

Maine Asthma Council  
Workplaces Workgroup  
Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2010  
9:00-10:00  
BLS – Commerce Center

Members Present: Peter Doran, Christy Crocker, Amy Wagner, Desi-Rae Severson, Leslie Walleigh, Linda Huff

Announcements

The Maine Indoor Air Quality Council annual business meeting date has been set for June 25<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will include a presentation by Leslie Walleigh on the ARC report – A business Case for Asthma.

Workgroup/Program Update

Leslie Walleigh and Desi-Rae Severson met with Stirling Kendall who is the Senior Program Manager in the Chronic Disease Division. Stirling is temporarily filling in as the asthma program manager. Stirling has every intent to keep the workplace workgroup going. Once a permanent asthma program manager is hired, the program manager will be convening the workplaces group.

ARC Report

Leslie Walleigh noted the new report released by ARC nicely aligns with the work the group is currently doing. Leslie will attempt to glean some information off the report and use that to generate an informational piece that the group can use as a handout. Amy Wagner noted there is a long list of worksite wellness groups and committees who need to know about the business case for asthma. Christy Crocker will try to pull something together that others can use to promote the MIAQC meeting, specifically, Leslie's presentation regarding the ARC report.

Brochures

The group looked at several different information brochures geared for employees regarding occupational asthma. The consensus was to begin by creating a general brochure and a brochure regarding cleaning products specifically. Desi-Rae Severson volunteered to create a draft general brochure combining pieces of existing brochures that she felt was good. Desi-Rae will have a draft to review at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

Will be held June 16<sup>th</sup> from 9-10 at the BLS Commerce Center.