



Utah Asthma Task Force
 Call Notes
 February 5, 2018

Next Meeting: Tuesday June 5, 2018 7:30-9:00 a.m.

Introductions, Updates and Call to Action

- Attendance (please contact mbroekemeier@utah.gov to join the roster)

Tiffany Brinton	Asthma Program Salt Lake County (SLCo) Health Department
Brittany Guerra	Asthma Program at the UDOH
Megan Broekemeier	Utah Environmental Public Health Tracking Network at the UDOH
Kendra Babitz	Cancer Program at the UDOH
Lauren Madaffari	Utah Environmental Public Health Tracking Network at the UDOH
Holly Uphold	Asthma Program at the UDOH
Charlotte Vincent	Division of Aging and Adult Services at the UDOH
Andrea Jensen	Asthma Program at Utah County Health Department
Nichole Shepard	Asthma Program at the UDOH
Danae Avery	AstraZeneca
Stephanie George	Asthma Program at the UDOH
Christal Dent	Tobacco Program at the UDOH
Lorill Solomon	School Nurse in Davis County
Janae Duncan	Bureau of Health Promotion Director at the UDOH
Darrin Sluga	SLCo Health Department
Kelly Baxter	Asthma Program at the UDOH
Christine Frandsen	BYU MPH Student
Heather Chatwin	School Nurse in Provo School District
Wendy Wright	UCHD Asthma Program
Deanna England	Tobacco Program at SLCo
Greg Libecchi	Energy & Resource Manager Salt Lake City School District
Gail	Select Health (Pediatric Asthma Care Manager)
Lourdes Rangel	AUCH

UDOH Policy Database and Policy Updates Corner

Health Policy Tracking System: Kendra Babitz, Health Policy Specialist in the Cancer Control Program (CCP) at the Utah Department of Health (UDOH)

- CCP is developing a web-based policy database for tracking health policies at multiple levels (e.g., state and local).
- The project started approximately 3.5 years ago and is still in beta mode. CCP plans to start rolling it out to external partners soon. Feedback for improvement is welcome!
- Currently, there are 958 policies in the database; Kendra provided a demonstration of the user interface and features in the system including the dashboard, reporting, charting and mapping features.
- CCP relies on partners to submit relevant policies to build a robust surveillance system.



- Users must register to access the system; visit: <https://utahhpts.org/> to create an account.
- Users can submit relevant policies and the CCP will verify and approve the policy before adding to the database.
- Please contact Kendra Babitz (kbabitz@utah.gov) for more information.

Education and Awareness: School Nurse and Health Clerks in Provo School District

Health Clerk Program: Heather Chatwin, School Nurse, Provo School District

- School Nurses play a vital role in students' education and to ensure the health and safety of all students.
- The National Association of School Nurses Recommends 1 school nurse to 750 students in the healthy student population.
- In 2013, Provo City School District ratio was 1 school nurse to 9,704 students.
- Provo City School District recognized the need for improved school health and implemented a Health Clerk Program starting in 2015.
- Currently there are 13 Health Clerks working in elementary, middle and high schools.
- The Utah Nurse Practice Act allows the RN to delegate medical task and medication administration to health clerks.
 - Health Clerks must be CPR and first aid trained
 - CNA or better
 - 6-hour training prior to school starting
 - 8-hour training during school
 - Trained on several additional topics (e.g., asthma, air quality, diabetes, documentation and head lice)
- Program Successes:
 - RN and Health Clerks work together to address students' needs
 - Every student visit is documented
 - Safer delegation of medical tasks
 - Vision screening for all new/transfer students
 - District-wide standardization of medication administration.
 - Parents notified of student's illness or injury
 - Current nurse to student ratio is 1 nurse to 4116 students

Asthma in Refugee Project and Next Steps

Hidden Need: Asthma Symptoms in Refugees in the Salt Lake City Area, Christine Frandsen, MPH Student at BYU

- Christine, et. al conducted a study to determine if the asthma rates among refugees resettled in Utah are higher than what is indicated in their domestic health screening.
 - The initial screening showed that 1.5% had an asthma diagnosis.
 - This number seemed low compared to asthma rates in the United States and refugees' country of origin.
- 78 people participated in the study (respondents had to be 18 years or older).
- A video questionnaire was administered at 2 refugee health fairs and a Utah Food Bank Drop-off
- Key results:
 - Asthma incidence rate: 8.9%
 - Self-reported asthma diagnosis prevalence: 12.8%



- 41% had never heard of asthma
- Conclusions:
 - There is reason to believe the rate of asthma is higher than initially reported.
 - Asthmatic refugees may be a population in need that can benefit from further research guiding appropriate interventions.
- Potential Project Ideas:
 - Discuss how study findings apply to the refugee screening process with the health screening coordination group in Utah.
 - Explore option of asthma awareness education to all resettled refugees as part of the education that agencies currently provide through the UDOH health promotion grant.
 - Explore options with the UDOH refugee Program to promote asthma training for staff of resettlement agencies.
 - Connect UDOH Refugee Program with the Utah Asthma Program clinical quality improvement team.
 - Compare overseas screening asthma diagnosis numbers to domestic screening numbers.

Project Break-Out

- Asthma and Refugees (Brittany Guerra, Christine Frandsen, Darrin Sluga, and Deanna England)
 - Shared that Christine Frandsen's research has been presented to the UDOH Refugee Program and next steps are currently with that program.
 - There are opportunities to collaborate with the Salt Lake County Health Department's efforts around refugees and tobacco education.
 - The Salt Lake County Health Department Tobacco Program provides a mini-grant to educate refugees on e-cigarette use and tobacco rates in Utah to the Samale Bantu refugees through St. Mark's Hospital. They provide education twice a year in presentations.
 - Darrin Sluga mentioned that Salt Lake County Health Department has created clean and healthy home education for refugees. He pointed out that refugees come from a variety of cultural and educational backgrounds, and some refugees are highly educated, which changes the type of presentations you would prepare for them.
 - Christine Frandsen worked on a grant to get funding to work more with the refugee population in Utah. We discussed collaborating with the Salt Lake County Health Department Tobacco and Asthma Programs, St. Mark's Hospital, Utah Asthma Program, and potentially community health workers hired from the refugee population to provide education around tobacco, clean and healthy living environments, and asthma, as well as other chronic conditions.
 - If you are interested in getting involved with this project, contact Brittany Guerra (bguerra@utah.gov) and Christine Frandsen (frandsens@gmail.com).
- School Nurses (Tiffany Brinton, Heather Chatwin, Holly Uphold, and Wendy Wright)
 - Provo School District used at work and 504 funding to initially start health clerk program.
 - Big key to success was having a nurse advocate for the program. Some nurses are against health clerks but having a nurse advocate helped.
 - Holly and Heather talked about data collection and how outcomes were being measured. Holly recommended a few measures.



- The group talked about how this could be applied state wide and steps to take to get there.
- If you are interested in getting involved with this project, contact Tiffany Brinton (tbrinton@slco.org).

- 6|18 Initiative (Stephanie George, Nichole Shepard, Kellie Baxter, Gail, and Charlotte Vincent)
 - Reviewed the Utah Asthma Program plans for seeking reimbursement via the CDC's 6|18 initiative
 - Discussed need for letters of support, UAP will reach out to partners with drafts
 - Briefly mentioned that the home visit program is showing positive outcomes and that data will be used for an ROI analysis and will be compared to Medicaid claims data
 - UAP will be presenting to the MCAC in June 2018
 - If you are interested in getting involved with this project, contact Nichole Shepard (nshepard@utah.gov).

- Air Quality (Andrea Jensen, Christal Dent, Greg Libecchi and Megan Broekemeier)
 - Breakout provided an opportunity to bring any air quality project to the group or answer questions about existing project.
 - Greg Libecchi is interested in implementing energy efficient programs in the SLCo school district that ultimately improve our CO2 footprint and clean the air.
 - The group provided an explanation of the EPA flagship program and how it related to recess guidance.
 - Andrea Jensen explained how Utah County schools were carrying out the flagship program and offered advice for implementing the program in SLCo.
 - If you are interested in getting involved with this project, contact Megan Broekemeier (mbroekemeier@utah.gov).

Wrap-up and Reconvene

- The ATF will be voting on advisory board membership in June.
- The University of Utah will be giving a presentation on air quality at the next ATF meeting.
- If you are interested in specific presentations/speakers please reach out to Tiffany Brinton (tbrinton@slco.org) or Nichole Shepard (nshepard@utah.gov) and let them know.

Call to Action- What can you take away from the meeting today to incorporate into your program?

Events

[Asthma Webinar Series](#) Upcoming Events:

- March 14, 2018: 12-1 pm
- May 24, 2018: 12-1 pm
- June 6, 2018: 12-1 pm

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