTION Team Meeting AGENDA & NOTES		
Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2017		
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.		
Location: Connecticut Hospital Association		
Attendees: Liz Beaudin, Pat Checko, Jonathan Lillpopp, Charles Brown, Mary Boudreau, Donna Heins, Sandra Gill, Chantelle Archer		
Agenda Items	Discussion	ACTION Items and person responsible
Launch of Healthy Food Donation Guide		
Any Subgroup Updates Members Would Like to Share	<p><i>Asthma</i> Fourth quarter updates will include progress on Putting On Airs, SIM Prevention Service Centers, and the Green and Healthy Homes Initiative. The Green and Healthy Homes Initiative addresses health, energy, and safety as it relates to housing, specifically multi-housing units. It is currently in its feasibility study phase. The results of the feasibility study will guide the planning phase which will be followed with implementation in pilot communities. The project will be looking at asthma and lead as two main health indicators. On October 31st the Connecticut Hospital Association will be hosting the Connecticut Asthma Initiative; the event will include a presentation by DPH and CT Green Bank.</p> <p><i>Oral Health</i> The <i>Every Smile Counts</i> study has been completed and the report will be available on the DPH website soon. There were some challenges with the study including: 1) some schools declined to be involved resulting in less schools participating in the study than anticipated (42 out of 55 schools participated). Also, responses from schools in higher income communities appear to have skewed some results. <i>Results:</i> There was a change in the number of children with decay experience; this number also shifted by population when looking at race and ethnicity. There was also a significant increase in the number of children</p>	<p>Mary will send the <i>Every Smile Counts</i> report to the team.</p>

	<p>with treated decay five years ago compared to ten years ago. Concerns were also raised about most recent cuts to Medicaid funding as it relates to oral health.</p> <p><i>Obesity</i> The town of Meriden will be starting a food policy council next year. They will be looking at utilizing the healthy food donation list in the community.</p> <p><i>Tobacco</i> None of the proposed tobacco bills included on the 2017 SHIP Policy Agenda moved forward. Regarding the bill that would raise the age for the purchase of tobacco-based products from 18 years to 21 years, the bill made it through the committee, however, it was not voted on.</p>	
<p>Preliminary Discussion of 2018 Action Agenda</p>	<p>The deadline for completing the 2018 Action Agenda is January 1, 2018. The strategies now include evidence-based sources.</p> <p><i>Asthma</i> The 2018 Asthma strategy should continue to focus on expanding the use of Asthma Action plans in communities, schools, and health care settings. There was discussion on promoting asthma referrals and the controversy over how to distribute Asthma Action Plans. Some suggestions for distributing the plans included working with community health centers, and possibly doing presentations at the CT American Academy of Pediatrics. In regards to referrals, it was suggested that we use school nurses.</p> <p><i>Oral Health</i> The team was informed that the Community Water Fluoridation Statute has changed and it was suggested that we create a public awareness campaign to encourage Connecticut residents to drink the tap water. Concerns were also raised about most recent cuts to Medicaid funding as it relates to oral health.</p> <p><i>Tobacco</i> Subcommittee members requested that the SYNAR check indicator be added back into the 2018 Action Agenda. The measure for this indicator would be the percentage of tobacco retailers found in violation of law which prohibits them from selling tobacco products to minors.</p>	<p>DPH will send an updated 2018 Action Agenda which includes the missing information from the oral health strategy section</p> <p>Pat will send some language as to what tobacco Action Items have been accomplished for the year.</p>

<p>Summary Comments/Next Steps</p>	<p><u>Meetings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chronic Disease Action Team Call, November – TBD • Advisory Council Meeting, Thursday, November 30, 2017 <p><u>Events</u></p> <p><i>Improving Health Equity: Addressing Social Determinants of Health Symposium</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When: Thursday, November 2, 2017 • Where: Connecticut Hospital Association • Time: 9:00 am – 2:30 pm (Registration is from 8:30 am – 9:00 am) 	
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