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# Comprehensive Perspectives for State Partnerships

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# **Background**

- Started in 2001.
- Wisconsin Asthma Plan 2003 and 2009-2014.
- 155 renewed members.
- Institutionalization stage.



#### **Structure**

Chair: Erika Horstmann, PharmD, RPh,
 Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin.

- Vice chair: Rhonda Duerst, RRT-NPS, AE-C, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.
- Executive committee.
- Initiative teams (former workgroups).



# 2011 diamond anniversary

- Celebrated successes.
- Future outlook and focus:
  - Value-added strategies.
  - Decreasing disparities.
  - Good to great.
- Great time to evaluate!



### **Evaluator**

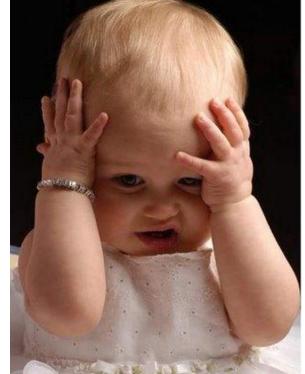
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#### Planned evaluation questions

1. How do the various groups within WAC interface?

- 8 supporting questions.
- 11 thought provoking questions.
- 2. Is the workgroup structure working? How can it be improved?
  - 10 supporting questions.



#### **Document review**

- 2007-2012 mini grant proposals.
- Proposal review and ranking.
- Executive committee meeting minutes.
- 2008-2011 CDC progress reports.



#### **Barriers**

- Larger group struggled with process.
  - Worked more closely with staff.
  - Reported back to larger group.
- Too many questions for key informant interviews.
  - Worked with CDC and staff to narrow focus.



# Refocused questions

- 1. How do groups interface?
- 2. Are the workgroups effective?
- 3. What will increase participation of those serving disparate populations?
- 4. Are activities reaching disparate populations?
- 5. Are there gaps in membership?

# **Key findings**

- Ideal balance of statewide partners and locationspecific initiatives.
- Disparities work needs to happen at the local level.



# **Key findings**

- Local asthma coalition mini grants.
  - Funding is essential.
  - Varied quality of proposals.
  - Annual activities,
     limited outcomes.
  - Limited funding, invest wisely.



# **Key findings**

- Streamlined process.
- Divided on how to prioritize activities.
- Activities must be evidence-based, best practices or promising practices.



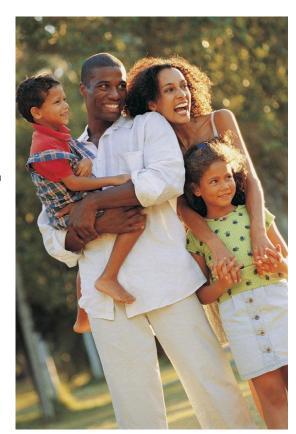
#### Action steps/use of findings

- Workgroups → initiative teams.
- Enhanced communication:
  - Core team.
  - Executive committee.
  - Local asthma coalitions.
  - Initiatives.



#### Action steps/use of findings

- Modified local coalition RFP.
  - Five key activities.
  - Focused questions.
- Increased focus on disparities.
  - Utilize data.
  - On all agendas.
  - Reprioritize implementation.



#### Lessons learned/ recommendations

- Include coalition partners in evaluation.
  - Smaller group for ongoing activities.
  - Consultants as needed.



#### Lessons learned/ recommendations

Clearly stated, focused questions.

Build in enough time for interviews and

to analyze results.

 Only ask questions the group would consider for change.

# Thank you

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