

Community Health Subgroup Meeting Minutes August 25, 2021

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
August 25, 2021	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Webinar and Conference Call

Participant Name and Attendance

Community Health Subgroup Members			
Kate Breslin		Martha Page	X
Rick Brush	X	Deb Polun	X
Angie DeMello	X	Lyn Salsgiver	
Paul Dworkin		Megan Smith	
Kiley Gosselin	X	Lisa TepperBates	
Rita Kuwahara	X	Orlando Velazco	
Ashley McAuliffe			
Others Present			
Kelly Sinko, OHS	X	Jeannina Thompson, OHS	X
Hanna Nagy, OHS	X	Laura Morris, OHS	X
Brent Miller, OHS	X	Krista Moore, OHS	X

Meeting information is located at: <https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/Pages/Community-Health-Subgroup/Meeting-Agendas>

	Agenda	Responsible Person(s)
1.	Welcome, Roll Call, and Introductions	Brent Miller
	<p>The regularly scheduled meeting of the Community Health Subgroup (CHS) was held on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, by webinar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brent Miller welcomed subgroup members and called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. Attendance was taken by roll call. It was determined that a quorum was not present. 	
2.	Public Comment	Members of the Public
	There was no public comment.	
3.	Approval of the June 23rd Meeting Minutes	Members of the CHS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The approval of the June 23rd Community Health Subgroup meeting minutes was postponed to the next meeting. 	
4.	Public Health and Climate Change	Rebecca French, DEEP
	<p>Rebecca French, the Director of the Office of Climate Planning at the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), presented on Public Health and Climate Change (see meeting presentation here). Ms. French introduced two of her colleagues: Harrison Nantz and James Allais from DEEP and said they work on legislative initiatives related to the climate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An overview of the initiatives that the Office of Climate Planning administers was provided. Ms. French spoke about the Governor's Council on Climate Change (GC3). It is one of the main initiatives that the office administers. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GC3 produced a report titled, “Taking Action on Climate Change and Building a More Resilient Connecticut for All” in January 2021. An overview was provided of the changes that were addressed in the report and how they intersect with health. A video from the City of New Haven regarding tropical storm Elsa and flooding issues was shared with the group. It was noted that the drainage system was overwhelmed by the heavy rainfall. It was mentioned that climate change production shows us to expect more frequent rainfall in the same amount. A concern is that storm water flooding on a more regular basis could overwhelm drainage systems. Another concern is a sea level rise. Coordinated mitigation could help to address these issues. There was a question about the connection of the work. The environment has a big impact on our health. It was noted that the presentation was meant to not only be informational but to also encourage a dialogue. There was mention that partnerships could be formed. <p>Mr. Miller thanked Ms. French for the presentation. Several discussions ensued, for more information please see the link below. https://ctvideo.ct.gov/ohs/CHSG_Meeting_Recording_08252021.mp4</p>		
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	<p>Gina Federico, of United Way of Central & Northeastern CT, presented on the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and Data Across Sectors for Health (DASH), Learning and Action in Policy and Partnerships (LAPP) Grant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlights from the presentation are listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Hartford Triple Aim Collaborative (NHTAC) NHTAC: Hartford’s HEC Health Improvement Portfolio United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut overview & activities There were no questions or discussion on the presentation. <p>Mr. Miller thanked Ms. Federico for the presentation. For more information, please see the meeting recording link below. https://ctvideo.ct.gov/ohs/CHSG_Meeting_Recording_08252021.mp4</p>		
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	<p>Laura Morris, of the Office of Health Strategy, presented on the Office of Minority Health Grant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlights from the presentation are listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing disparities in maternal & nutritional-related outcomes in Connecticut 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Disparities problems and needs in Connecticut ▫ Goals to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity and increase access to nutrition ▫ Overview of grant partners ▫ Information on developing sustainability plans. Sustainable models are needed. • There was a question about whether there any federal money fund to expand the project. It was noted that funding is still being worked on and they are looking for funding to help the HECs for sustainability. • The grant is for two years but there is an opportunity for a third year of funding. <p>Mr. Miller thanked Ms. Morris for the presentation. Several discussions ensued, for more information please see the link below.</p> <p>https://ctvideo.ct.gov/ohs/CHSG_Meeting_Recording_08252021.mp4</p>	
7.	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Health Disparities Grant	Brent Miller
	<p>Brent Miller presented on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Health Disparities Grant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of the grant was provided. • There is a DPH-OHS partnership to address health disparities. • Regarding HECs, 8 of 9 HECs are included in this grant, 7 of which are working with OHS <p>Example of items being worked on include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Maternal health ▫ COVID-19 outreach (community ambassadors, education, vaccination) ▫ CHWs/Doulas ▫ Transportation ▫ Strengthen community collaboratives ▫ Food insecurity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A video regarding health disparities was shared with the group. • There was a question to about receiving additional details on the HECs for what everyone is doing. Mr. Miller said he would share the overarching grant information & what the HECs are doing. • Next steps were reviewed and include finalizing the Memorandum of Agreement with DPH, execution of 7 HEC contracts, and begin approved work in the Fall/Winter. <p>For more information on the presentation, please see the meeting recording link below.</p> <p>https://ctvideo.ct.gov/ohs/CHSG_Meeting_Recording_08252021.mp4</p>	
8.	Meeting Adjournment	All
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next Community Health Subgroup meeting is scheduled on September 22nd at 2:00 p.m. 	

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The motion was made by Martha Page and seconded by Angie DeMello to adjourn the meeting.• The meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m. |
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