

Community Action to Fight Asthma (CAFA) Call Notes October 23, 2012

I. Update from the West Oakland Asthma Coalition

Keiko Barfield presented on the activities and recent accomplishments of the West Oakland Asthma Coalition. Attached is a powerpoint presentation of their Breathmobile.

II. CAFA Policy Prioritization

Four policy opportunities were brought up at the CAFA Annual Meeting in August.

Informational materials and summaries were shared prior to the call. The opportunities include:

- Single-Payer Health Care
- School Facilities Bond
- Healthy Housing legislation focused on pest infestations
- Freight and industrial emissions regulations at the California Air Resources Board

Over the next few months RAMP will work with CAFA members to prioritize our policy efforts. The first step is to gather input from member coalitions. Those on the call identified the following ways RAMP could help their local coalitions review and weigh in on these policy opportunities:

- Present in-person at a local coalition meeting
- Present via conference call at local coalition meeting
- Webinar
- Host a regional convening
- Video conference (using The California Endowment Facilities)

RAMP will explore feasible options based on resources available. RAMP will e-mail options and follow up with coalitions directly to determine next steps.

On the November CAFA call we will outline various levels of involvement for policy priorities that can help your coalitions decide what works for them and helps RAMP prioritize and coordinate CAFA's overall effort.

After informing coalitions of the policy options and providing a framework for policy activities, we'll then gather input to prioritize and gauge our capacity for policy involvement.

III. Legislative Update

Good news. All of the bills CAFA supported that made it to the governor's desk were signed into law! First, AB 441, which provides guidance on incorporating health into regional transportation plans, was signed by the Governor. Then SB 535, which earmarks a percentage of revenues generated from greenhouse gas reduction policies for projects that reduce the impact of climate change in communities most impacted by climate change, was linked to AB 1532, which establishes a public process for determining the use of all such revenues. Both bills need to be signed for either to take effect. On the last day of the session, the Governor signed both bills.