

Tobacco and Health Trust Fund Board

Tobacco Board Members,

Attached is a draft meeting summary of our July board meeting. Since the board meeting, it has become clear that the final evaluation of our FY08 cessation funding for community health centers will not be available until October and, also in October, the responses to our Request for Proposals (RFP) for innovative funding will be due. We may have to schedule an extended (or additional) meeting in October to both meet with the FY08 evaluator and review the funding proposals.

In the meantime, it appears that September would be the optimal time for our annual public hearing. We have scheduled the public hearing for 10:30 a.m. on Friday, September 17 in the Legislative Office Building in Hartford. (We will have a brief board meeting at 10 a.m.) Please inform any associations, organizations, or individuals that you think might be interested in testifying. As you recall, we are looking for input regarding disbursement of approximately \$400,000 in FY 11 and we are primarily interested in ideas to reduce tobacco abuse through prevention, education and cessation programs although we can also use the funding to reduce substance abuse or meet the unmet physical and mental health needs in the state.

Preliminary data for cessation and QuitLine as well as RFP announcements for FY10 funding for cessation and innovative programs and others will be provided to you at our September meeting.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and we'll see you in September!

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D R A F T Meeting Summary

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Friday, July 16, 2010

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Room 410

State Capitol

Hartford, Connecticut

Members Present: Anne Foley (Chair), Ken Ferrucci, Norma Gyle, Elaine O'Keefe, Ellen Dornelas, Rob Zavoiski, Pat Checko, Andy Salner, Cindy Adams, Larry Deutsch, Geralyn Laut, and Dianne Harnad.

Members Absent: Nancy Bafundo, Cheryl Resha, Doug Fishman, Diane Becker, and Steve Papadakos.

Others present: Joe Mendyka (DPH), Barbara Walsh (DPH), Rachel Welsh (OFA), and Keith Bradley.

Item	Discussion/Action
Welcome and Introduction of New Board Member	The meeting was convened at 10:10 a.m. New board member Elaine O'Keefe, who was appointed by Senator Williams to replace Nikki Palmieri, was introduced to the board. Elaine has a background in local public health and is currently Executive Director of the Office of Community Health at the Yale School of Public Health.
Appointment Expirations	The chair noted that the terms of five board members have expired: Nancy Bafundo and Ellen Dornelas in June 2009 and Ken Ferrucci, Robert Zavoiski, and Cynthia Adams in 2010. Appointing authorities have been notified and board members were reminded that they may continue to serve until a replacement is named.
Approval of January 2010 Minutes	Ellen Dornelas moved approval of the January minutes and the motion was seconded by Dianne Harnad. The minutes were approved on a voice vote.
Update on Status of Fund	Board members reviewed the status of the trust fund.

	There is approximately \$400,000 available for disbursement in FY11
Recommended Board Action for FY11 and FY12	Board members agreed to develop recommendations for FY11 disbursement, including holding a public hearing in September and inviting the evaluator of the board's FY08 cessation program funding for women at community health centers to discuss their final evaluation in October.
Update on Status and Findings from Previous Disbursements	<p>Barbara Walsh of DPH summarized the status and preliminary findings from previous trust fund disbursements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final reports and data for the FY08 funding for cessation programs for women at community health centers are due in September 2010. Preliminary results show 1455 participants at an average cost of \$481 per participant and quit rates ranging from 16% to 44%. Board members requested that they receive comprehensive data including: racial and ethnic data, cross tabulations of pregnant and non-pregnant women, and enrolled v. graduated data. • FY09 funding has been disbursed and all programs are operational including QuitLine, countermarketing, community cessation, cessation for individuals with serious mental illness, school-based prevention, lung cancer research and tissue biorepository, and evaluation. • DPH is in the process of preparing contract amendments and requests for proposals (RFPs) for FY10 funding. <p>Ken Ferrucci suggested that the Connecticut State Medical Society's newsletter could include a link to the QuitLine in order to enhance awareness of this resource.</p>
Update on Sustinet Tobacco Task Force	Andy Salner, co-chair of the Sustinet Tobacco Task Force (Section 17 of P.A. 09-148), reviewed the recently-released task force report which examines evidence-based strategies for preventing and reducing tobacco use by children and adults and provides a comprehensive plan to reduce tobacco use

	by children and adults. The report includes twenty one specific recommendations for action in the areas of cessation, prevention, planning, enforcement, retail sales, and surveillance.
Potential Dates for Next Meetings	The next board meetings are on September 17 (public hearing), October 15, November 19, and December 17. Pat Checko announced that the MATCH Coalition state meeting will be in November. The board meeting was adjourned at noon.