



Healthy Connecticut 2020 State Health Improvement Plan

Chronic Disease ACTION Team Meeting AGENDA & NOTES

Date: 05-07-2019
Time: 10:00am – 11:00am
Location: GoToMeeting

| Agenda Items | Discussion |
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| Welcome & Introductions <i>Liz & Mehul</i> | <i>Liz Beaudin, Mehul Dalal, Charles Brown, Donna Heins, Lynn Faria, Pat Checko, Pareesa Charmchi-Goodwin, Chantelle Archer, Sandy Gill</i> |
| Sub-Committee Updates <i>Sub-Committee Chairs</i> | <p><i>Tobacco</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACTION: MATCH and tobacco use prevention advocates are still asking constituents to contact their elected officials • American Heart Association and American Lung Association hosted a lobby day with their advocacy networks • Group noted concerns about proposed marijuana legalization legislation and implications on public health. Should look at impact on clean indoor air legislation; dangers of access by children in home; review of health impact research. Bill may be a revenue driver but at what cost. <p>Proposed Bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed HB 7200 would prohibit the sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products to persons under age 21. It has received 44 co-sponsors. • Proposed HB 5975 would prohibit the online sale and delivery of electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products to minors. • Proposed HB 5139 would allow for expansion, change in location and establishment of tobacco. Tobacco use prevention advocates are OPPOSED to this bill • Proposed HB 5152 would require a study of marijuana-impaired driving and methods of detecting if a person’s driving is impaired by marijuana usage. It was noted that the state of California has developed a health equity and cannabis brochure |

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| | <p><i>Asthma</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A five year CDC grant is coming to a close; currently working on the next five-year grant. The grant continues to emphasis education; however the new grant does not call out use of asthma action plans as a separate goal (may want to revisit in the future). More focus has been on delivery of services. • Green and Healthy Homes Initiative: Currently working on a pilot design and recruiting partners. • ACTION: May 20th is the CT Asthma Conference which will focus on housing quality strategies to reduce asthma triggers. Megan Sandel MD, MPH. Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Boston University School of Medicine, will be presenting. <p><i>Oral Health</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COHI has been working with Ruth Canovi from ALA to coordinate advocacy for T21 and sugary drink tax (which was cut from the budget last week) • No cuts currently to dental Medicaid funding • Still working on integrating dental services into SBHC • DPH Office of Oral Health will be prioritizing dental sealants • ACTION – looking for ways to integrate care and increase dental sealant rates in children. <p>Proposed Bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed HB 5627 would extend the period a child may retain insurance coverage under a parent’s health insurance policy. There are 20 co-sponsors and bipartisan support. • Proposed HB 7122 would allow a mobile dental clinic to submit claims for Medicaid reimbursement for services not more than fifty miles from the fixed dental location associated with the clinic. • Proposed HB 7303 would allow dentists to test patients for diabetes. <p><i>Healthy Lifestyles (Obesity)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new federal guidelines focus on physical activity. There are also new childhood obesity guidelines. • The group is continuing to promote the healthy food donation list. • The team would like to collaborate with the other Action Teams and increase communication channels to disseminate information. Proposed having a larger meeting of all the SHIP Action Teams. This idea could be introduced at the SHIP Coalition Summit on June 28th and following the meeting something can be coordinated. |
| <p>Action items for the next three months</p> | <p><i>What will happen in the next three months? (Define at least 2-3 specific actions that will be completed by the next action team meeting.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tobacco:</i> The team will track the proposed tobacco bills • <i>Asthma:</i> On May 20th CHA and DPH are presenting a program on improving asthma health outcomes through attention to housing quality (“Housing Quality: A Strategy to Reduce Asthma Disparities”) • <i>Oral Health:</i> The team will monitor the budget and advocate for the importance of Medicaid. |
| <p>Next Steps</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Next Meeting: August 6, 2019 @ 9:30am – 11:00am CHA in Wallingford</i> |