

SB 931 - Obesity Prevention Task Force
November 3, 2008
Meeting Minutes

Task Force Members present: Carlos Crespo, Portland State University; Bruce Goldberg, DHS (chair); Mary Lou Hennrich, Community Health Partnership; Mel Kohn, DHS/Public Health Division; Representative Tina Kotek, Oregon State House; Senator Jeff Kruse, Oregon State Senate; Melinda Manore, Oregon State University (phone); Jonathan Purnell, Oregon Health and Science University; Adriana Voss-Andrae, Oregon Health and Science University; Yvonne Williams, Links, Incorporated

Task Force Members absent: Stephanie Bernell, Oregon State University; Katherine Bradley, DHS/Office of Family Health; Representative Scott Bruun, Oregon State House; Senator Margaret Carter, Oregon State Senate

Task Force Staff: Theresa Fogg, Karen Girard, Jill Thompson

Observers: Nancy Becker, Oregon Nutrition Policy Alliance; Joan Buck, Oregon Soft Drink Association; Beth Gebstadt, American Heart Association/American Stroke Association of Oregon; David Hopkins, CDC; Connie Kirby, Northwest Food Processors Association; Jane Moore, DHS/Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Section; Pat O'Neill, DHS/Communications; Alejandro Queral, American Heart Association/American Stroke Association of Oregon; Jennifer Young, DHS/WIC

1. Welcome and introductions

Dr. Bruce Goldberg, the chair of the SB 931 Obesity Prevention Task Force, welcomed everyone to the fourth meeting and introductions were made.

2. Draft recommendations review and discussion

Staff compiled the feedback received from Obesity Prevention Task Force members and drafted recommendations based on the results. The statutory recommendations were presented to the Task Force in two sections – 1) recommendations with near consensus; and 2) recommendations requiring more discussion.

The Task Force discussed each recommendation and reached agreement about whether or not to include the recommendation and if so, what the wording of the recommendation should be. Based on the discussion at the Task Force meeting, staff will redraft the statutory recommendations and distribute another version for final review and comment.

The Task Force did not discuss the funding recommendations at this meeting.

3. Public Testimony

Alejandro Qeral of the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association emphasized that Health Impact Assessments are powerful tools that force agencies to consider the health impact on a community when making transportation or land-use decisions. Mr. Qeral also encouraged the Task Force to ensure that the Healthy Schools Act recommendation be clearly written to build on existing work, such as the PE bill and nutrition standards for schools.

4. Next Steps

Staff will distribute another draft of the statutory recommendations to the Task Force for final review and comment. The Task Force will work on finalizing the statutory recommendations via e-mail. At the next Obesity Prevention Task Force meeting, the Task Force will discuss the funding recommendations.

Next Meeting:

Monday, November 24, 2008

8:00 – 10:00

State Office Building in Portland

Room 1D