

Oregon Asthma Network
 Air Quality & Asthma Workgroup
 October 10, 2001 2:00-4:00
 Oregon Health Division – Room 605

Attending: Ann Blaker, Tobacco Prevention and Education Program; Karen Burrell, Oregon Asthma Program; Dave Delvallee, American Lung Association of Oregon; Sarah Doll, Oregon Environmental Council; Kevin Downing, Department of Environmental Quality; Monica Kirk, Environmental Protection Agency; Kathleen Morgan, American Lung Association of Oregon; Geri Odisio, Tobacco Prevention and Education Program; Byron Peterson, Department of Environmental Quality; Frank Reed, Department of Environmental Quality; Stacey Schubert, Oregon Asthma Program; Barbara Tombleson, AirAdvice, Inc.; Elizabeth Vowels, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality; Justin Waltz, Oregon Asthma Program

| Item | Conclusions | Action Items | Person Responsible | Date |
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| Welcome and Introductions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Burrell welcomed the group and introductions were made. | | | |
| Oregon Asthma Program Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Burrell discussed the Program's successful application for a CDC asthma program implementation grant, and how the additional funding will effect the Program's future activities | | | |
| Resources and Framework for Workgroup Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Burrell and Justin Waltz reiterated to the group that the extent of the workgroup's activities will depend on the willingness of workgroup members to contribute time and resources. | | | |

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| <p>Recap of September 12 Workgroup Meeting</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justin Waltz gave an overview of the Air Quality and Asthma workgroup’s September 12 meeting. The following topics were mentioned as possible projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Education regarding asthma triggers ○ The American Lung Association’s Master Home Environmentalist Program ○ The American Lung Association’s Open Airways project. | | | |
| <p>Additional Workgroup Project Suggestions</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following suggestions were given for future activities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Increase the proportion of people with asthma who do not smoke tobacco and who are not exposed to environmental tobacco smoke 2) Increase the proportion of people with asthma who can identify their triggers and strategies to avoid them 3) Increase the number of schools districts in Oregon that participate in the EPA Region Ten’s <i>Tools for Schools</i> training in January 2002 4) Increase the American Lung Association of Oregon’s ability to implement the Master Home Environmentalist program (in terms of number of trainers and number of homes reached) | | | |

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| | <p>5) Increase the number of schools that are using the American Lung Association's <i>Open Airways</i> curriculum, which is geared toward educating children in grades 3-5 about asthma</p> <p>6) Increase the number of government and commercial truck fleets that have retrofitted diesel engines (by dissemination information on the merits of this option)</p> <p>7) Increase the number of motorists utilizing DEQ emission stations who are given information on the link between air pollution and health</p> <p>8) Increase the percentage of people with asthma who understand their triggers in both indoor and outdoor environments, and how to avoid those triggers</p> <p>9) Increase the number of policy-makers and members of the public who understand the merits of HB 2828 (the smoke-free workplace law)</p> <p>10) Increase the number of school districts that have enforced rules governing the idling of school buses on school property</p> <p>11) Put together educational materials on air quality and asthma. Work in concert with the Public Awareness and the Schools/Asthma workgroups.</p> | | | |
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| | 12)Set up a clearinghouse of asthma resources (using the framework of the tobacco control program's media clearinghouse). Work in concert with the Public Awareness and Schools/Asthma workgroups. | | | |
| Workgroup Scope and Goals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Workgroup had a lively discussion regarding the scope and direction of its future activities. The consensus was that the Workgroup wanted to be a "change catalyst" with regard to both indoor and outdoor air quality. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A draft document that defines the workgroup's overall goal, and methodology is needed for the group to analyze and discuss at the next meeting. | Justin Waltz | 11/8/01 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the workgroup requested an updated contact list for the Air Quality and Asthma Workgroup, as well as contact lists for the other Oregon Asthma Network workgroups | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update lists for all workgroups (with website addresses) and distribute. | Karen Burrell | 11/8/01 |
| Pending Issues | | | Person Responsible | |
| Next meeting of the Air Quality and Asthma Workgroup is Thursday, November 8 th , 2:00-4:00 at the Portland State Office Building, Room 715. | | | Karen Burrell | |