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Speaker:	Information Gathered to Date:	Comments:
Howard Frumkin MD, MPH, Dr. PH	Dr. Howard Frumkin serves as director of the National Center for Environmental Health, ATSDR. NCEH/ATSDR works to maintain and improve the health of the American people by promoting a healthy environment and by preventing premature death and avoidable illness and disability caused by toxic substances and other environmental hazards. Dr. Howard Frumkin, Director of CDC's National Center for Environmental Health is an expert on the synergies between environmentalism and public health. He is the author or co-author of over 100 scientific journal articles and chapters, and has written numerous books. Dr. Frumkin received his BA from Brown University, his MD from the University of Pennsylvania, his MPH and DrPH from Harvard, his internal medicine training at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and Cambridge Hospital, and his occupational medicine training at Harvard. He is board-certified in both internal medicine and occupational medicine, and is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine.	
Dora Hughes, MD	Dr. Dora Hughes advises Senator Barack Obama on a broad range of health issues and helps to develop his national policy and legislative agenda. She previously served as Deputy Director for Health for Senator Edward M. Kennedy on the Committee on Health Education, Labor and Pensions in the United States Senate. Prior to working on Capitol Hill, Ms. Hughes served as Senior Program Officer at The Commonwealth Fund, a national health foundation in New York City. She completed medical school at Vanderbilt University, residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital and public health school at Harvard University. Ms. Hughes is board-certified in internal medicine.	

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Jim Marks, MD, MPH	<p>James S. Marks, M.D., M.P.H., senior vice president, directs all program and administrative activities of the RWJF Health Group. This includes the Foundation's work in childhood obesity, public health and vulnerable populations. Prior to joining RWJF in December 2004, Marks retired as assistant surgeon general after serving as director of the Centers for Disease Control's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion for almost a decade. Throughout his tenure at CDC, Marks developed and advanced systematic ways to prevent and detect diseases such as cancer, heart disease and diabetes, reduce tobacco use and address the nation's growing epidemic of obesity. Prior to joining RWJF in December 2004, Marks retired as assistant surgeon general after serving as director of the Centers for Disease Control's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion for almost a decade. Throughout his tenure at CDC, Marks developed and advanced systematic ways to prevent and detect diseases such as cancer, heart disease and diabetes, reduce tobacco use and address the nation's growing epidemic of obesity.</p>	
Janet Collins, PhD	<p>Dr. Janet Collins is the director of the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion at the CDC. She is a behavioral scientist with a PhD in educational psychology from Stanford University and a master's degree in clinical psychology from San Diego State University. Prior to coming to CDC, she taught and worked at UCLA in the area of educational measurement. Doctor Collins has published extensively in the area of adolescent health and has given numerous addresses on health promotion and disease prevention issues across the lifespan. Much of her work has focused on the surveillance of adolescent health risk behaviors and the development and evaluation of school-based programs to prevent tobacco use, poor nutrition, physical inactivity, and sexual risk behaviors.</p>	
David Robbins, MD	<p>David Robbins serves on the Kansas Diabetes Prevention and Control Advisory Council Steering Committee and is the Director of the Great Plains Diabetes Institute at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. He is an expert in health care delivery and serves as a professor in the department of endocrinology, metabolism and genetics.</p>	

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<p>Eduardo J. Sanchez, M.D., M.P.H.</p>	<p>Eduardo Sanchez is the Director of the Institute for Health Policy of the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, School of Public Health. Dr. Sanchez served as Commissioner of the Texas Department Health from November 2001 through August 2004, overseeing an array of programs from disease prevention, communicable disease control, and preparedness to environmental and consumer safety as well as regulatory services. On September 1, 2004, he became Commissioner of the newly formed Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), which combined public health, mental health and substance abuse. He served as Commissioner of DSHS until October 2006. The American Academy of Family Physicians presented Dr. Sanchez with the 2005 Public Health Award for his contributions to public health in Texas and beyond. He also received the Louis B. Russell Memorial Award, in 2004, from the American Heart Association for outstanding service to minority populations.</p>	
<p>Ann Albright, PhD, RD</p>	<p>Ann Albright, PhD, RD, assumed the post of Director, Division of Diabetes Translation (DDT) in January 2007. As director, Dr. Albright leads a team of professionals who strive to eliminate the preventable burden of diabetes. Dr. Albright received her doctoral degree in Exercise Physiology from Ohio State University. She completed an NIH postdoctoral fellowship in nutrition at the University of California, Davis and a clinical internship in nutrition at University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). Before joining CDC, Dr. Albright served as Chief of the California Diabetes Program for the California Department of Health Services and held an academic appointment in the Institute for Health and Aging at UCSF, a position she held since 1995. From 2003-2004, Dr. Albright served as the Senior Health Policy Advisor in the Office of the United States Surgeon General and led the Secretary of Health's Diabetes Detection Initiative.</p>	

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<p>Michael Pollan</p>	<p>For the past twenty years, Michael Pollan has been writing books and articles about the places where the human and natural worlds intersect: food, agriculture, gardens, drugs and architecture. Pollan is the author, most recently, of <i>In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto</i>. His previous book, <i>The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals</i>, was named one of the ten best books of 2006 by the New York Times and the Washington Post. It also won the California Book Award, the Northern California Book Award, the James Beard Award for best food writing, and was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award. Pollan's previous book, <i>The Botany of Desire: A Plant's-Eye View of the World</i>, was also a New York Times bestseller, received the Borders Original Voices Award for the best non-fiction work of 2001, and was recognized as a best book of the year by the American Booksellers Association and Amazon.com. He is also the author of <i>A Place of My Own</i> (1997) and <i>Second Nature</i> (1991).</p>	
<p>Lori Dorfman, DrPH</p>	<p>Lori Dorfman directs the Berkeley Media Studies Group, a project of the Public Health Institute, where she oversees BMSG's research on the news, media advocacy training for advocates, and professional education for journalists. BMSG's work is anchored in a public health approach and based on empirical studies of the media environment. BMSG conducts and commissions research on how news, entertainment, and advertising present health and social issues. BMSG studies the process of news gathering, analyzes media content, and writes case studies. Dorfman earned her doctorate in 1994 from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Public Health, where, using participant observation and content analysis, she studied how television news frames health. Dr. Dorfman's recent research examines news and advertising portrayals of various public health issues, including children's health, nutrition and agriculture, food and beverage marketing, paid family leave, racial discrimination, violence, and alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.</p> <p>Dr. Dorfman co-authored the major texts on media advocacy: <i>Public Health and Media Advocacy: Power for Prevention and News for a Change: An Advocates' Guide to Working with the Media</i> and teaches graduate students at UC Berkeley's School of Public Health. She conducts media advocacy training for grass roots organizations and public health leaders, consults for government agencies and community programs across the U.S. and internationally, and publishes articles on public health and mass communication. She edited <i>Reporting on Violence: A Handbook for Journalists</i>, which helps reporters include a public health perspective in violence reporting and is part of an interdisciplinary team that conducts workshops on violence reporting for newspapers and local TV news stations. Dr. Dorfman's publications are available from www.bmsg.org</p>	

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<p>Steven Aldana, MD</p>	<p>Dr. Steven Aldana is a former professor of lifestyle medicine at Brigham Young University. He is currently the CEO and founder of WellSteps. Wellsteps is a turnkey wellness program designed to help employees adopt and maintain healthy behaviors for life. Dr. Aldana has published over 60 scientific articles on the prevention, arrest, and reversal of America’s most common chronic diseases. He has written 7 books on the ability of healthy lifestyle habits to prevent cardiovascular disease, cancers, diabetes, and many chronic diseases. His most recent book, <i>The Culprit and The Cure</i> is currently being used by over 4,500 companies and corporations in an effort to boost productivity and reduce employee related health expenses. The Harvard School of Public Health says this book is “better than the best medicines”.</p> <p>Because of his research expertise he is a regular consultant to the Centers for Disease Control, the National Institutes of Health, and the California Department of Health Services. He is a member of the board of the C. Everett Koop organization. Most recently, he has become a special advisor to the U.S. secretary of health and human services.</p>	
<p>Angela Blackwell Glover, JD</p>	<p>Founded PolicyLink in 1999. A renowned community building activist and advocate, Blackwell served as senior vice president of the Rockefeller Foundation where she oversaw the Foundation's Domestic and Cultural divisions. Blackwell also developed Rockefeller's Building Democracy division, which focused on race and policy, and created the Next Generation Leadership program. A lawyer by training, she gained national recognition as founder of the Oakland (CA) Urban Strategies Council, where she pioneered new approaches to neighborhood revitalization. From 1977 to 1987, Blackwell was a partner at Public Advocates, a nationally known public interest law firm. She is the co-author of <i>Searching for the Uncommon Common Ground: New Dimensions on Race in America</i> (W.W. Norton & Co., 2002), and contributed to <i>Ending Poverty in America: How to Restore the American Dream</i> (The New Press, 2007), an anthology edited by John Edwards. Blackwell earned a bachelor’s degree from Howard University, and a law degree from the University of California at Berkeley. She serves on numerous boards and co-chairs a task force on poverty for the Center for American Progress.</p>	

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<p>Bill Self, MS</p>	<p>In Bill Self's five seasons as head coach at Kansas he has won one national championship, four regular season Big 12 titles and three league tournament championships. In his first trip to the Final Four in 2008, Self's team won the national title. He was named the eighth head coach in Kansas basketball history on April 21, 2003. In the past five seasons, all at KU, Self is the winningest coach in NCAA Division I with a .816 winning percentage (142-32). Included are a combined 70 victories in the last two years.</p>	
<p>Bill Snyder, MA</p>	<p>Bill Snyder, the architect of the "greatest turnaround in the history of college football" during his previous tenure at Kansas State, has returned to be the Wildcats' 34th head football coach as he was announced at a November 24, 2008, press conference. Snyder's unprecedented success in 17 years at Kansas State did not go unnoticed. He was named the National Coach of the Year on three occasions (1991, 1994 and 1998). He has been a finalist for the prestigious Bear Bryant/FWAA National Coach of the Year Award in 1993 and 1995 before winning in 1998; a finalist for the Football News National Coach of the Year Award in 1995 and 1998; and a finalist for the Kodak/AFCA National Coach of the Year Award in 1993 and 1998. In 1993, he joined legendary Nebraska head coach Bob Devaney as the only head coaches in Big Eight history to be named Associated Press Big Eight Coach of the Year three times in a four-year period (1990, 1991 and 1993). The Houston Chronicle named him the 1996 Big 12 Coach of the Year, while he earned 1997 and 1998 Big 12 Coach of the Year honors from the Kansas City Star. Snyder also was the 1998 Big 12 Coach of the Year by the AP and by a vote of league coaches before earning the league coaches' support again in 2002. The 2003 season brought more honors, including Big 12 Coach of the Year accolades from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and ESPN.com. The long-time coach and mentor is also still active in the community as he currently is the Chairman of the Kansas Mentors Council and the Kansas Leadership Council, a member of the Board of Directors for Kansas Leadership Center, the Board of Trustees for the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame, the KSU Leadership Studies Advancement Council, the Terry C. Johnson Cancer Research Center Advisory Council, the Manhattan Community Foundation Board of Trustees, the KSU Foundation Board of Trustees and is the Honorary Co-Chairman of the Kansas Masonic Partnership for Life. Snyder, 69, received his B.A. from William Jewell in 1963. He earned his M.A. from Eastern New Mexico in 1965.</p>	

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<p>Carol Bryant, PhD, MS</p>	<p>Dr. Carol Bryant is a Professor in Community and Family Health at the University of South Florida College of Public Health. Dr. Bryant's interest in social marketing began with the development of a national breastfeeding promotion program for economically disadvantaged minorities and teenagers, called Best Start, in 1990. She has directed social marketing research on a wide variety of public health projects, including breast and cervical cancer screening, prenatal care, immunizations, and early childhood intervention services. She has also directed the formative and pretesting research for five state WIC marketing projects and the National WIC Breastfeeding Promotion Project.</p> <p>Dr. Bryant also co-directs the Florida Prevention Research Center at the University of South Florida, funded by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to develop and evaluate a community based approach (CBPM) to social marketing. The CBPM framework is theory-driven, evidence-based, evaluation-refined, and integrated into a center-level logic model. The Florida Prevention Research Center is currently testing the CBPM framework in four demonstration projects: (1) Smoking and drinking prevention program in Sarasota County; (2) Eye safety promotion program among citrus workers in Lee, Collier, Hendry, Glades, and Palm Beach Counties; (3) childhood obesity prevention in Fayette County, Kentucky; and (4) childhood obesity prevention in Sarasota County, Florida. The FPRC is also active in translation and dissemination of research results and training community members, students, and public health practitioners in key elements of CBPM and evidence-based prevention research</p>	
<p>Michelle Aguilar</p>	<p>Winner of Season 6 of the Biggest Loser. The SCA (South Central Affiliate – OK, TX, NM) has worked with her on media events in Texas.</p>	
<p>Dr. Kenneth Cooper, MD, MPH</p>	<p>When Kenneth Hardy Cooper, M.D., M.P.H., published his first bestseller, <i>Aerobics</i>, in 1968, he introduced a new word and a new concept to America. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the revolutionary book that launched a worldwide fitness revolution. Dr. Cooper is recognized as the leader of the international physical fitness movement and credited with motivating more people to exercise in pursuit of good health than any other person. In 1968, only 100,000 people were jogging in America. That number is now more than 30 million strong, thanks to the work and influence of Dr. Cooper. His recent work focuses on the health and fitness of the next generation—America’s youth—and fighting the childhood obesity problem. In Texas, Dr. Cooper was instrumental in getting physical education back in schools through the passage of a new law that requires enhanced PE activity levels and annual physical fitness testing. He created the Our Kids’ Health initiative to reverse the growing obesity epidemic in his home state and across the country.</p>	

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Chris Figureida	Works with the American Heart Association making stops at city halls, and state capitals to speak with elected officials. Lobby's for student health, bicycle safety, and environmental initiatives, by using his journey as an example he hopes to influence leaders to create opportunities for everyone to have a better future. In March of 2009 Chris rode from Key West Florida to Quebec Canada -- over 2,900 miles -- to raise awareness about leading a healthy lifestyle.	
James O. Hill, PhD	James O. Hill, Ph.D. is Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine at the University of Colorado Denver, Colorado. Dr. Hill also serves as the Director of the Center for Human Nutrition, a nutrition center funded by the National Institutes of Health. He holds a B.S. degree from the University of Tennessee and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of New Hampshire in Physiological Psychology. He has served on numerous government panels, including the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Taskforce on the Prevention and Treatment of Obesity. He is a past chair of the NIH Nutrition Study Section. He served as Chair of the World Health Organization Consultation on Obesity in 1997. He is a Past President of the North American Association for the Study of Obesity (NASSO) and is a current regional vice-president of the International Association for the Study of Obesity (IASO). He was also a member of the Expert Panel on Obesity of the National Institutes of Health that developed U.S guidelines for the treatment and prevention of obesity.	
Gary Foster, PhD	Director, Center for Obesity Research and Education and Professor, Medicine and Public Health at Temple University School of Medicine. Dr. Foster's research interests include the behavioral and metabolic aspects of obesity. He studies a variety of treatment approaches including behavior therapy, pharmacotherapy, and surgery. His currently funded NIH research studies include the effects of weight loss on sleep apnea, the safety and efficacy of low- and high-carbohydrate diets, and the prevention of obesity and diabetes in school settings. He has authored or coauthored more than 100 scientific publications and 2 books on the etiology and treatment of obesity.	

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Adam Drewnowski, PhD	<p>Professor, Epidemiology, Adjunct Professor, Department of Medicine and Director of Nutritional Sciences Program at the University of Washington. Adam Drewnowski, PhD, is a world-renowned leader in innovative research approaches for the prevention and treatment of obesity. Dr. Drewnowski is Director of the Nutritional Sciences Program and Professor of Epidemiology and Medicine at the University of Washington in Seattle. He also serves as Director of the Center for Public Health Nutrition and the UW Center for Obesity Research and is a Joint Member of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Dr. Drewnowski obtained his MA degree in biochemistry from Oxford University in the UK and his PhD in psychology from The Rockefeller University in New York. Following post-doctoral training at the University of Toronto, he returned to Rockefeller as Assistant Professor. He later moved to the University of Michigan, where he became Professor of Public Health, Psychology and Psychiatry, and Director of the Program in Human Nutrition at the School of Public Health. Dr. Drewnowski joined the University of Washington in 1998.</p> <p>Dr. Drewnowski's current research is focused on the relationship between poverty and obesity and the links between obesity and diabetes rates in vulnerable populations and access to healthy foods. Dr. Drewnowski is the author of over 100 research papers, numerous reviews and book chapters, and is a frequent invited speaker at scientific meetings, conferences, and symposia.</p>	
Russ Pate, PhD	<p>Professor, Associate Vice President for Health Sciences, Director, Children's Physical Activity Research Group at the University of South Carolina. Russell R. Pate, a native of upstate New York, was educated at Springfield College (B.S., 1968) and the University of Oregon (M.S., 1973; Ph.D., 1974). In 1974 he joined the faculty of the University of South Carolina where he now serves as Professor in the Department of Exercise Science and Associate Vice President for Health Sciences. During leaves of absence from the University of South Carolina, he has held positions at the University of Virginia and the Medical College of Georgia. Pate is an exercise physiologist with interests in physical activity and physical fitness in children and the health implications of physical activity. He has published more than 150 scholarly papers and has authored or edited five books. His research has been supported by the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Heart Association, and several private foundations and corporations. He heads a research team that currently is</p>	

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	<p>supported by more than two million dollars per year in federal and other funding. He coordinated the effort that led to the development of the recommendation on Physical Activity and Public Health of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American College of Sports Medicine. He served on the U.S. Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (2003-04) and an Institute of Medicine panel that developed guidelines on prevention of childhood obesity.</p>	
Barry Franklin, PhD	<p>Dr. Franklin has been director of the Cardiac Rehabilitation and Exercise Laboratories at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan, since 1985. He is also professor of family medicine at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and he served as president of the American College of Sports Medicine from 1999 to 2000. A prolific writer, he has authored or coauthored more than 300 scholastic papers. He earned his PhD in physiology from Pennsylvania State University and a master's degree from the University of Michigan.</p>	
Ben Thomases, MBA	<p>New York City's first food policy coordinator, a position created by Mayor Michael Bloomberg and City Council Speaker Christine Quinn to develop a comprehensive plan for giving poor New Yorkers access to healthy foods. Thomases leads a new Food Policy Task Force that will make affordable nutritious food more available in underserved communities.</p>	