

MAAG Meeting

Thursday, October 3, 2024
9:00am – 12:00pm
Helena, MT / Virtual
1400 Broadway Ave | Cogswell Building Rm. C207

Welcome & Introductions

MACP Program Report

Program Updates/News/2024 Review

- MACP awarded a new 4-yr grant from the National Asthma Control Program
The new grant period is 9/1/2024 – 08/31/2028. MACP will be updating the previous strategic Montana Asthma Plan over the next few months. The new plan will incorporate more health equity components.
- Stock Albuterol
The American Academy of Pediatrics has expressed support for securing Stock Albuterol in Schools in Montana. A 2-page fact sheet has been developed by the MACP that provides an overview of why stock albuterol in schools is important and the success other states have seen with their stock albuterol in schools legislation. The MACP will be reaching out to school nurses and providers for personal impact stories. If you and/or your organization would be willing to provide a letter of support if/when the legislation is proposed this would be greatly appreciated.
- Asthma Webinar: When Asthma is Not- Treating Hereditary Angioedema & Histamine Angioedema
Presenter: David Berubé
Date: October 2, 2024
30+ attendees watched the live webinar. A recording will be posted to the asthma.mt.gov website by 10/30.
Pharmacy CE is still available for anyone who watches the recorded version.
- Asthma Basics for CHWs Course
The course was opened in January of 2024. 12 people have completed the course as of 10/1/24. With the small CHW network in Montana, the MACP is pleased with the early returns for this training.
- Healthcare Quality Improvement:
In 2024, 5 healthcare organizations finished their quality improvement projects with the 6 wrapping up in the next month. 3 new sites are in the process of on-boarding and we hope to add an additional site sometime in the next few months. The new sites are Helena Indian Alliance, Sheridan Memorial, and Livingston Healthcare.
- Media/Social Media Campaigns
 - Digital Media Campaign in June (3- 15second videos posted on DPHHS social media accounts and boosted to Montana adults)
 - In August and September, the MACP funded an advertising campaign that ran in Montana movie theaters during movie previews. The video was obtained from the CDC's Tips From Former Smokers campaign. The MACP now has right to utilize this video and share with other interested partners.
 - October is Healthy Lung Month and National Clean Indoor Air Awareness Month
 - If you or your organization are on social media platforms, please share messages from the Public Health in the 406 messages account.

Surveillance & Evaluation

- Surveillance Reports
 - Asthma Medication Claims Among Montana Medicaid Recipients, 2018-2022.
 - Dewey H. recommended looking into more details around the discrepancy between percentage of Medicaid patients using controller medication vs. rescue medication.
 - Curtis N. asked if the Medicaid data reviewed included pediatric and adult population
 - Curtis N. mentioned some work he is doing looking at Medicaid data for a HRSA project on children with medical complexities. Was interested to know if there are any other differences in medication claims/usage by other identifiers like geography or comorbidities.
 - This may be something the MACP can explore in a future surveillance report.

- Asthma Self-Management Education Among Montana Adults and Children with Asthma (Quick Stat)
- Evaluation
 - 2024 Asthma Home Visiting & Self-Management Education Evaluation (See slide for additional details)
 - 2024 Asthma Linkages Evaluation (See slide for additional details)

SDOH Updates

- **Health Equity Learning Modules** produced by Mountain Pacif Quality Health in collaboration with partners from Alaska, Hawaii, Montana and Wyoming.
<https://www.mpqhf.org/corporate/health-and-transformation-services/hts-services/education-and-tools/>
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLOZjFk4ccVk7k0GL3LLcjZMvS2hUM4Uc->
- **Caring For Indigenous Montanans Training:** traditional module-based self-guided training format with a filmed portion wherein learners can hear directly from Indigenous patients from each nation in Montana.
<https://healthinfo.montana.edu/cfim/index.html>
- **Health Equity Professionals Network**
 bringing together professionals from DPHHS, county/tribal health departments, and MT Public Health Initiative to support health equity efforts and offer a community to share experiences.
 Contact Margaret Mullins if interested, margaret.mullins@mt.gov.

Environmental Determinants: Wildfire Smoke & Indoor Air Quality

Mary Anderson, DPHHS Wildfire Smoke Coordinator (15min)

Wildfire Smoke Preparedness in Community Buildings

- See slides for overview of Montana strategies under the EPA Wildfire Smoke Preparedness in Community Buildings Grant.
- 1st year target communities – Disadvantaged populations in Missoula/Ravalli County
 2nd year target communities – CSKT/Flathead County
 3rd year target communities – Blackfeet/Glacier & Lincoln Counties
- Airquality.mt.gov will house most of the information developed under this grant.
- Wildfire Smoke Preparedness Toolkits are being developed for Individuals/Families, Small Businesses, Shared Office Spaces, and Schools
- Sustainability of support for wildfire smoke preparedness and response is largely dependent on relationship building and find partners to support this work. They are out there; we just need to connect everyone.
- Mary can provide guidance and resources like vulnerable population fact sheets, 504 and Health Plan language for individuals with chronic conditions (wildfire smoke related), and connection to the EPA's Air Quality Flag Program (ALA / Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate)
- Mary is conducting focus groups to better understand how different sensitive populations access wildfire smoke information and what their needs are related to protecting their health during poor air quality.
 - If anyone would like to contribute to a chronic disease focus group, please contact Mary at, mary.anderson2@mt.gov.

Butte Wildfire Smoke Preparedness | Air Cleaner Lender Program (15min)

John Rolich | jrolich@bsb.mt.gov & Laura Eisenbarth | leisenbarth@bsb.mt.gov

- EPA reached out and asked if Butte County would be interested in developing a [Community Wildfire Smoke Event Plan](#).
 - Community Education
 - How to set up clean indoor air in your home
 - Use of air cleaners

- Air purifier loan out program
 1. Individuals contact the health department
 2. Loan agreement with return date
 - Air cleaners come back and filters are changed out in off-season. Grant money from private business partners may be available to help with additional filters/air cleaners if needed.
- Setting up indoor air shelters
 - Activity/Community Centers, Butte Rescue Mission
 - Worked with Montana Tech students on projects to measure effectiveness of air cleaners at improving IAQ.
 - Checklist has been developed on what buildings can do in pursuit of cleaner air.
- Discussion around air quality monitoring
 - Airnow.gov website and how to find air monitor readings
 - Can air quality monitors be rented out with air cleaners??
 - Not entirely necessary on the individual/home level, as growing evidence demonstrates the effectiveness of air cleaners in appropriately sized rooms.

Kate McMahon, Climate Smart Glacier Country | Air Cleaner Distribution (15min)

<https://climatesmartglaciercountry.org/>

- As a 501C3 gives us the ability to apply for some grants other partners cannot.
- See HEPA Filter Program Fact Sheet for more details
 - Targeted low-income population through foodbank
 - Criteria for distribution – Low-income / at risk population (pregnant, co-morbidities, seniors)
 - Logan Health Foundation supported distribution
 - Used air cleaners w/ replaceable filters, but individuals wouldn't have money for replacement filters
 - Transitioned to washable filters
 - One page survey is conducted by individuals who are interested.

Fire in the Root | Community Education (15min)

<https://sites.google.com/view/fireintheroot/home>

- Ravalli County- Highest risk county for wildfire/smoke pollution in Montana (90% percentile in US)
 - Basic geography
 - Wind stream
 - Housing risk (wood stoves)
 - At risk population who experience greater health impacts from poor air quality
- Mitigating Risk
 - Adaptation to environment
 - Home Ignition Zone- mitigating risk in the immediate area around the home
 - Free Home Wildfire Risk Assessments
 - Adding smoke preparedness to the portfolio of recommendations
 - Smoke Preparedness Media Campaigns
 - Helped distribute air cleaners to the community alongside Bitterroot Climate Action Group
 - Reduce Smoke Debris Burning Workshop (1/2 day workshop in April 2024)
 - Recordings and other materials from this workshop can be found online on the Fire in the Root website.

Next 4yr Asthma CDC Grant: New Priorities/Strategic Plan Support

Heavy emphasis has been placed on health equity and serving the most vulnerable populations with asthma under the new 4yr CDC Grant cycle.

Carry Over Activities

- **MAP:** More MAP outreach with tribal partners, building on successful relationship built between tribes and other DPHHS programs or staff
- **Healthcare QI:** continue to provide awards to support clinical quality improvement projects around asthma and tobacco cessation, focusing recruitment efforts on tribal health partners, rural clinics, school-based health centers, and Ag. Worker Health Services
- **Caregiver Asthma Education:** updating the Asthma Friendly Childcares and Asthma Friendly Schools Training Guides, providing an opportunity to include more information about how SDOH impact children with asthma.
- **Support for MTUPP Policies**
- **Healthcare Provider Education:** Big Sky Pulmonary Conference, AE-C Courses, Webinars, Spirometry Training Clinical QI site education sessions. MACP will work to include SDOH focus throughout most of these education opportunities.
- **Stock Albuterol**
- **Asthma Awareness Media**

Montana Strategic Asthma Plan Review

- Where Have We Excelled? | Where Do We Need More Work?
(See slides for details)

Partner Sharing

American Lung Association

- **INDEPTH-** Mandatory, alternative to suspension program that is customizable. Program addresses nicotine dependence establishing health alternatives and how to kick the unhealthy addiction.
- **NOT for Me-** Voluntary, self-guided online program to help guide teens who want to break their nicotine dependence and stop using all tobacco products.
- ONE Step Montana
 - Decrease children's exposure to secondhand smoke and aerosol
 - Provide management guidance and basic education about asthma
 - Disseminate information and tools to Early Childhood Educators
 - Enhance ECE toolkits to communicate more effectively
- [Breathe Well Learn Well Project](#)
The Breathe Well, Live Well® program serves as the Lung Association's Signature Program for adult asthma self-management and is taught by a certified facilitator in a small group or one-on-one setting.
- [Vape Free Schools Initiative](#)
- ALA is hosting a **CATCH My Breath** youth tobacco and vaping prevention program training for any interested teachers on **October 24th from 4:00-6:00pm**. We currently have 17 teachers signed up. The training is open to any teacher statewide and is free.

Meeting Attendance:

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BJ Biskupiak	MT Asthma Control Program- Program Manager
Colin Gale	MT Asthma Control Program- Data Analyst
Stephanie Hernandez	MT Asthma Control Program- Financial Specialist
Mary Anderson	MT Asthma Control Program- Wildfire Smoke Coordinator
Angie Brakefield	MT Asthma Control Program- Health Education Specialist
Alisa Maus, RN	Wibaux Public Schools
Jason Kleinschmidt	St. Vincent Healthcare, Respiratory Therapy Neurodiagnostics Manager
Jillian Boll, RN	Flathead City County Health Department – Map Home Visitor
Megan Brunelle, RN	Cascade County Health Department- MAP Home Visitor
Charity Middlemas	Park County Health Department- Home Visitor
Jessie Fernandes, MPH, CPH	DPHHS Health Improvement Section- Section Supervisor
Alex Alviar	Genentech- Respiratory Therapeutic Area Manager
Elaine Alston, PA, PAC	Gallatin County Health Department, MAP Home Visitor
Tracey Maruyama, MA	American Lung Association- Health Promotions Manager
Margaret Mullins, MS	DPHHS – Social Determinants of Health Program Coordinator
Courtney Geary, MPH	MT Asthma Control Program- Epidemiologist/Evaluator
Will Gardner, MPH, CPH	DPHHS Health Improvement Section – Lead Epidemiologist
LeAnn Harrison, RN	oneHealth (Custer County Health Department)- MAP Home Visitor
Marion Kummer, MD	Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate- Co-Chair
Brian Duke	AstraZeneca- Biologic Sales Specialist- Medimmune Biologic Division
Bradley Adams, PA-C, MPAS	AstraZeneca- Medical Science Liaison – Respiratory and Immunology
Mary Smith, RN	St. Peter’s Health, Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Supervisor
Curtis Noon, PhD.	University of Montana
Ella Langer	Fire in the Root
Juanita Beuter, RN	Park County Health Department
Margaret Mullins	DPHHS- SDoH Coordinator
Rachel Anderson, RDN	Premise Health / Community Representative
Mary Blevins, RRT,AE-C	Montana VA Healthcare Systems- Cardiopulmonary Manager
Karen Graf, MSN, RN-BC, APHN-BC	National Association of School Nurses- Nursing Education and Practice Specialist
Liz Hall	American Lung Association
John Rolich	Butte-Silver Bow County Health Department
Laura Eisenbarth	Butte-Silver Bow County Health Department
Kate McMahon	Climate Smart Glacier Country
Yvette Anderson, PharmD, RPh	Respiratory Medical Science Liaison w/ Glaxo Smith Kline

