

**Alabama's State Obesity Task Force:
"Working toward prevention and reduction of obesity for a healthier
Alabama."**

Obesity Task Force Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2009
AL Power Company WaterCourse Building
Clanton, AL

Mim Gaines called the meeting to order, welcomed members, followed with group introductions

Carolyn Bern provided an overview of the Alabama Communities of Excellence. Carolyn explained how the ACE program works, highlighted some of the successes, and described how OTF members can become involved. For more information on the ACE program, go to <http://www.alabamacommunitiesofexcellence.org/>

Mim Gaines gave an update of the Communities Putting Prevention to Work grant opportunity. The funding, if Alabama is selected, will be targeted to Talladega and Houston counties. A separate funding opportunity is the pediatric grant from NICHQ and APP. ADPH and Alabama Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics submitted a grant which was selected. Brewton was selected for the intervention. Helen Wilson and Michael Jackson are representing the OTF on the committee.

Molly Killman provided an update of the CDC funding opportunity to work with state level agencies to provide healthy vending selections. This funding will be available in January 2010.

Group stretch break was lead by Kathy Shuleva, BCBS.

Bonnie Spear provided an overview of an upcoming conference to be held in Tuscaloosa in June. The conference committee asked if the OTF would be a sponsor. Teresa Smiley is the chair for this conference. It was agreed that OFT would verbally sponsor/support the meeting and encourage participation.

The discussion for developing a student role on the Board was postponed. This will be assigned to a subcommittee to provide a motion to the OTF.

Mim Gaines review OTF goals and successes for 2009/2010. A handout was provided.

The participants at the meeting self selected into three working groups.

Group 1) Worked on the manual's section – The group leader was Michael Jackson.

Group 2) Reviewed the Goals for 2010/2011 and made suggestions for helping the Board prioritize the approaches. The group leader was Bonnie Spear.

Group 3) Started the work for a nomination committee and reviewed the job descriptions. Mim Gaines served as the group leader.

Next meeting date: Board calls are on the second Thursday of each month.

The next group meeting is February 18, 2010, at the Clanton WaterCourse Building.