Atherosclerosis Advisory Committee Meeting  
September 28, 2009  
12:00p.m. – 1:00p.m.

Meeting Summary

Michael Gaines, Program Manager for the Cardiovascular Health Program, welcomed members of the Atherosclerosis Advisory Committee to the conference call. Lynette Shaw, Health Educator for the Cardiovascular Health Program, did roll call.

Members in Attendance
Charles Baum, M.D., M.S. representing Fitness Industry  
Andrew Davis, M.D., M.P.H. representing Health Care Industry  
Lana Shepek, RD, LDN representing Illinois Dietetic Association

Public Members
Heather Gavras, M.P.H., R.D. – American Heart Association Greater Midwest Affiliate

IDPH Staff
Michael Gaines, M.P.A.  
Danucha Brikshavana, M.P.H.  
Lynette Shaw, M.S.Ed., CHES

Members Not in Attendance
Nancy Anne Bluhm, R.N.C., M.S. representing Local Health Department Administrator  
David Cooke, M.D. representing American Heart Association  
Representative Sara Feigenholtz

No Members in the following Categories
Cardiology  
Research  
Public Member
Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation  
Prairie State Medical Society

The members on the phone would like to create a heart disease partnership with the focus on primary and secondary prevention for heart disease. The members felt that the stroke task force was too focused on stroke and that heart disease would not receive the attention that it needs – being the number one killer in the state of Illinois.
Members also had the following questions. Department staff told the members that they would ask our Division Chief these questions and get back to them with answers.

1. Dr. Charles Baum (Medical Director Gastroenterology & Internal Medicine – Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America, Inc.) – Is there an Obesity Task Force? When Jeff was here Dr. Baum was a member of that task force and would like to continue work on primary prevention including obesity.

2. Heather Gavras (AHA – Public Member) – Is there a Chronic Disease Partnership? What is going on with the Chronic Disease Legislation? – see attached.

3. Dr. Charles Baum – Are they working to put the Diabetes program under IDPH and not DHS?

Members on the call asked about the structure of the Division of Chronic Disease, since it has been a long time since our last meeting. They wanted to know about the programs and who was in charge of the programs. Lynette and Danny talked about the programs in the division and members of the division.

There was also a discussion about activities that could be done regarding hypertension. This was mentioned at the last Atherosclerosis Advisory Committee meeting. Lynette mentioned the program that she is working on regarding hypertension with persons with a disability.

Heather Gavras emailed a copy of the chronic disease legislation that staff shared with the Division Chief of Chronic Disease. Dr. Davis emailed information on hypertension to all members that can be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

Michael stated that we would keep the members informed on the status of task force and a heart disease partnership. Dates for future meetings are March 22, 2010 via conference call, 12:00 – 1:00p.m.; June 21, 2010 in-person & via conference call, 11 – 2:30p.m.; September 20, 2010 via conference call 12:00 – 1:00p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.