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Task Force on Childhood Obesity

Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2014

Present: Co-Chair: Representative Diana Urban

Rep. Carpino, Lucy Nolan, Christine Parker, Roberta Friedman, Robin Masheb, Susan Maffe, Judith Omphrey, and Kari Sullivan for Dr. Jean Mee

I. Convene Meeting

Meeting convened at 1:10 PM

II. Remarks by the Chairs

Representative Urban welcomes task force. She reminds members that, though this is the final meeting of the task force, it does not mean the work stops, and reviews the charge of the task force. She further notes that co-chair, Senator Dante Bartolomeo, is absent due to commitments in district.

III. Discussion of Recommendations from Focus Groups

- i. **Nutrition-** Lucy Nolan reviews recommendations from Nutrition focus group which include statewide food procurement standards, BMI surveillance, and prohibition of junk food marketing in schools. Full recommendations can be found on the website.

Questions/ Comments

- Susan Maffe discusses nutritional standards outside of schools and use of existing standards. Also notes that requiring locally grown foods may conflict with federal laws.
- Rep. Carpino notes that everyone will not agree on all things and this discussion is not an end all be all.
- Dr. Masheb recommends tightening up holes in current standards.
- Junk Food marketing and Box Tops for education discussed at length
- The infrastructure of BMI surveillance is discussed, the need for servers and data bases. With the advent of improved data sharing structures such as the Open Data Portal, it is suggested data surveillance may not now require as much infrastructure as it once did.

- ii. **Physical Activity-** Kari Sullivan reports on behalf of Dr. Mee and the focus group. Recommendations include establishing a statewide volunteer-only Physical Activity Commission, implementing increased physical activity in

schools, and creating an incentive program to support that. Full recommendations can be found on the website.

IV. Task Force Report

Rep. Urban notes that the Nutrition and Physical Activity focus group findings and recommendations in their entirety will be included in the final report appendix.

V. Other Business

None at this time

VI. Adjournment

Meeting is adjourned at 2:21pm.