



DRAFT Healthy Connecticut 2020

State Health Improvement Plan

Chronic Disease ACTION Team Meeting AGENDA & NOTES		
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2017		
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.		
Location: CT Hospital Association – Wallingford, CT		
Attendees (Please list all who participated): Mehul Dalal, Liz Beaudin, Charlie Brown, Pat Check, Lynn Faria, Lucinda Hogarty, Mary Boudreau, Sandy Gill, Chantelle Archer, Delores Williams (Phone), Donna Heins (Phone), Laura Knapp (Phone)		
Agenda Items	Discussion	ACTION Items and person responsible
Welcome and Introductions		
Finalizing the 2017 Action Team Agenda – Adding Specificity	<p><u>Asthma</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This group is currently in need of a new sub-committee lead. This work may be temporarily on hold until a lead can be identified. • Lynn suggested a cross walk between SHIP and CHA’s Asthma workgroup – maybe there is a way to align the work. <p><u>Oral Health</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools and health districts have received money to do dental sealants. • <u>Every Smile Counts Surveys</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This is a DPH initiative where dentists visit schools and conduct open mouth surveys on students to detect history of decay, dental sealants, and determine their urgency of care. After the screening, every child receives a letter for their parents stating one of three things: 1) continue with regular checkups, 2) visit the dentist in the next couple weeks, 3) the child should see a dentist in the next 24-48 hours. If the child does not have a dentist, 	<p>Mary Boudreau will have an update on Actions and Timeframes for <i>Every Smile Counts</i> as a strategy for the 2017</p>

	<p>the parent should call (866) 420-2924, which is the CT Dental Health Partnership who will refer them to a dentist who treats Medicaid patients, or to a Community Health Center that provides dental services. Students are sent home with a letter indicating findings and are referred to the CT Health Dental Partnership. By June the goal is to visit 52 schools and reach 7,000 students from kindergarten and 3rd grade. Fourteen schools have been scheduled so far. As part of the assessment BMI's are being collected on participating students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sandy suggested that this be added as a strategy to the Action Agenda. <p><u>Tobacco</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pat Checko provided an update on the advocacy work that the MATCH Coalition partners have been working on <p><u>House Bill 5384:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill would raise the legal age for purchase and use of tobacco products. There was a public hearing vote on March 6th. ● Drafted language is available on the CGA website (www.cga.ct.gov) <p><u>House Bill 7089:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Addresses <i>Clean Indoor Air Laws</i>; there will be a public hearing on March 20th. <p><u>Senate Bill 448:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill would raise the age for the purchase of all tobacco products to twenty-one. The bill was referred to the Joint Committee on Public Health on January 19th. <p><u>Senate Bill 156:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill concerns funds from the Tobacco and Health Trust Fund ● The bill was referred to Joint Committee on Appropriations on January 18th. <p><u>House Bill 6368:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill would promote tax parity between all tobacco products by establishing a uniform method of taxation. ● The bill was referred to Joint Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding on January 23rd. <p><u>Upcoming Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Kick Butts Day</i>, March 15th ● <i>CT Cancer Partnership Legislative Day</i>, April 5th ● <i>American Heart Association Lobby Day March</i> 8th 	<p>Action Agenda by the April 13th meeting.</p>
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<p>Discussion of Approach to Address Obesity Goals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The subcommittee has looked at the availability of food at food pantries. • Members have reached out to the local United Way and the CT Foodbank; they have also connected with AHA's <i>Voices for Healthy Kids</i>. • <i>Healthy Food Donation Guidelines</i>, which have been developed by the University of Saint Joseph SNAP-Ed program, were shared with the action team. These guidelines are available in both English and Spanish. • The group started working with school wellness counsels along with local health departments and districts, and Food Share. • They are also looking to partner with the YMCA to provide education on the HEPA Guidelines (<i>Healthy Eating and Physical Activity</i>). • Eugene Nichols provided an update on work being done to improve physical activity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The <i>Prevention Health and Health Services Block Grant</i> provides resources to health departments and they choose their area of focus (i.e. physical activity, nutrition). ○ The CDC SHAPE Grant provides funding for physical activity programs, including <i>Bike Walk Connecticut</i>. <p><u>Framework for a Layered Approach to Obesity</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This suggested framework for the action team's layered approach to addressing obesity which would expand on the work of the subcommittee. • A GoToWebinar meeting will be scheduled before the April 13th meeting to discuss implementation of the layered approach to addressing the obesity issue. 	<p>Lynn will forward <i>Healthy Food Donation</i> guidelines to members.</p> <p>Chantelle will send out a Doodle Poll to schedule a GoToWebinar meeting for more discussion on how to implement the obesity prevention framework.</p>
<p>Key Dates/Meetings</p>	<p><u>Chronic Disease Action Team</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, April 13, 2017, 9:00am –11:00am, CHA • Thursday, July 13, 2017 9:00am – 11:00am, CHA • October – TBD 	