



State of Connecticut Office of Health Reform & Innovation

Presentation to the
SustiNet Health Care Cabinet

September 12, 2011

Creativity is thinking up new things.
Innovation is doing new things.

(Theodore Levitt)

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2. Why Health Reform

3. Connecticut's Priorities

Background

- Appointment of Jeannette DeJesús as Special Advisor to the Governor on Health Reform
- Establishment of the Office of Health Reform & Innovation within Lt. Governor Wyman's office

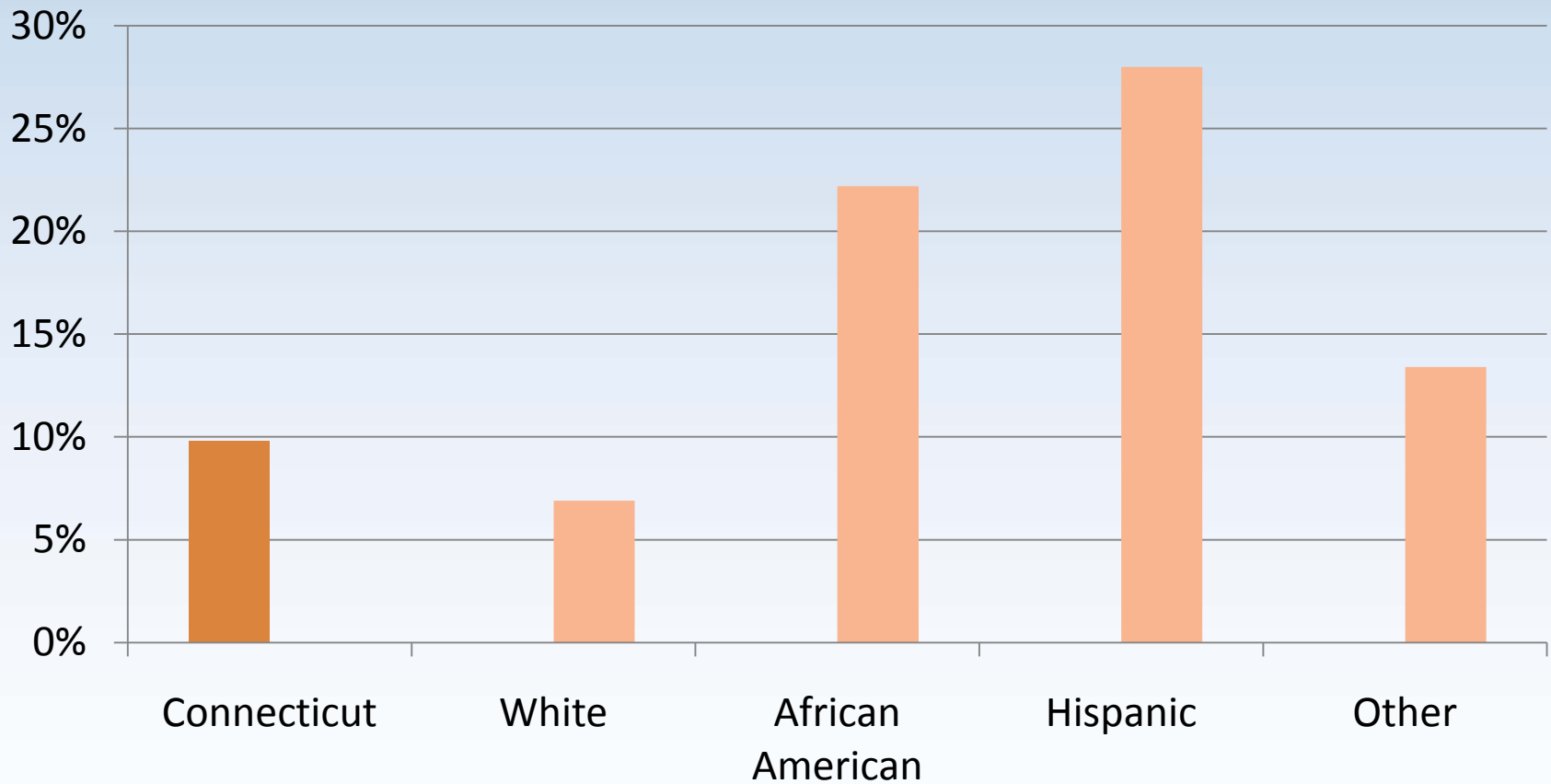
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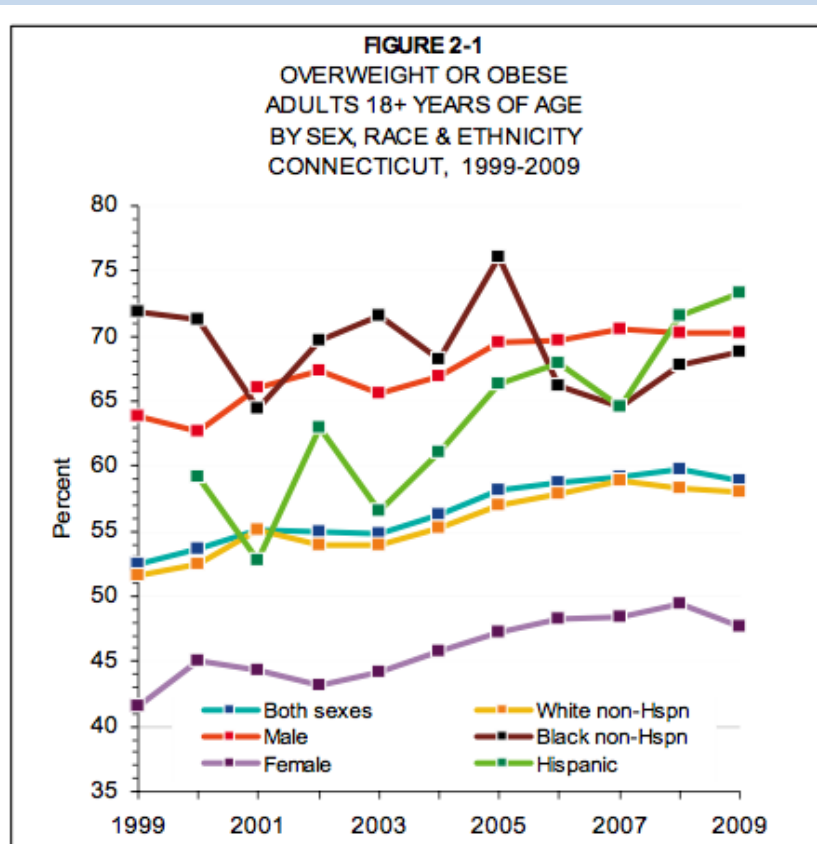
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Uninsured 18+ Years of Age Statewide: BRFSS, 2010; All Ages for CT Towns, US Census Bureau, 2009

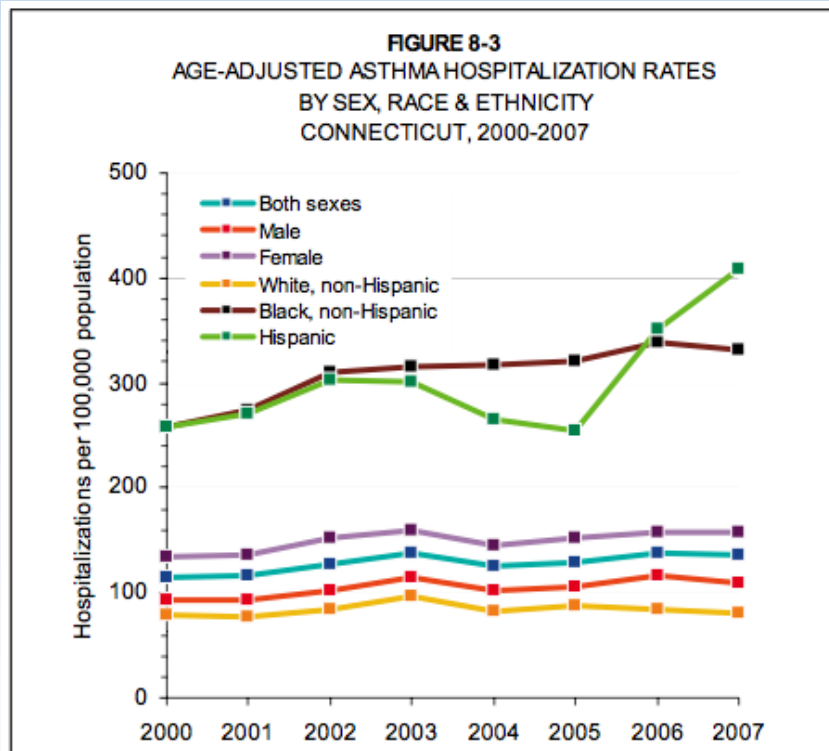
Selected Health Indicators



Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

- Overweight and obesity increase the risk for many chronic diseases
- In 2008 in CT, an estimated \$735 million in direct medical costs attributed to obesity

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Source: Connecticut Hospital Discharge and Billing Data Base
Note: Hospitalization rates age-adjusted to 2000 U.S. standard population.

- Asthma prevalence is greater in Connecticut than in the U.S. as a whole
- Asthma can be effectively managed in the primary care office setting, reducing complications and hospitalizations

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Role of the Office

- Meaningful and proactive statewide approach to federal health reform
 - Establishing partnerships
 - Facilitating action plans
 - Providing expertise
 - Respecting the sovereignty of agencies/partners

Health Reform Priorities



Priority: Promoting Health

- Improving health outcomes
- Eliminating health disparities
- Prioritizing prevention
- Managing chronic illnesses
- Coordinating care
- Engaging people in their own health

Priority: Improving Access

- Improving health insurance affordability
- Health care – the right services at the right time
- Developing a strong provider workforce
- Assuring health benefits meet consumers' needs
- Improving the patient experience
- Fostering competition

Priority: Reducing Costs

- Understanding healthcare cost drivers
- Improvements in health and access
- Rewarding quality care

Partnerships

- Health Care Cabinet
 - Development of an integrated health care system for Connecticut
- Statewide Multi-payer Data Initiative
- Consumer Advisory Board

(Public Act 11-58)

Health Equity Proposal

- NASHP Learning Collaborative
- Health equity and health reform
 - Training and education
 - Outreach and enrollment
 - Person-centered care
- Notification expected early September

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