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WORKING LIST OF PUBLIC HEALTH PRIORITIES FOR HEALTH REFORM DEVELOPED

The Congressional Study Group on Public Health convened a series of health reform-focused meetings on Capitol Hill over the past three months.

To view the "Working List of Public Health Priorities for Health Reform" that was created from these meetings, [click here](#).

To view a complete list of attendees, [click here](#).

February 2009

CPH POSTS CRITICAL BUDGET DOCUMENTS ONLINE

[Our updated spreadsheet](#) of year by year funding for CDC's core programs

The FY 09 Omnibus Spending Bill's [CDC Sections](#)

President Obama's FY 2010 Budget Outline - [Health and Human Services Section](#)

EVAN JONES & DR. GEORGES BENJAMIN'S OPEN LETTER: RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT ACT

[Click here](#) to view a copy of the letter sent out to our network during the debate on this critical legislation.

March 2009

READ OUR NEW UPDATE!



[Click here](#) to view a copy of our latest *CPH Update*.

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CPH LEADERSHIP LAUNCHES NEW FOUNDATION!

The Campaign for Public Health recently launched a new sister organization, the **CPH Foundation**. The Foundation is actively engaged in leading educational efforts focused on the role public health plays in our nation's health system.

This new organization will assume all of the work formerly undertaken by the Campaign for Public Health that is educational in nature. This includes: leading educational tours of agencies and facilities that focus on public health issues; holding educational forums on public health programs; publishing non-partisan analyses of government spending on public health initiatives; and spreading awareness of how public health funding is utilized throughout the US and abroad.

The CPH Foundation is also eager to partner with outside organizations to produce detailed cost-benefit analysis research related to public health funding and programs. To learn more about the CPH Foundation, visit its website at www.cphfoundation.org.

April 2009

TAKE PART IN THE DEBATE ON HEALTH REFORM!

Click here to view the responses we received from a wide range of health organizations regarding public health priorities for health reform. Thank you to those groups who participated in this!

As a follow-up to the health reform meetings CPH led in partnership with the Congressional Study Group on Public Health at the end of 2008, we are asking all interested organizations to fill out the following **survey**.

This survey asks participants to choose the public health priority they feel must be included in any health reform bill.

Please fill out the form and return it to KristenL@FundCDC.org by **Tuesday, May 12th**.

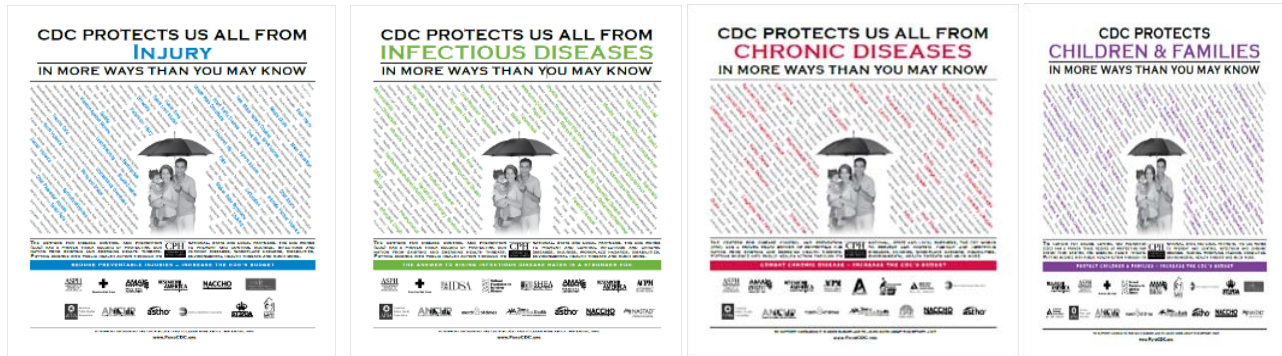
CPH will engage interested members of our Public Health Leaders Roundtable to help us rank and compile responses. We plan to develop a short explanation of our findings and send these back out to participants for their endorsement. We will also discuss the major themes with Capitol Hill.

CDC ADS LAUNCHED IN METRO TRAINS APRIL 15

Are you visiting our site after viewing our ads on the Metro? If so, please help us promote the work of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Send a **letter** to your members of Congress, asking them to support higher funding for this agency.

Sign-up for our email alerts and getting involved in our work. We welcome your feedback and input.



MORE THAN 30 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS SUPPORT INCREASED CDC FUNDING FOR FY2010

To view the McGovern/Granger/Roybal-Allard Letter, [click here](#).

Please view the McGovern/Granger/Roybal-Allard letter above, which asks the Appropriations Committee for a \$2 billion increase for the CDC's core (discretionary) program funding – from today's \$6.6 billion to \$8.6 billion in FY 2010. The impact of such an increase on the nation's public health system would be tremendously beneficial to all Americans - and it comes at a time when such funding is gravely needed.

We commend these members of Congress for their wise and truly bipartisan leadership on behalf of the nation's health protection and disease prevention efforts.

May 2009

CPH & THE CPH FOUNDATION CONGRATULATE NEW CDC DIRECTOR

The Campaign for Public Health and our sister organization, the CPH Foundation applaud President Obama's appointment of New York City Health Commissioner, Dr. Thomas Frieden, to the position of Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Under Dr. Frieden's tenure as Health Commissioner, New York City was often recognized as a leader in enacting innovative public health programs to improve the health and well being of city residents.

Dr. Frieden's resume includes a total of 12 years on staff at the CDC, where he worked both domestically and internationally. This work, as well as his successful public health efforts at the municipal level, will certainly prove to be invaluable experiences as he embarks on this critically important work.

We congratulate Dr. Frieden on his new role as CDC Director and look forward to working with him to promote public health and prevention on a national scale.

PUBLIC HEALTH-FOCUSED FLIERS SENT TO CAPITOL HILL

As part of our ongoing "pro-CDC" ad campaign, CPH is sending a series of fliers to all congressional offices on the Hill. These fliers are based off of the "rain" ads that are currently running in Metro trains and focus on Injury, Children & Families, Infectious Disease and Chronic Disease.

To view the fliers, [click here](#).

June 2009

HEALTH I.T. BRIEFING ON HILL DRAWS LARGE CROWD

The Congressional Study Group on Public Health in conjunction with the Campaign for Public Health recently hosted an event on Capitol Hill with guest speaker **Dr. David Blumenthal**, Health IT Coordinator for the Department of Health and Human Services. The event was held on June 24th in the Dirksen Senate Office building with approximately 80 people in attendance.

Dr. Blumenthal addressed the health IT provisions within the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act and how they applied to public health. His briefing was followed by a lengthy Q&A session which highlighted a variety of topics, including ways public health programs could benefit from investments in health IT.

HEALTH REFORM SURVEY RESULTS

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