

# EPA REGION 5 ASTHMA FORUM

## Addressing Asthma Disparities in Our Communities

Chicago, Illinois | JUNE 6-7, 2012

U.S. EPA Region 5

Metcalfe Federal Building | 12th Floor  
Adamkus Resource Center | Lake Michigan Room  
77 West Jackson Blvd. | Chicago, IL

## AGENDA

June  
**Wednesday 6**

8:00 – 8:30 am **Check-In**

8:30 – 9:00 am **Welcome**

**Cheryl Newton**, Assistant Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Harold Wimmer**, President & CEO, American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest

**Joel Africk**, President & CEO, Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago

9:00 – 10:20 am **Delivering High Quality Asthma Care - A System in Action**

This session introduces the *System for Delivering High Quality Asthma Care*, how and why it works, and how the *System* can be used as the framework to achieve successful health goals for asthma.

**Tracy Enger**, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Keynote Address – Karen Meyerson**, Asthma Network of West Michigan

Karen Meyerson describes how her program successfully implements the various components of the System to achieve improved asthma outcomes among low income and ethnically diverse adults and children.

10:20 – 10:40 am **Break**

10:40 – 11:30 am **Advancing Environmental Justice and Taking Action on Asthma Disparities**

Learn about the *Plan EJ 2014* and the *Coordinated Federal Action Plan to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Asthma Disparities*. Discover how you can be involved with what the EPA and other Federal Agencies are doing to support underserved communities and address asthma disparities.

**Lara Lasky**, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Alisa Smith**, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Gregory Crawford**, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

11:30 – 12:15 pm **Implementing Environmental Asthma Interventions**

Find out about the *Physicians in Patients' Homes Training Program* targeted at children with asthma; and understand the effectiveness of evidence based interventions in homes of people with asthma.

**Dorr Dearborn**, Case Western Reserve University

- 12:15 – 1:15 pm**    **Lunch**  
Make contacts and share experiences and ideas to help advance effective asthma care in your community.
- 1:05 – 1:15 pm**    **Recognizing Excellence – National Environmental Leadership Award in Asthma Management Presentation**
- 1:15 – 2:40 pm**    **Delivering High Quality Asthma Care – Utilizing the Key Drivers of Program Effectiveness**  
Hear from recent National Environmental Leadership Award Winners on how they have implemented the “key drivers of program effectiveness” in their asthma programs and discover how you can put them into action.  
**John Dowling**, *Michigan Department of Community Health, Asthma Prevention and Control Program*  
**Mary Cooley**, *Priority Health Medicare*
- 2:40 – 3:20 pm**    **Asthma Care Fax**  
Learn about this tool that pharmacists can easily use to help control the burden of asthma in their communities.  
**Erika Horstmann**, *Medicine Shoppe, Wisconsin Asthma Coalition*
- 3:20 – 3:40 pm**    **Break**
- 3:40 – 5:00 pm**    **Managing Asthma in Chicago Public Schools**  
Discover how the Chicago Public School System has recently implemented its unique comprehensive asthma program.  
**Liliana DeSantiago**, *Chicago Public Schools*  
**Marc Rosen**, *Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago*

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**Thursday** **7**

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- 8:15 – 8:30 am**    **Welcome to Day 2**
- 8:30 – 9:15 am**    **Guest Speaker – Susan Sommer**, *Community Asthma Initiative, Boston Children’s Hospital*  
Hear about how the Community Asthma Initiative is improving asthma outcomes in Boston’s underserved communities.
- 9:15 – 10:45 am**    **Overcoming Cultural Barriers to Improve Asthma Care and Outcomes – Panel Discussion**  
Panelists from a variety of high-performing programs describe how to overcome challenges in serving different ethnic and racial communities.  
**Gay Chisum**, *Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago*  
**Melissa Gutierrez**, *Sinai Urban Health Institute*  
**Jill Heins Nesvold**, *American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest*  
**Anne Krantz**, *Cook County Health and Hospital Systems*  
**Molly Martin**, *Rush University Medical Center*  
**Cynthia Rivas**, *Healthy East Chicago*

**10:45 – 11:30 am Ambient Air Quality**

Get the answers to your burning questions. Learn how to address outdoor wood burning issues as part of your asthma program.

**Mark Werner**, *Wisconsin Division of Public Health*

Manage asthma through air quality awareness. Hear the latest on the EPA BurnWise, AIRNow, and the School Flag Programs.

**Michael Compher**, *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

**Marta Fuoco**, *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

**Megan Gavin**, *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

**11:30 – 12:30 pm Communities in Action – Accelerating Healthy Communities Together**

Return home inspired with new skills, guidance, and personal connections to program leaders throughout Region 5. Develop a vision for your program and define action steps to help you realize that vision.

**Tracy Enger**, *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*