

Children's Environmental Health Working Group
Collaborative on Health and the Environment- WA (CHE-WA)
Meeting Notes
Thursday, October 10, 2013

HOST: WA State Department of Ecology (Holly Davies)

VENUE: Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County, 130 Nickerson St. #105, Seattle, WA 98109

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 12, 2013 9:30-11:30am at Public Health-Seattle & King County, (downtown Seattle)

Attendees:

American Lung Association: Krysta Thornton

Change Your Food-Change Your Life!™: Dennis Weaver

CHE-WA: Aimee Boulanger

Environmental Coalition of South Seattle (ECOSS): Elizabeth Loudon

The Evergreen State College: Fran Solomon

Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County (LHWMP): Gail Gensler

Tribal Healthy Homes NW/Consultant: Rachel Koller

UW Center for Ecogenetics & Environmental Health: Marilyn Hair

UW Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit: Nancy Beaudet

UW Superfund Research Program, DEOHS: Katie Frevert

WA Department of Ecology: Holly Davies, PhD

WA Department of Health: Ann Butler

Stay in Touch! Join the Northwest Kids Environmental Health Group listserv!

Read and post information, events and opportunities regarding children's environmental health news in the Pacific Northwest. To join, go to www.ecy.wa.gov/maillist.html. Scroll down to Environmental Education, click on Northwest Kids Environmental Health Group and follow the directions. You will need to sign up in order to post and receive messages. Questions? Contact Holly Davies, Ecology @ hdav461@ECY.WA.GOV

Action Items

1. (All) Circulate Save the Date for December Forum when you get it next week!
2. (All) Join the NW Listserv! (See instructions below)

Reminder: Sign up now! [CHE-WA Children's Environmental Health Forum](#): Preventing Harmful Environmental Exposures Before and During Pregnancy. December 4th 2013 Tukwila Community Center
Spread the word wide and far.

Member announcements:

1. Gail Gensler– Forum update: printed flyer available. Registration will be open by next Tuesday. We are still trying to get speakers – some federal employees. 3 speakers – Ted Schettler; Susan Buchanan, Sheela Sathyanarayana. There are nursing credits avail at this event. Cc Gail on any

marketing emails you send out. Looking for more sponsors – don't need money! Exhibit tables – full unless steering committee groups don't want their spot. Rachel will update. We're considering holding a pre-Forum public event Dec 3, a movie showing on toxics.

2. Holly Davies: She is working on flame retardants, working towards safer alternatives; an international organization on flame retardants ([PINFA](#)) is coming here in April for a conference in Seattle on flame retardants. Green Chemistry center developing, getting advisory board together to push safer alternatives.
3. Rachel Koller– Working on resource guide for Tribal Healthy Homes NW – will send out to group when done.
4. Katie Frevert (by phone), Katie: We are working with pollution/ Haz waste issues capacity/needs assessment for community organizations working on these issues. Will publish report. She's looking to support the Forum.
5. Nancy Beaudet (by phone): PEHSU has new fact sheets: CO poisoning, disaster events, lead medical management, and natural gas extraction, also updating phthalates/BPA (in the vetting process). Research Matters conference will be March 5, 2014. Send topics her way. Interface between public health professionals and investigators. Topic idea: Genomix and the challenges to make public health decisions.
6. Gail Gensler–Continuing to teach Eco-healthy Childcare workshops, interested in larger centers and hi-need audience/Head Start centers.
7. Ann Butler, State DOH – environmental biomonitoring...phthalates BPA and pesticides. Audience is women of childbearing age and kids. Urine samples with detailed questionnaire. Currently at High Point public housing. Somali and Vietnamese majority group. She would be happy to present on this project to CHE.
8. Elizabeth Loudon– They have an EPA grant to do outreach with Lung Healthy Home Assessments on multi-lingual communities in City of Seattle. Focus on recent immigrants. Just starting this work now. **Add ECOSS to tabling list for forum! Lower Duwamish superfund cleanup – outreach for fisher study looking at fish consumption; this will be a couple of years long – this year they're planning. Directive from EPA for this project. Next year they'll be asking questions to fishers. Duwamish Alive event – Oct 19th.
9. Krysta – Aileen Gagney is currently doing a tribal training at Quinalt. They are doing assessments – free dust mite pillow cases, walk off mats, free to kids with asthma in Seattle.
10. Marilyn Hair-- Researchers on genetic/environment interactions. Public Health Café (topic = GMO's) is next Tues; they have already filled the room! They will do a fact sheet on this. Got a supplement grant to work with Native environmental health – developed a Native story in [comic book](#) form; they will take that out for feedback. They have a new director, and are doing a strategic plan right now.
11. Dennis-- He sits on the Healthy King County Coalition; he's a voting member and they do advocacy. CHE could talk to Dennis about making a pitch to the coalition for their advocacy work at County level and city council, etc. He has marketed the Forum to this group.
12. Fran Solomon: Teaching at Evergreen -- environmental health and impacts of toxic chemicals. Upcoming events:
 - Oct 21 – Fran will do a guest lecture at Seattle U class on endocrine disruptors to nurses.

- Oct 22 – Dec 10 --Green Science Policy Institute is sponsoring webinars on Tuesdays.

Speaker: Rod Tinnemore, WA State Department of Ecology Air Quality Program, and a national expert on wood burning, shared what the Department of Ecology is doing to reduce wood smoke.