

**Rhode Island Department of Health
Women's Health Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – September 3, 2008**

**Members Present: Katie Albert, Margaret Koch, Jessica Marfeo, Marlene McCarthy, Cynthia Rosengard, , Lisa Shea, Iris Tong
Members Excused Absence: Danielle Denis, Yvonne Freeman, Marie Ghazal, Catherine Graziano, Wendy Fox, Lisa Jones, Marian Mehegan, Christine Ryan Janet Searles
HEALTH Staff Present: Carrie Bridges, Kate McCarthy-Barnett,**

Welcome & Introductions

Iris Tong called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

Approval of Minutes (September 3, 2008)

Minutes were accepted.

Project Updates

Subcommittee Reports:

Sexual Abuse Awareness Subcommittee: Iris shared the draft fact sheets reviewing sexual abuse and assault screening. The fact sheet was reviewed. Danielle will make suggested changes and send to Kate. Carrie will follow-up with Beatriz Perez (Injury Prevention) to confirm funding. Anticipated funding is \$750 for printing.

Breast Cancer among Elderly Women Subcommittee: Members were excused from the meeting.

Healthy Relationships among Teenage Girls: Members were excused from the meeting

Perry-Sullivan Bill Subcommittee: Members were excused from the meeting

Teen Ambassador Update:

Carrie shared the letters and applications for teen ambassadors were sent to RI schools. Applications will be reviewed as received (deadline early October). The draft teen ambassador manual was reviewed and minor recommendations for changes were identified. Next steps: Kate will make changes.

Regional Report:

No regional report. However, Carrie shared an overview of the Regional Women's Health Meeting held in July. She will send a brief overview of the meeting at a later date.

Staff Report:

Carrie provided an update on the status the following: Status of Office of Women's Health including the lack of funding for 2009; the status of the internal review of women's health programs and initiatives; update on the Women's Health Leadership Council.

Next Meeting is October 1, 2008