

SB 931 – Obesity Prevention Task Force
September 8, 2008
Meeting Minutes

Task Force Members present: Stephanie Bernell, Oregon State University (phone); Katherine Bradley, DHS/Office of Family Health; Carlos Crespo, Portland State University; Bruce Goldberg, DHS (chair); Mary Lou Hennrich, Community Health Partnership; Mel Kohn, DHS/Office of Disease Prevention and Epidemiology; Representative Tina Kotek, Oregon State House; Melinda Manore, Oregon State University (phone); Jonathan Purnell, Oregon Health and Science University; Adriana Voss-Andreae, Oregon Health and Science University; Yvonne Williams, Links, Incorporated

Task Force Members absent: Representative Scott Bruun, Oregon State House; Senator Margaret Carter, Oregon State Senate; Senator Jeff Kruse, Oregon State Senate

Task Force Staff: Theresa Fogg, Jill Thompson

Observers: Nancy Becker, Oregon Nutrition Policy Alliance; Alan Bennett; Cate Hotchkiss, PacWest; David Hopkins, MD, CDC; Myron Lezak, MD; Pat O’Neill, DHS; Paige Parker, Oregonian; Alejandro Queral, American Heart Association of Oregon; Sabina Riggs; Dana Tierney, Regence; Tammy VanderWoude, Oregon Food Bank; Sue Woodbury, DHS/WIC; Jennifer Young, DHS/WIC

1. Welcome and introductions

Dr. Bruce Goldberg, the chair of the SB 931 Obesity Task Force, welcomed everyone to the second meeting.

2. Guiding Principles

A draft of SB 931 Task Force for a Comprehensive Obesity Prevention Initiative Policy Recommendations was provided to the Task Force. Dr. Mel Kohn gave a short presentation of the five guiding principles which were created after reviewing literature and the work of three previous committees:

- Promoting Physical Activity and Healthy Eating Among Oregon’s Children – A Report to the Oregon Health Policy Commission (January 2007)
- HB 3486 – Strategic Plan to Slow the Rate of Diabetes in Oregon – “Turning off the Faucet of Obesity and Diabetes” – A Report to the 2009 Oregon Legislature
- A Healthy Active Oregon – Statewide Physical Activity and Nutrition Plan 2007-2012

Five guiding principles:

1. There is no time to lose.
2. We must address calorie-in and calorie-out strategies.

3. Environments must change.
4. A comprehensive approach is required.
5. Prevention is the priority.

The Task Force had the following suggestions regarding the guiding principles:

- Need to look at re-prioritizing
- Numbers are staggering and this has urgent long-term repercussions not only for our health but for our economy
- Emphasize first line “public health crisis”
- Describe what we mean by “public health crisis”
- Elevate obesity to a disease

3. Draft Recommendations Review and Discussion

Dr. Kohn gave a presentation on the statutory policy recommendations included in the SB 931 Recommendations Report. Dr. Goldberg led the group in a discussion around each of the draft recommendations. Task Force members provided feedback on the draft recommendations and identified new recommendations to consider.

4. Public Testimony

Sabina Riggs, a community advocate, and Alejandro Queral, of the American Heart Association addressed the Task Force. Both testimonies indicated support for obesity prevention.

5. Next Steps

Meeting minutes and a questionnaire will be sent to Task Force members as soon as possible. The questionnaire will provide an opportunity for Task Force members to comment specifically about each recommendation. This will provide the Task Force with a solid starting point for the next meeting. The recommendations need to be drafted by early October and the Task Force may need a little more time to solidify them shortly thereafter.

All meeting minutes and resources will be posted on the Obesity Prevention Task Force website:

<http://oregon.gov/DHS/ph/copi/index.shtml>

Next meeting for the Task Force:

Monday, September 29, 2008

11:00 – 2:00

State Office Building in Portland