

**SB 931 - Obesity Prevention Task Force
December 12, 2008
Meeting Minutes**

Task Force Members Present: Stephanie Bernell, Oregon State University (phone); Carlos Crespo (phone), Portland State University; Bruce Goldberg, Director DHS (chair); Mary Lou Hennrich, Community Health Partnership; Mel Kohn, DHS/Public Health Division; Melinda Manore, Oregon State University (phone); Jonathan Purnell, Oregon Health and Science University; Adriana Voss-Andreae, Oregon Health and Science University; Yvonne Williams, Links, Inc.;

Task Force Members Absent: Katherine Bradley, DHS/Office of Family Health; Representative Scott Bruun, Oregon State House; Senator Margaret Carter, Oregon State Senate; Representative Tina Kotek, Oregon State House; Senator Jeff Kruse, Oregon State Senate

Task Force Staff: Theresa Fogg, Karen Girard

Observers: David Hopkins, CDC; Deon Johnson, DHS/Office of Multicultural Health; Cat Livingston, OHSU; Luci Longoria, DHS/Public Health Division, Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention; Patrick O'Neill, DHS/Public Health Division Communications; Paige Parker, Oregonian; Gail Shibley, DHS/Public Health Division, Environmental Health; Dana Tierney, Regence BlueCross BlueShield; Jennifer Young, DHS/Public Health Division WIC

1. Welcome and introductions:

Dr. Bruce Goldberg, the chair of the SB 931 Obesity Task Force, welcomed everyone to the sixth meeting and introductions were made. The primary objective of today's meeting is to finalize the recommendations and to plan for developing partnerships.

2. Obesity Prevention Task Force Report to the Legislature:

Obesity Prevention and Education in Communities (Attachment A):
Karen Girard reviewed Attachment A, Obesity Prevention and Education in Communities. The local programs and statewide programs descriptions were merged into one document, with examples of policy activities included under the statewide coordination section.

PE Grants Programs (Attachment B):

Task Force members discussed the recommendations in Attachment B, and agreed to recommend a doubling of the funding available for the physical education grants program to emphasize that physical education in schools is important. The task force agreed to change the name of the document to "Access to Physical Education in Schools."

Encouraging Nutrition in Schools (Attachment C):

Task Force members discussed the recommendations in Attachment C, the description of funding for nutrition monitoring in schools. The Task Force agreed to reword the recommendation to emphasize that Department of Education should use available resources for providing technical assistance, training, and monitoring for establishing consistent nutrition standards in schools.

3. Partnerships:

The Task Force discussed the potential for partnerships in obesity prevention. There are many new partners available such as environmental interests, education, public health, medical care, forestry, parks, community organizations, businesses, etc.

The Task Force decided to invite people from the organizations mentioned above to walk through the report and to share ideas about the recommendations. Bruce Goldberg suggested that perhaps Senator Carter and Representative Kotek could convene the meeting in the third week of January (early in the legislative session).

The Task Force agreed that having a presentation on obesity available for people to share with different organizations and potential partners would be helpful. Mary Lou Hennrich suggested that the Public Health Alignment Workgroup could help craft messages about this report.

It was agreed that the Task Force should present the report to the legislative committees concerning health. Bruce Goldberg will talk with Representative Greenlick about getting on the agenda for the House Health Care Committee. Senator Carter will get this on the Senate schedule.

4. Next steps:

Draft report: A draft report will be available in the first week in January for review.

Task Force members are asked to review the draft report and provide feedback in a timely manner. The goal is to get the final report ready for the third week in January.

Meeting with partners: A meeting with potential partners will be scheduled in late January. Senator Carter and Representative Kotek may convene the meeting. This has yet to be confirmed.

Messaging/presentation: Mary Lou Hennrich will work with the Public Health Alignment Workgroup to get assistance with developing messages for the Task Force report. Patty Wentz of DHS is also available for consultation.