

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7:30am

Overview of Meeting Content:

- Introductions, updates, and why members attend the Asthma Task Force (ATF)
- Policy update corner: stock inhaler policy in Utah schools discussion
- Education: Association of Asthma Educator conference presentation
- 2017-2018 ATF member interactive survey
- Membership discussion
- Wrap up and reconvene

Introductions, Updates, and Why Do you Attend Discussion

- Attendance (please contact bguerra@utah.gov join the roster)

Michelle Hofmann	University of Utah and Breathe Utah
Andrea Jensen	Asthma Program at Utah County Health Department
Brittany Guerra	Asthma Program at the UDOH
Holly Uphold	Asthma Program at the UDOH
Rebecca Ludlam	Asthma Program Salt Lake County (SLCo) Health Department
Nichole Shepard	Asthma Program at the UDOH
Danae Avery	AstraZeneca
Stephanie George	Asthma Program at the UDOH
Julie Christie	Tobacco Program at the UDOH
Lorill Solomon	School Nurse in Davis County
Darrin Sluga	SLCo Health Department
Kellie Baxter	Asthma Program at the UDOH
Carol Dyksman	Salt Lake County Lead Safety
Wendy Wright	UCHD Asthma Program
Yvonne Campbell	Weber County
Daniel Mendoza	University of Utah
Nikki Campbell	Environmental Epidemiology Program
Scott Collingwood	University of Utah Pediatric Department
Ryan Sadler	ThermoFisher
Debbie Burney-Sigman	Breathe Utah

- Reasons people attend the ATF Meetings:
 - Long time involvement with the ATF.
 - Want to keep finger on pulse of environmental issues.
 - Future of improving asthma management of people with asthma is done by people at the ATF meetings, and I want to be involved.
 - To help bring guidelines-based asthma care to Utah, and to improve outcomes and reduce costs.

- To learn from ATF members and how to improve in educating patients with asthma.
- Be more aware of what is happening around asthma and the needs of asthma.
- Come because it's my passion and life.
- To learn and hopefully improve the Utah Asthma Home Visiting Program administration.
- To collaborate around provider outreach efforts.
- It's more effective to be collaborative and see bigger picture. I want to be involved in the process of helping people to identify their role in addressing asthma.
- To identify gaps where not providing services to improve asthma outcomes.
- Support by providing asthma data.
- Share with School RNs what is learned here. School RNs are on the front lines for treating kids with asthma and their care plans.
- Work with providers who work with those with asthma.
- Invited a few months ago and excited to work with group
- Interested in the collaborative process to identify needs in whole system to advance the cause. I want to be involved and identify barriers between where we are and where we want to be. Hoping to come to this through policy.
- Come to Task Force because haven't come in a while and want to see what is going on.
- Come because a lot of value in building new partnerships. Have worked on a number of project groups from the ATF. A lot of value from hearing from voices of the community

Policy Updates Corner – Rules and Roles

Debbie Burney-Sigman, PhD

- Visitor Lynn Gerald from the University of Arizona discussed a potential project to pass legislation for stock inhalers in schools.
 - Working with schools the last 2 years to help kids with asthma. Asthma attack can occur without warning anywhere and anytime. Kids should have access to quick relief medication, especially at school.
 - Less than 25% of kids have inhaler at school. Impacts all kids, regardless of where they live. There are a lot of reasons why don't have inhaler: lost it, income, forgot it.
 - Schools don't have many options for what to do when kids have an attack at school if they don't have their inhaler. They can't call parents in time, they can call ambulance, which is costly and can take kids out of school.
 - This situation can be avoidable by having stock inhaler at school, to be used for anyone having respiratory distress at school. The schools can also provide holding chamber for use as well.
 - Lynn worked with ALA and schools to implement pilot in Arizona. They saw a 20% reduction in 911 calls and 40% reduction in EMS transport. They provided Albuterol through stock inhaler and then sent the children back to school after treatment.
 - The success of the pilot led them to look to legislation. To provide stock inhalers in a school, they need a medical order from a physician. Only RNs can implement medical order and most schools don't have RNs.
 - Lynn and her group were able to get legislation passed to allow non-licensed trained personal to administer stock inhalers. The legislation also allowed physicians to prescribe directly to school and allowed pharmacy to fill prescription for schools, on good faith use.
 - The legislation was passed year and a half ago. Last year, they implemented the policy county wide to 247 schools.

- Lynn and her group are now working with the Navajo Nation (part of Utah) to pass legislation for Navajo schools to have stock inhalers. As the Navajo Nation covers four states, they need to know which states have stock inhaler laws in place. Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado do, but Utah does not. They reached out to Dr. Kobernick who linked the group with the Asthma Task Force. The American Lung Association legislative liaison covers all four states, and she is very knowledgeable of the process for passing this legislation.
- Is the ATF interested in putting forth this type of law in Utah? Lynn is willing to work with us to accomplish this project.
- Michelle called a vote for interest in supporting this policy.
 - Unanimous vote in support of pursuing this law
- Question to consider:
 - Where there issues with whether people don't know whether to use epinephrine pen vs. inhaler due to difficulty of breathing?
 - How long is the training? What kind of training should we offer?
 - Are you working with the Allergy and Asthma Network on this? They are currently working on senate bill for stock albuterol.
 - Who pays for stock inhalers?
 - Who else should be involved moving forward?
- Contact Lynn Gerald for more details of their efforts (lgerald@email.arizona.edu).
- Debbie Burney-Sigman shared more ideas through the policy corner.
 - Reviewed the AAFA State Honor Roll rankings for Utah: <http://www.aafa.org/utah-state-honor-roll/>
 - Have list of recommended legislation on the AAFA Honor Role, and not sure how they fit in with the jobs we represent here in Utah.
 - Utah ranked decently, but did notice we do not require or allow asthma medication stocking in schools. Schools (receptionists) are empowered without supervision of a nurse to handle issues that come up, such as nose bleeds, first aid, and administering an epinephrine pen.
 - Receptionist already has a lot of healthcare responsibilities and an added responsibility around stock inhalers could fit well with their duties. Don't know if all receptionists are that highly trained. Receptionists have to be volunteers according to state law.
 - Ongoing conversation around providing some relief for some increasing workload on volunteer receptionists, who are taking the burden of new policies health related and otherwise.
 - Since the ATF members voted unanimously to pursue the stock inhaler laws for this session, Debbie will talk to school nurses and school administration to see whether this path could work in Utah.
 - Need further conversation around this, especially if we want to get this towards legislation. Suggested individuals to contact in future steps include:
 - BettySue Hinkson, the school nurse liaison and heavily involved in policy.
 - Kim Lowe
 - Utah School Nurse Association Advocacy Group
 - Dr. Crosgrave
 - Remember that office workers must have RN delegating medical tasks.
 - "Every season it is a loss of a season to not make headway in some issue."
 - If interested in being involved moving forward, and with other ideas for who should be involved, please contact Debbie Burney-Sigman (debbie@breatheutah.org)

Education and Awareness

Association of Asthma Educator Conference and Discussion, Andrea Jensen, CHES, AE-C

- The meeting was held in Phoenix, Arizona from July 20th-22nd, 2018.
- Brian King with the CDC discussed e- cigarettes, a new assault on our lungs.
- Michael Schlatz, MD discussed the practical implications of asthma phenotypes.
- Randy Brown, MD discussed the asthma and COPD overlap.
- Leroy Graham, MD discussed disparities and the differential response to asthma treatment
- Randy Brown, MD discussed communication vs. inflammation.
- Angela Valdez-Huiz, MD discussed the Phoenix Healthmobile.
- Traci Harden discussed CHW Trainings.
- Utah has the third highest asthma-related death rate. Asthma and mental health also have relationship. Read more about this from the Asthma Mental Health Report: <http://health.utah.gov/asthma/pdfs/data/mentalhealth.pdf>.
- James Baumberger discussed child advocacy in trying times.
- Hannah Green from the American Lung Association discussed the asthma care coverage project.
- Christina King discussed evaluation and treatment of Vocal Chord Dysfunction.
- Chris Wagner and Maureen George discussed climate change: new challenges in disease management.
- Melissa Penkalski discussed challenges and opportunities in asthma care with teens.
- Linny Abbott discussed Iowa's CHAMP asthma home-based program details.
- For more details on this presentation, contact Andrea Jensen (andrea.jensen@utahcounty.gov) and refer to the presentation slide deck.
- Scott shared about an upcoming presentation on bioinformatics from the Department of Defense, who's looking at being a single service provider for the service men/women. Contact Scott Collingwood for more detail (Scott.Collingwood@hsc.utah.edu).

2017-2018 ATF Interactive Survey

Michelle Hofmann, MD, MPH and Stephanie George, MPH

- Michelle Hofmann gave an interactive survey using Poll Everywhere. Participants on the phone and in the room gave feedback through text. The following questions were asked and discussed.
- Use one word to describe how you feel today (test question).
- How long have you been a member of the task force?
- I attend task force meetings because they are...
- What are some key successes of the task force in the last year?
- The task force is essential to the asthma program's success (strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree).
- ATF vision was shared and then the group was asked how satisfied are you with the clarity of the vision for the task force? (very dissatisfied, dissatisfied, satisfied, and very satisfied).
 - Talked about maybe focusing on one tangible project a year with the group.
- The task force has a positive effect on the community (strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree).
- Participation in the task force has increased by organization's capacity in one or more areas (strongly agree, agree, disagree, and strongly disagree).
- Participation in the task force has helped me and/or my organization by...

- The tasks or topics discussed at task force meetings align with the task force's overall purpose (strongly agree, agree, disagree, and strongly disagree).
- It would be helpful to me and/or my organization if the task force would provide some education and/or resources on...
- I wish we would spend more time at the task force meetings...
- I have attended the following number of task force meetings in the last year: (0, 1, 2, or 3).
- Suggested topic for the February ATF meeting is to spend some time talking about the ATF's role in applying for next Utah Asthma Program CDC competitive grant.
- An online version of the survey was created to gather more responses from those that were unable to join the call. The link to the survey will be emailed through the listserv.
- Please contact Michelle Hofmann with any further questions about this survey (michelle.hofmann@hsc.utah.edu).
- Results of this survey and the online survey will be analyzed and shared with the ATF members by the next ATF meeting.

Membership Discussion

Michelle Hofmann, MD, MPH

- Reserve membership questions for future meeting discussion.
- We celebrate having more membership, but let's highlight what are members are, what organizations they represent, frequency of participation, and what we can do to get more engagement, broaden scope and reach, and get more into community.

Wrap-up and Reconvene

Call to Action- What is one thing you learned today to incorporate into your program?

- Seeking a new note taker for the ATF Advisory Board. Please contact Brittany Guerra for more details: bguerra@utah.gov.
- The AirU research project needs up to 20 hosts who live on the west side of Salt Lake County. All the host needs to provide is a sheltered outdoor location (under an awning is great) with a power outlet and WiFi access. In return, the host gets real-time PM2.5 monitoring, a view of a valley-wide calibrated PM monitor network, and would be assisting an important research project! <https://airu.coe.utah.edu/>. Please contact Debbie Burney-Sigman if interested in participating and for more details (debbie@breatheutah.org).

Events

- **UCAIR:** Contact Angie Koford (angie@ucair.org)
- **Asthma Advisory Board Meeting**
December 19, 2018 from 9-10am
Utah Department of Health