

**MAINE ASTHMA COUNCIL
Homes Workgroup**

**Meeting Notes
March 23, 2009**

Present: Amy Olfene, Smoke Free Housing Coalition; Kathy Murray, Integrated Pest Management, Department of Agriculture; Carol Coles, Partnership for Tobacco Free Maine, Maine CDC; Desi-Rae Severson, Maine Asthma Program, Maine CDC; Jessica Loney, MidCoast Medical Center & NAACP; Eric Frohberg, Lead Program, Occupational and Environmental Health, Maine CDC; Ruth Lawson-Stoppa, Maine Asthma Program, Maine CDC.

An initial discussion focused on the direction of the MAC Homes Workgroup. It was recognized that the workgroup is an asthma workgroup and will therefore be discussing homes from a primary asthma perspective. It was also recognized that to be effective the group will carryout its activities with a Healthy Homes approach and that eventually the workgroup will likely morph into a Healthy Homes Workgroup.

The majority of the meeting was spent taking the priorities identified at the last meeting and structuring them into a grid to determine what work we intend to do between now and August 31, 2009 and what work we intend that would fall into the time period beyond August 31,2009. The significance of August 31st is that this is the last day of current funding of the Maine Asthma Program. Activities beyond August 31st will be within the realm of new funding for the Maine Asthma Program if refunded or will be absorbed by partners.

Before August 31, 2009	\$	After August 31 st , 2009	\$
1) Develop of web based library of resources on the MAP web site	--	continue	? cost for web master

<p>2) Asthma/Health Homes Score Card</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify preexisting score cards for Health Homes and Asthma Safe Homes evaluations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EPA ○ Helen Roy, SMMC • Target populations will be both multi-family homes (landlords) and private residential single-family homes (families/homeowners) • Score care will address primarily structure issues, however, will include behavior issues as well. • Score card should address asthma triggers including, but not limited to mold, secondhand smoke, pests and pets. 	<p>Maine Asthma Program needs to determine whether they want to use existing staff time or hire consultant for this project.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a web-based score card with links to web-based resources. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Link individuals to programs and resources based on how they respond to the assessment. ○ Include mechanism in both web-based and paper-based score cards for data collection and evaluation. ○ Include score card in weatherization evaluations; work with existing weatherization program to expand this assessment statewide ○ Possible other areas/projects with which to include the score card: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HMP Health Risk Assessments ▪ Smoke-Free Housing Pledge Fun Kits ▪ Code Enforcement investigations ▪ Weatherization evaluations ▪ Physicians offices, clinics ○ Tie in results of score card with 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of web-based score card, including coding and design: \$1500 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Printing paper score cards for use by weatherization, code enforcement and clinics: \$1500 ○ Dissemination of score cards via web and other media communication: \$2000
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		future development of Healthy Homes registry	
<p>3) Develop components of a training program for people who are in the home, ie, Codes Enforcement, Public Health Nursing, weatherization</p>		<p><u>Develop an RFP</u> for training programs that are culturally appropriate and focus on high need areas</p> <p><u>Year 1</u> – Carry out a conference in each Public Health District with a “Healthy Homes” theme. Piggy back on existing group meetings. Perform the formative research to identify audiences and advocates to maximize training.</p> <p><u>Year 2</u> – Based on trainings in Year One, develop self paced CD/DVD training available on the web site. The training can be a tool for trainers and should be able to build into existing trainings.</p>	~ \$20,000
<p>4) <u>Develop public education demonstrations</u></p> <p>Target audience – tenant, landlord Goal – what tenants need to communicate to landlords Define – demonstration sites,</p>	<p>\$ - for: prevention fact sheets that are culturally sensitive & evaluation</p>	Carryout education sessions	~\$5,000

organizations to be involved, roles, money, assets, evaluation			

Next Maine Asthma Council Homes workgroup meeting will be Monday, April 27, 2009 at the Key Bank Plaza in Augusta.
Telephone connection will be available.