

State Healthy Improvement Plan meeting Air Quality

*American Lung Association 45 Ash St, East Hartford
4/12/2018 10:30-11:30*

<i>In person attendance:</i>	<i>Phone:</i>
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Introductions

- Went around the room and introduced ourselves

Air Now Program

- Presented by Shannon Carter/Andrea Boissevain
- Awareness program – change flag with ozone and particulate levels
- Social media and fact sheets
- Asthma/Putting on Airs program
- Survey (10 people) didn't know: ozone pollution, lower in am/pm, heart attack and early death, internet/TV/weather app to get ozone info, widget on SHD to get ozone and particulate for the day, pulling together a tool kit so it can be rolled out to others to use.
- Flags for the Health Department...trying to get businesses involved, Town Hall, fire station (schools have not been included just yet)
- EPA Healthy Communities Grant – enhancing the Air Now flag program and really roll it out.
- CT Green Leaf program (130 schools in CT) – has a flag program to roll out to schools/teachers; 12 school workshops; 2nd year targeted urban areas; to get the flags they must have a teacher workshop & incorporate it into their science standards.
- Don't know how many schools got the flags on their own.
- Cost of flag is \$90; contract out to have someone make the flag
- Paula – high school science clubs may be interested
- Paul Newman's organization for flags or other non-profits
- Reach out to scouting camps (Sue Quincy)

4/28 – 5/5 Climate Health & Energy Week

- Ideas for schools

SHIP Plan

- Ruth doesn't think that she has the most up to date copy!
- Inform people of poor air quality days:
 - What do people know and are they changing their behaviors.
 - Building a coalition of stakeholders.
 - Inventory of activities.
 - Gathering data on people perspective
 - CT **BRFSS** – 1) Are you aware of air quality in your area, 2) do you change your behavior
 - Working with different populations to get the word out
- Are there more areas for collaborations?
- Paula – is there any focus on individual's behaviors or institutional behaviors (businesses); what they can do to help, your actions count – lots of things out there to work with, won't need to recreate the wheel
- BRFSS – Asthma is a standard template question...per Carolyn there is a question about a call back question (Y/N) if you answer yes to having asthma
- Brian – inventory the activities can they email it to the group
- Paula – add workshop on air modeling at Avery Point?
 - Brian – that might be overwhelming
- Paula – Air and Waste Management; on the board, can get Ruth information about the meeting. Courtesy involvement.
- Andrea – lead convener call next week; State Health Department is supposed to list the action agendas and our updates – don't see the progress reports, need to let DPH know

2018 Legislative Updates

Senate Bill 7 – Gov's Climate Bill

- Governor's Council on Climate Change so this bill will create the CT Council on Climate Change
- Goal: 45% reduction in greenhouse gases by 2030
- DEEP – comprehensive energy strategy published every 3 years...this will make it energy and air

Senate bill 9 – Gov's Energy Bill

Needs some work

Other Bills:

- Flame retardants and children (CCHD sent in testimony)

- Ban on Pesticide Misting (20 feet away from property line)
- Fracking waste (CCHD sent in testimony)
- Tobacco raising age to 21
- Artificial turf (dead)

VW Settlement Funds

- CT received \$55 million to help offset – suggestions on how to spend the money

Other

School resource team

- Things have changed significantly since the inception of the resource team
- Putting the survey together – what should they ask, how should they proceed?
- Brian – wait ; Kenny Foscue is retiring and there will not be a person to receive the data

Indoor Air Quality

- Indoor air quality is not mentioned in the SHIP
 - Ambient air outreach

Annual State of the Air Report (NE ALA)

- Ozone and Particulate
- Look at 3 years of data (2014-2016) to get trends

Air quality standards changing

- Brian contacts DEEP (Bob Girard) so indicator on the dashboard looks really bad because of that change
- Choose indicators that shows the work we are doing

Dashboard indicator

- Revise
- Add BRFSS

Next Steps

Next meetings:

- Location: ALA is a good location
- Timing – End of June, Ruth will send out the date