



CPHA Legislative Committee

Tuesday, November 23, 2010

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Nannette Wong
Kathy Jacobsen, CDPHE
Patrick Sablich, CPHA
Jeff Zayach, BCPH
Corine Waldau, Alliance
Jennifer Miles, Miles Consulting
Eliza Shultz, Miles Consulting
Richard Delaney
Tristin Sanders, Kaiser
Kyle Legleiter, CDPHE
Jennifer Cummins, Klein Buendel Inc.
Ruth Becker, Volunteer
Jenny Lammers
Kerry Ewald, COSOPHE
Mark Thrun, DPH
Monica Buhlig, Kaiser
Cindy Somers
Ilima Kane, Klein Buendel Inc.

- Jennifer reviewed the contract details between CPHA and Miles Consulting
 - 2 active priorities with the option to add a 3rd
- Jennifer explained the different levels of support. Jeff mentioned the idea of the committee taking the lead on one priority without Miles Consulting as an option if they are already working on their two or three designated priority items.
- Jeff reviewed the resolutions from the 2010 Annual Meeting
 - 60,61, and 101 - defeated
 - Oral health promotion: Oral Health Action Coalition - a group which Jennifer and Eliza are contracting with, and Stacy Gahn is representing CPHA's interest in relative to this resolution.
 - Raw Milk – will likely be a priority for the Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials (CALPHO)
- Eliza provided the membership legislative survey results to date.
 - Top 5: Minimize PH Funding Cuts, School nutrition and childhood obesity, support efforts for nutritious food in school, protect funding cuts to nurse home visit, minimize cuts to community health centers
- CALPHO will likely make local public health budget cut protection its top priority, which might be a good reason to not declare it as one of CPHAs top priorities.
- Jeff suggested we pick 1-2 top priorities we suggest to the Board for active support and then propose a list to monitor that we could eventually move into a priority slot depending on what happens during the session.

Recommended top two priorities for active lobbying

1. Physical Education and Activity reporting requirements. This aligns with the highest priority of "School Nutrition and Childhood Obesity – Support efforts to require a minimum level of physical activity in schools" that was identified in the legislative survey by CPHA

members. There was a long discussion about the need to have good data relative to physical education and activity so that an accurate assessment of activity in schools can be made. Most all states, except Colorado, already are required to report this information. It was also noted that this might be a priority of the new Governor - Kyle will bring more information to the Board meeting.

2. Protect Amendment 35. We agreed that this was an important issue and it is the second highest priority identified in the CPHA legislative survey. There was discussion about what the priorities of the Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials (CALPHO) might be and if this would overlap. We agreed that this might be a better top priority for CPHA than CALPHO as it represents a broader set of interests that go beyond public health and are well represented by CPHA. We also believed that it made more sense for CALPHO to make local PH funding a priority and these could compliment each other.

Recommended items of interest to monitor

- Expansion of raw milk operations – CALPHO will likely take the lead
- Healthy Eating Active Living Coalition priorities
- Coal and natural gas bill clean-up
- BPA ban by COPIRG
- Youth access to tobacco by CDPHE
- Control/regulation of Spice bill, supported by Meth Task Force
- CCIC Summit priorities
- Removal of immunization exemptions by Colorado Children's Coalition
- Requirement for Medicaid providers to participate in the immunization registry by Colorado Children's Coalition
- Federal children's nutrition reauthorization (looking for state leads for implementation)

Committee Volunteers

This year one of the Legislative Policy Directors goals is to actively involve more CPHA members in advocacy, especially since this is one of the greatest identified benefits in the CPHA membership survey. As a result, we have established the following positions/subcommittees that will actively participate in helping us be an effective advocacy organization.

- a. Testimony Coordinator – Jennifer Cummins
 - Coordinate with Miles Consulting on talking points
 - Identify CPHA expertise related to topic of testimony
 - Reach out to membership for testimony
- b. Legislative Outreach Coordinator – Jenny Lammers
 - Work with Miles consulting on the legislative day at the capitol and other legislative events
- c. Federal action alerts Coordinator – Kyle will give more thought to how to manage this one, and will track some of these to get a feel for how many action alerts come out in the next couple months.

Mark Thrun, Denver Public Health, is the Legislative Committee Co-Chair for 2011.

Regular Legislative Committee **conference calls** will be held on the **2nd Friday of each month from 12-1.**