

**The LAST
Asthma Interim Up-date
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ACI Members,

We hope this message finds you well. Recently we were informed from CDC of some disheartening news. As of the end of this August, the Idaho Asthma Prevention and Control Program (IAPCP) will no longer be funded by the CDC. We were informed that we scored high enough on our grant application to be eligible for funding, but were not funded.

This unfortunate news will not only effect the health districts and the work they have accomplished in asthma control and prevention, but will effect partners of IAPCP, and the ACI as a whole. With the help of Lande Lambert, IAPCP took the lead role in schedule meetings and writing meeting minutes. IAPCP was also responsible for upkeep of the ACI website and distributing asthma related information to the ACI.

Given the current circumstances with IAPCP no longer having funding at the end of this month, there are major changes that will have to take place for the ACI to continue their efforts in asthma control and prevention in the state of Idaho. There has been much effort put into the progression of asthma education and control and it would be a shame to see all this effort go to waste by not continuing the efforts of the ACI.

Now that IAPCP is no longer funded, it will be up to one or more organizations within the ACI to reorganize the executive committee and take control of the list serve, meetings, and website. We realize this may be a challenge as all partners are busy in their own work environments, but keeping the ACI organized and functional should justify any efforts. IAPCP has all of the information such as the bylaws, organization charts, contacts/list serve, and other related information needed to take over the ACI.

Again, we apologize for this unfortunate news and hope that there will be one or more organizations within the ACI that will be able to help Lande take over the lead role for the ACI. Please let me know if you are interested in this opportunity and I will make sure all information is transferred to your organization and that ACI members are aware of any changes.

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It has been a pleasure working with all you-

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