

## SustiNet Health Disparities and Equity Report March 11, 2010

Stan Dorn – Conference Call

Questions:

- Is there language in the federal legislation on Health Care Reform that references health disparities/inequities?
- Does our SustiNet model conflict or complement that legislation in any way?

Responses:

- There may be reference to disparities in the section on information technology.
- The CT. SustiNet Plan is a *unique animal* and is in a good position.

Suggestions:

- a. The Health Disparities and Equity Committee might consider interfacing with the other SustiNet committees and task forces to:
  - Ensure that they take health disparities into consideration as they develop their plans,
  - Interact with each committee by formally inviting them to meet and discuss their tentative thoughts on how they might address and include the concepts of health disparities/inequities into their plans.
  - Recommend that by a certain date, each committee present their plan to us for comments and/or suggestions.
- b. Since the Governing Board is mandated to present measurable goals, the HDEC should develop recommendations to address how the Board might:
  - Develop how the process would be designed to accomplish measurable objectives?
  - incorporate health disparities/inequities language into the recommendation of each component of the finalized plan,
  - monitor and hold people accountable for measuring their services (i.e - providers, healthcare facilities), and
  - include the directive to develop improvement plans on the progress made to reduce health disparities.
  - As an example: “for the next 3 years, x%age of the occurrence of diabetes in latinos has been reduced by xxx”.
- c. Final question from Stan: What resources would the HDEC need to carry out its objectives?