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**ACD Health Disparities Subcommittee
Meeting Summary**

Date of Conference Call: Nov. 27, 2006, 11:00 – 12:00

Attendees

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MEETING SUMMARY

The participants were informed that the meeting would be mostly informational, including updates on key events or activities.

Update on Partner & Public Engagement Process

CDC established the health protection goals to guide its work and has gone through a process to develop objectives. These objectives are being established to address the health challenges facing CDC as well as the rest of the world. CDC engaged key stakeholders to obtain their input on the objectives and the criteria for setting the objectives. The Director of CDC has charged the Partners Task Force with assessing what has been learned from the public engagement process. The locations of the five Public and Partner meetings were given and a description of the participants. At each meeting, there was an opportunity for participants to hear an overview presentation, to hear about the goals process as well as go thru a facilitated process of identifying the top 25 objectives and to review the criteria use in ranking or setting priorities among the objectives. In most of the public meetings, the participants were local and state officials. The meetings generally had the format of a welcome, a roundtable and then discussion of the objectives in which the top 1/3 of them were selected. Some overall concerns were expressed related to how the objectives would be accomplished without public health infrastructure. How would the ranking of these objectives be reviewed? Did the ranking merely show the personal views of participants? Social determinant was identified as an important issue that needed to be addressed. How would the Healthy People 2010 objectives be addressed? There was considerable support



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for the proposed decision-making criteria, but there was no consensus on which criteria was most important. Most of the partners, however, put risk and threat high on their list. In at least 3 of the 5 public meetings, addressing health disparities was identified as a major concern. It was felt that there should be a holistic approach toward disparities. There was a discussion on the role CDC would play in implementing the objectives. In general, the sessions were poorly attended and the diversity of participants could be improved.

The ACD Health Disparities Subcommittee discussed the issue of the low turnout at the meetings. They discussed the method used to recruit partners and what might be done to get a more diverse audience. It was noted that the criteria and starter objectives are available at the CDC website for additional review/comment. The Subcommittee can solicit organizations that are interested in commenting and guide them to the website.

There are no standards or expectations on which to measure the meetings. CDC might rethink this going forward and perform an assessment of how well the process is going. How would we evaluate this process and what are the expectations? The members suggested ways evaluation might be accomplished.

ACD Action on Health Disparities Subcommittee Recommendations on CDC Criteria and Starter Objectives for Goals Action Plans

It was noted that there was a previous conversation with one of the co-chairs about the Subcommittee's report and recommendations. A general summary was sent to the Subcommittee for review and input. A document was prepared for review by the full ACD committee. A teleconference of the full ACD committee is proposed for December to take action on the Subcommittee's recommendations. It was described how the ACD/HDS had addressed its charge via teleconference and meetings held during February –September. The face-to-face meeting was held on September 20-21, 2006. This meeting included a detailed review of CDC strategic imperatives, the four overarching health protection goals and the sub goals. The Subcommittee participated in an exercise to identify their top 25 objectives. There was a specific recommendation at the meeting that social determinants of health be added as a criterion under burden. The Subcommittee expressed a desire to review the goal action plans when available. During the conference call with the full ACD in December, Dr. Yancey will make a motion that the recommendations from the Subcommittee be adopted. Background material will be provided to the full ACD to assist in their deliberations. They will also be provided the summary of their ranking of the starter objectives as well as the discussion questions used to guide their deliberations.

Report of the Partners' Task Force

The Director of CDC charged the Partners' Task Force with overseeing the Public Engagement meetings and helping to interpret the input and recommendations from this



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process. A summary from each of the public meetings has been provided to the Task Force that shows the results of the polling process. The Task Force will take the polling and identify the top 1/3 of the objectives based on how the participants ranked the objectives. A major budget issue came up during the engagement meetings – how will CDC's budget be tied to the objectives? The Task Force is to deliver its report to the Director of CDC by the end of November.

Opportunities for Further Engagement in Goals Implementation

The Subcommittee will have an opportunity to review the goals action plans after internal review by CDC's governance groups. The timeframe for the Subcommittee's review will be sometime between the end of December and late January.

There was acknowledgement that in some of the objective areas, the content of the goal action plans may not be complete. They have not fully identified action items that CDC will undertake and performance measures. Those things will be added in as time moves forward. There will be a partners' meeting on March 27-29, 2007, where the final goal action plans will be rolled out. The summary of the Subcommittee's recommendations on the action plans will need to be presented to the ACD and then to the Director of CDC. There will be 21 action plans for review.

Meeting During First Quarter in Conjunction with Partners' Meeting in March 2007

There is a proposed face-to-face meeting of the ACD the month of February and one during the summer. There are no exact dates yet. It would be advantageous to have a meeting with the Subcommittee in conjunction with the ACD. It might be best to meet prior to the partners' meeting in late March. This meeting with the Subcommittee would allow ½ day for travel to Atlanta and one full day of meeting as the previous meeting.

The Subcommittee discussed possible dates. Dr. Williams will confirm the February meeting date of the ACD and then propose some dates for this Subcommittee around that time. It would be a good idea to introduce this Subcommittee to the ACD and provide updates on their activities.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.