



Healthy Connecticut 2020
State Health Improvement Plan

Infectious Disease ACTION Team Meeting AGENDA & NOTES

Date: Tuesday, April 26th, 2016

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location or Conference Call Number: 877-916-8051

Conference Call Access Code: 5399866

Attendees: Peg Weeks (Institute for Community Research); Marianne Buchelli (DPH), June Holmes (Yale New Haven Health); Kathy Kudish (DPH); Kris Magnussen (Ledge Light Health District); Linda Niccolai (Yale University School of Public Health); Jon Olson (DPH); Donna Ortelte (DPH), Josh Rozovsky (Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective); Carol Steinke (City of Hartford, Health and Human Services), Wendy Furness (DPH); Rich Melchreit (DPH), Elaine O’Keefe (CIRA), Catherine Wiley (CCMC), Sandy Gill (Project Consultant)

Agenda Items	Time	Discussion	ACTION Items and person responsible
Introductions			•
Advisory Council Update		<p>Rich provided the quarterly progress update to the SHIP Advisory Council on 04-07-2016. The following questions were provided to Advisory Council members for feedback:</p> <p>Key Questions for AC Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Can the SHIP Advisory Council help obtain funds to expand vaccine purchase for distribution through the state vaccine distribution system? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providers pay more for vaccines – they don’t have the economies of scale like the state does • >6-18 years requires \$23M • Encouraged to work with pediatricians to take advantage of purchasing power. 	•

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Connecticut Cancer Partnership –collaborate on public information activities to educate the public and providers about HPV vaccine for cancer prevention? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No specific recommendations <p><i>04-07-2016 SHIP Advisory Council meeting summary, slides, handouts and feedback notes can be found on the SHIP Coalition webpage: www.ct.gov/dph/SHIPCoalition (scroll down just past “2016 Dates on the Calendar” section. Meeting date is hyperlinked).</i></p>	
<p>Group Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The first strategy under ID-1 will not be addressed in 2016. The group had estimated the cost of expanding vaccine coverage through the age of 18 years would be approximately \$23M. Due to the current state budget crisis this would be cost prohibitive in the current year and other funding options should be explored. ● As part of a larger planning process, the group would like to identify what they think is most important to advocate for in 2017. There will be an opportunity to do this in September 2016. SHIP Action Teams will host at least two in-person pre-prep meetings prior to a September, full day, SHIP Coalition meeting/summit. Goals for the full day meeting will include: recognizing the accomplishments of 2016, finalizing Focus Area 2017 Action Agendas, and providing recommendations for the 2017 SHIP Policy Agenda. ● CT DPH has received a CDC grant for EHR-CIRTS interoperability. Working with the CIRTS vendor (Consilience) to build the messaging capability. ● Flu vaccine strategy – DPH is working on creating a survey for LHD to identify successful and diverse venues for flu vaccine administration. Members on the call suggested asking about farmers markets or other non-traditional settings where groups have had success. Ledge Light Health District has had success in utilizing emergency preparedness funding to combine a response training exercise with administering vaccine to the general public. ● HPV – next steps have been identified to meet with the new DPH Communications Director regarding the call to action letter and developing educational/promotion social media messages. Co-Chairs will talk about defining timelines on some of the simpler tasks under this objective. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV early detection – YNHH staff have met with Bridgeport Hospital and initiated discussions exploring expansion of YNHH’s AIDS Care Program’s HIV testing program implementation to the Bridgeport Hospital system. • Members agreed to suggested wording under the HIV objective to “. . . model after <i>programs that have demonstrated success (e.g., YNHH’s AIDS Care Program, CSHHC)</i>. • Members of CHAIR have initiated discussions with the CT Department of Corrections to explore strategy to address HIV in this population. 	
Next Steps		Next conference call - TBD	•