

Maine Asthma Council Homes Workgroup

Date: Monday, January 25, 2010, 10-11:30am

Attendees: Ted Hensley, Eric Fromberg, Desi-Rae Severson, Dwight Littlefield, Amy Olfene, Carol Coles, Carry Buterbaugh, Ruth Lawson-Stopps, Pam Correll, Helen Roy, Donna Levi

Agenda Items:

- Review of materials from Rhode Island Department of Health and National Center for Healthy Homes
 - Please review 15 minute video from the Rhode Island Healthy Homes initiative by visiting www.health.ri.gov/healthyhousing/index.php
- Examine the 7 principles and determine Maine focus/priorities for each
 - What is our message/mission?
 - Do we want to utilize the 7 principles of Healthy Housing, or do we need a more asthma targeted healthy homes message?
 - Donna Levi suggested that it may be appropriate to look at the realm of healthy housing as it pertains to asthma.
 - Eric, Ruth and Carol spoke to the importance of utilizing collaboration (“work outside of silos”) and ensuring groups work in an efficient and economically sound way.
 - Donna and the group agreed with the economic reasoning, but stressed that the group must remain the voice of asthma in this collaboration and ensure that that focus is not lost in the shuffle.
 - Amy recommended that staff draft a mission statement that incorporates the seven principles of healthy housing while ensure
 - Ruth recommended that we review the principles and next meeting we will determine our direction.
- Consider experts/contact partnerships to assist us with each of the 7 principles of healthy housing
 - Dwight recommended that DEP (participating) and MaineHousing (not present) should be at the table to help represent each of their interest areas and “promote coordination not duplication.”
 - Carol suggested that the MAC workgroup could utilize SFH’s relationship with MaineHousing; Amy recommended the group decided who kind of representative we want from the agency, as they cover a wide range of topic areas and SFH’s contacts. would not be appropriate for this group.
- Healthy Housing Trainings
 - Amy reviewed the results of last week’s subcommittee meeting on the upcoming healthy housing trainings.

- Training will be held in Auburn, Waterville, PI and Machias in the early spring of 2011.
 - Trainings will be built upon a module format, thus allowing the training to meet the needs of the audience, both geographically and professionally.
 - There is a wide variety of priorities, depending on location, for the Maine population; modules will allow the trainings to meet the individual needs of each at risk area.
 - Donna recommended that the group find out what professionals would require for receiving continuing ed. or other credits to create an incentive for full cooperation in the day-long program.
 - Eric recommended that the modules be organized as part of a catalog that will allow individual audiences to pull from the training the pieces most applicable to their professional needs, and thus speakers and presentations can be utilized outside the comprehensive training program.
 - Amy has been in contact with Ellen Tohn, a Healthy Homes expert out of Rhode Island and a long-time contractor of the National Center of Healthy Housing. She has presented interest in working with the group on developing a plenary or keynote address that speaks to the comprehensive nature of healthy housing in Maine.
- Carry Buterbaugh reviews Home Workgroup logic model, a requirement of the CDC
 - The content of the work plan are organized with a long-term end goal, through the utilization of outputs and outcomes over a period of 5 years.
 - Carry needs the assistance of the group in identifying those non-tangible activities and outcomes of the workgroup to ensure those are captured as part of the overall logic model of the group.
 - Carry will be sending out an electronic version of the logic model for group review and feedback.
- April 2010 Homes Show
 - April 9th-11th at the Civic Center
 - What should the display board contain?
 - Looking at areas of Healthy Homes that we want included.
 - Programs provide information of each of their target areas.
 - Donna recommended we include websites people can go to for more information.
 - Eric recommended that, since these will be people remodeling or buying a home that we should disseminate items that allow people to take action (such as lead dust wipe test kits, etc.)
 - Ruth reminded Eric he had offered to look into space, register the group and pay for vendor fees.
 - Amy and Desi-Rae offered to work on an outline for the poster for the home show display; Eric will send them the dimensions of the display.

- **Ruth has asked people to come to the February meeting on what the key talking points are for each of the programs for use at the home show (please try and stick to 1-2 pages max).**
 - We will be asking people to man tables, in 2 hour blocks at a time.
 - At the March meeting we will be going over the materials that will be disseminated at the table.
 - Donna recommended we offer people something those than just brochures.
 - Amy offered to ask the Breathe Easy Coalition board about funding cleaning baskets for raffling off at the home show, thus drawing more attention to the table. Group agreed this is a good idea.
- **Homework**
 - **Consider how we should be approaching Healthy Homes issues during the 2010-11 year. We will need to put work plan notes together at our next workgroup meeting.**
- ARC Application for Healthy Homes Strategic Planning
 - Concern that we are already doing what this application if for, and that ARC would take credit for products that come out of this collaboration.
 - Overall group attitude is that we are beyond the needs that this offer for assistance.
 - The group will not be applying for this funding.
- Public Health Nursing and Electronic Records
 - PHN looking closely at environmental health
 - Been working with areas of environmental, healthy homes issues.
 - “Nursing Care Plan” incorporates Healthy Homes principles
 - Electronic health records include healthy homes items, as well as asthma items
- Moving Forward
 - Before next meeting:
 - Eric Report times for Homes Show
 - Amy and Desi-Rae will have draft ideas about appearance of display board
 - **Next Meeting (February 22nd 10am-12pm):**
 - Mission statement
 - Look at who should be invited to the table
 - Logic model
 - Work plan/State plan
 - Talking points sheets for each of our programs