

**Louisiana Asthma Surveillance Collaborative (LASC)
2011-2012 4th Quarter Meeting
June 19, 2012**

Meeting Attendees-Live

Mark Perry, Program Manager
Chair, LASC
Jacki Andrews, Asthma Regional
Coordinator, Region 2
Ashley McGowan, Louisiana Tobacco
Control Program
Iben Ricket, Louisiana Tobacco
Control Program
Collette Stewart-Briley, Office of
Public Health Environmental
Epidemiology and Toxicology
Vice Chair, LASC
Kevin Buckles, St. Elizabeth's
Hospital
Belinda Cooper, Asthma Regional
Coordinator, Region 1
Shantelle Graves, Louisiana Society
for Respiratory Care
Linda 'Guedry, Louisiana School
Nurses Organization
Roxane Jewell, Pointe Coupee
General Hospital
Dajia Johnson, Asthma Regional
Coordinator, Region 8
Tasha Bergeron, Alpha Kappa Alpha
Sorority, Incorporated

Adam North, Our Lady of the Lake
Hospital
Henry Nuss, Ph.D., Program
Evaluator
Creola Reese, Asthma Regional
Coordinator, Region 7
Alma Charles Stewart, Louisiana
Center for Health Equity
Claudia Washington, Louisiana
Adolescent School Based Health
Centers
Melanie Ransom, Office of Public
Health Environmental
Epidemiology and Toxicology
Eman Williams, Office of Public
Health Environmental
Epidemiology and Toxicology
Judy Daniels, Asthma Regional
Coordinator, Region 7
Caren Pourciau, Bureau of
Primary Care and Rural Health
Mechaune Butler, Office of Public
Health
Michael Comeaux, Louisiana
Department of Education

Meeting Attendees-Phone

D'Andra Bradford, Office of
Public Health Chronic Disease
Unit
Tiffany Netters, Interim
Director, Office of Public Health
Chronic Disease Unit
Rene Stansbury, Southwest
Louisiana Area Health
Education Center (SWLAHEC)
Gerrelde Davis, Director,
Bureau of Primary Care and
Rural Health
Kim Cassell, Open World Family
Services
Dr. Jane El-Dahr, Tulane School
of Medicine

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 by Collette Stewart-Briley, Vice Chair of the LASC. Collette open the floor for attendees to introduce themselves and provide updates. There were no updates provided around program initiatives or collaborative opportunities. Collette announced that there were no meeting minutes from the 3rd Quarter LASC meeting and that meeting minutes would be adopted during the 2012 1st Quarter Meeting.

DHH Update

At this time, Collette turned the floor over to Tiffany Netters, Interim Chronic Disease Director, to provide an update of initiatives ongoing within the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals' Chronic Disease Prevention and Control Unit. Tiffany provided an update of the state's efforts to streamline some chronic disease programs and initiatives between Asthma, Diabetes/Obesity, Physical Activity, and Tobacco Nutrition under the recently funded Community Transformation Grant. Tiffany also added that the LASC would function as it is due to the requirements of the cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention Program. Tiffany did point out that there are ongoing efforts to request the expertise of some of the LASC into the state's Chronic Disease Action Alliance which would incorporate Asthma, Heart Disease and Stroke, Diabetes/Obesity and Community Transformation Grant initiatives into one multi-sectorial committee. Tiffany asked members to provide feedback to Mark Perry if they were interested in assisted with this comprehensive approach to reducing the burden of chronic disease in Louisiana.

Collette then turned the floor over to Mark Perry, Program Manager of the Louisiana Asthma Management and Prevention (LAMP) Program. Mark provided an update of the state's progress around the FLARE Hospital Discharge Protocol. Mark announced that the LAMP Program had just participated in the CDC's Systematic Screenings and Assessments (SSA) of state asthma program which were identified as promising programs in implementing Asthma Friendly Schools. CDC'S SSA included a site visit from CDC's evaluation team on May 30-June 1, 2012. Mark acknowledged the hard work of the LASC and Belinda Cooper and Jacki Andrews was well recognized and documented by the CDC during the site visit. Mark called on Dr. Jane El-Dahr to provide insight on the trainings for healthcare providers which had concluded in March 2012. Dr. El-Dahr described the healthcare provider trainings as successful and said the team was already gearing up for the 2012-2013 trainings.

New Business

Mark then open the floor to Adam North to present the vision and purpose of Our Lady of the Lake (OLOL) Hospital's Asthma Initiative. Adam provided insight into how OLOL Hospital was working to improve asthma outcomes among students in East Baton Rouge Parish School District. Following Adam's introduction to OLOL's asthma initiative, the floor was open for a motion to approve the nomination of OLOL Hospital into the LASC with full voting privileges. It was moved by Melanie Wearing and second by Linda Guedry to accept the nomination of OLOL Hospital into the LASC. At this time, Collette took the floor and introduced Dr. Henry Nuss, Program Evaluator for the LAMP Program. Dr. Nuss then provided instructions and voting tools to be used during the voting process in determining which school districts have met the criteria for Asthma Friendly Schools.

Is Your School District Asthma Friendly?

Following Dr. Nuss' instructions to LASC members, Collette introduced Dajia Johnson and then turned the floor over to Dajia who presented her presentation and accomplishments on working with West Carroll Parish School District to the LASC. Dajia responded to questions and concerns and then Collette allowed time for tabulation of scores for West Carroll Parish School District.

Collette introduced Judy Daniels and then turned the floor over to Judy who presented her presentation and accomplishments on working with Red River Parish School District to the LASC. Judy responded to questions and concerns and then Collette allowed time for tabulation of scores for Red River Parish School District.

Collette introduced Creola Reese and then turned the floor over to Creola who presented her presentation and accomplishments on working with Claiborne Parish School District to the LASC. Creola responded to questions and concerns and then Collette allowed time for tabulation of scores for Claiborne Parish School District.

Collette introduced Jacki Andrews and then turned the floor over to Jacki who presented her presentation and accomplishments on working with West Baton Rouge Parish School District to the LASC. Jacki responded to questions and concerns and then Collette allowed time for tabulation of scores for West Baton Rouge Parish School District.

Collette introduced Belinda Cooper and then turned the floor over to Belinda who presented her presentation and accomplishments on working with Orleans Parish School District to the LASC. Belinda responded to questions and concerns and then Collette allowed time for tabulation of scores for Orleans Parish School District.

At this time, Collette allowed additional time for voting members on the phone and in the room to complete the evaluation forms. Collette then turned the floor over to workgroup chairs which provided brief updates on upcoming initiatives and next steps that would lead into the LASC 2012 1st Quarter meeting. Mechaune Butler, Chair of the Advocacy and Policy Workgroup, provided an update on the feedback gathered from the Advocacy and Policy Workgroup around the decision to approach legislation for Asthma Friendly Schools during the 2013 legislative session. According to Mechaune the workgroup was very open to pursuing an additional piece of legislation around reimbursement for Certified Asthma Educators with the understanding that the Department of Health and Hospitals could not serve as the lead on that proposed legislation. She did inform the group that DHH could assist with providing data and education around what other states have done to impact persons living with asthma after approving similar legislation.

Eman Williams provided an update on the progress of the development of the Asthma Curriculum for Louisiana Childcare Centers. Eman announced that the curriculum is near 75% complete with the graphic designer adding additional tools and information in order to make sure the curriculum is a guide that can be measured by the LAMP Program.

Collette turned the meeting over to Mark Perry, Chair of the LASC and Mark made announcements regarding an upcoming meeting with the LASC Core Group and adjourned the meeting at 3:40 PM.

Next Meeting: TBD