



### **Summary of September 18, 2013 Meeting**

In attendance: Christopher Banks, Brookhaven Hospital; Lisa Benzscott (Stony Brook University); Laurel Breen ( St. Joseph's College); Dr. Tavora Buchman (NCDOH); Celina Cabello (NCDOH); Carolann Foley (St. Joseph Hospital); Tina Graziose (YMCA of LI); Beth Hammerman (Mercy Medical Center); Chris Hendriks (CHSLI); Pat Kiernan (ELIH); Karyn Kirschbaum (WS BOCES); Stephanie Kubow (NSLIJ); Jen Ludwin (NSLIJ); Linda Mermelstein MD (SCDOH); Heather Reynolds (St Catherine of Siena); Colleen Valdin (Good Samaritan Hospital); Samantha Vigliotta (Peconic Bay Med Center); Stuart Vincent (Mather Hospital); Avesta Khursand (Intern NSHC); Nancy Copperman (NSLIJ); Marilyn Fabbriante (St. Charles Hospital); Yvonne Spreckels (Stony Brook Univ Hospital); Stanford Guan (SCDOH); Janine Logan (NSHC).

Meeting began with introductions around the room and update on progress of Public Awareness Campaign. The campaign project was presented to NSHC board of Directors in August and was well received. We'll move forward with our timeline of having a test site up and ready by Nov. 15, 2013 to coincide with the filing of CHIPs and CSPs. Test site will run until Dec. 31, 2013, providing everyone with time to use site, work out bugs, and refine it for a January launch. The previous launch date of January 9, 2014 has to be changed because of a conflicting state meeting for local county health departments.

Regarding the universal metric tool, decision still needs to be made pertaining to the criteria for use. What are the requirements any program must meet in order to use the tool. Small subgroup will convene to determine criteria and present to full group at the next meeting.

Recent telephone conference conversation with members from state's Chronic Disease Bureau was shared with the group. State reps from that department feel that our universal metric tool would not provide reliable and scientifically valid comparative data because not all programs we would survey are the same. The rationale for the universal metric tool was explained to state reps. Bureau wants collaboratives to utilize evidence-based interventions and not all of our partners' programs are evidence-based.

Group discussed ramifications of that conversation and state's focus and decided to add walking as an additional activity and source of data. Idea is for collaborative members to link with any and every organizational-sponsored walk in their local service area. We would do this for calendar year 2014 and ask those organizations to provide us with the number of steps walked

and/or number of individuals who participated in the walk. Walking is a neutral, cost-free activity and a common issue. Effort will be made to include disabled community.

We will ask state to have someone talk to our group about evidence-based walking programs. What ones do they suggest? Perhaps provide us with a list. There are many self-management walking programs out there such as Active Living Every Day (ALED) and Walk with Ease.

With the addition of the walking component there are three goals (or metric collection points) for the collaborative: 1) metrics of the public awareness campaign; 2) metrics of the walking programs; 3) metrics of the universal assessment tool – used with all programs.

### **Action**

Everyone is to come to the table (next meeting October 29, 2013) with three CBOs they are partnering with in their local area and/or a walk that the CBO is coordinating itself.

Suggestion was also made to add column in the program inventory that notes which programs are EBI and state-based. Univ. at Albany QTAC is a good source.