

Asthma Task Force Meeting  
October 4, 2016  
7:30am - 9:00am



### **Welcome and Introductions - Andrea Jensen**

- Tiffany Brinton from Salt Lake County Health Department provided an update on the Home Visiting Program in Salt Lake County.
- Dr. Gene Cole from BYU provided an update on current research projects on recommendations for cell phone cleaning and women's reproductive health.
- Jesse Joseph from the UDOH Tobacco Control Program provided an update on the program's recent group meeting that they are currently conducting an evaluation on. Also informed the group that the Tobacco Program will be doing local health department site visits in the next month.
- Megan Broekemeier from the Environmental Epidemiology Program is working on a biomonitoring project.
- Nikki Campbell from the Environmental Epidemiology Program asked Task Force members for their input on any indicators around air quality and asthma that they would like the Environmental Tracking Network to report on their website.
- Lorill Solomon from Davis School District is currently working on updating air quality education for school staff.
- Charlotte Vincent updated the Task Force on her projects with the Aging services.
- Danae Avery from AstraZeneca is working on promoting the Asthma Action Plan and Inhaler Law Form to providers across Utah.

### **System Scan Evaluation Report– Lori Sugiyama Mau**

Lori Sugiyama Mau completed a system scan project on contract for the Utah Asthma Program. She shared her results from the system scan. Please see powerpoint presentation for complete results.

#### Scope of Scan:

- Utah and Salt Lake Counties
- Elementary and secondary school principals
- School nurses

#### Results:

- Asthma is ranked as more important in elementary schools than in secondary schools.
- Elementary school principals are more likely to participate in a program to identify students with asthma for referral to education than school nurses.
- More principals reported participating on school health committees or councils than school nurses. Principals also reported health programs in schools at a higher importance level than school nurses reported them.

#### Elementary School Principal Survey Results:

- About half reported being confident that their staff are adequately trained on asthma.

- Salt Lake County school principals reported addressing health in schools as being a higher priority than Utah County schools.
- School principals are somewhat open to allowing American Lung Association (ALA) to administer Open Airways in schools.

#### Secondary School Principal Survey Results:

- Less confident than elementary school principals that school staff have been adequately trained on asthma.
- Salt Lake County principals were more willing to identify students with asthma for referral to education than Utah County principals.

#### Communication:

- Email is preferred method for communication, although more likely to get ahold of principals through phone calls.
- June is a good month to get ahold of principals.
- School nurses would like to be first point of contact for schools.

#### Qualitative Data Results

Lori conducted 16 interviews to determine school system mindset, power, resources, regulations, components, and connections.

#### Task Force Call to Action

- Where can you influence the system?
- How can your projects connect with Open Airways?
- How can you improve mindset around asthma in the schools?

#### **Task Force Update – Nichole Shepard**

The Asthma Task Force members were emailed a survey with questions on past successes, future projects, and organization considerations. See handout for full results. The results of the survey were discussed during this meeting and the following decisions were made.

- Provide a list of active Asthma Task Force members and contact information through listserv once a year to assist with collaboration.
- Include calls to action in each Task Force meeting related to presentations and follow up on calls to action in the next meeting.
- The Asthma Task Force will not create formal bylaws, but a subcommittee will define expectations for membership and leadership positions.
- The following roles were established:
  - Chair – Andrea Jensen
  - Co-Chair – Nichole Shepard
  - Project Workgroup Chairs – TBD by projects chosen
  - Policy Legislative Specialist – Bettysue Hinkson
  - Note-Taker – Megan Broekemeier
  - Secretary – Brittany Guerra
- To increase participation for those who cannot attend in person, the Asthma Task Force will look into WebEx and other electronic meeting formats for future meetings.

- Successes for each year will be emailed out in October. The successes for the past year were discussed.
- Projects for the next year will include updating the state plan and other projects listed and discussed by the Task Force members. The proposed projects will be put into a google document and the members will be asked to join the groups and projects that interest them for this next year. Depending on the sign-up, the Task Force will move forward with projects.
- Discussed recruiting Task Force members from other areas and specialties to add to the Task Force meeting discussions and presentations.

### **Call to Action and Next Steps:**

Consider questions from school system scan presentation:

- Where can you influence the system?
- How can your projects connect with Open Airways?
- How can you improve mindset around asthma in the schools?

### **Announcements**

Utah Asthma Task Force Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Room 125