

Children's Environmental Health Working Group
Collaborative on Health and the Environment – WA (CHE-WA)
Meeting Notes
Thursday, February 12, 2015
9:30AM – 11:30AM
Meeting location: Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, Seattle

Our mission is to work collaboratively with diverse groups to eliminate children's harmful environmental exposures in the Puget Sound region and beyond during their most critical developmental years: preconception to age 8.

Attendees in-person

- Holly Davis, WA State Dept. of Health
- Aileen Gagney, American Lung Association
- Gail Gensler, Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County
- Marilyn Hair, CEEH UW Community Outreach Core
- Angel Ip, ASPPH, US EPA Region 10
- Rhonda Kaetzel, Public Health – Seattle & King County
- Rachel Koller, Tribal Healthy Home Network / private consultant
- Sinang Lee, Public Health – Seattle & King County
- Anna Quach, American Lung Association
- Tom Redman, Seattle Public Schools
- Erik Saganic, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
- Sharon Schoenfeld-Cohen, Public Health – Seattle & King County
- Fran Solomon, The Evergreen State College/Tacoma
- Richard Staudt, Seattle Public Schools
- Nicole Thomsen, Public Health – Seattle & King County
- Mary Van Cleve, Children and Youth Project- Columbia Legal Service
- Dennis Weaver, Change Your Food Change Your Life!
- Troy White, Seattle Public Schools

Attendees by phone

- Judy Bardin, WA State Dept. of Health
- Aimee Boulanger, Environmental consultant
- Nancy Bernard, WA State Dept. of Health
- Megan Dunn, Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides
- Tina Echevarria, WA State Dept. of Health
- Michelle Gaither, NW Pollution Prevention Resource Center
- Amy Leang, WA State Dept. of Health
- Jane Mountjoy-Venning, Thurston County Public Health
- Gretchen Stewart, US EPA Region 10

Next meeting: WA State Department of Health in March, EPA in April

Group discussion:

There was unanimous approval to use the remaining \$5,000 funds from the CHE-WA 2013 Forum grant to fund the Cleaning for Health in the Classroom proposal made by Rachel Koller. Feedback from the Seattle Public Schools (SPS) staff that was present was positive; they also feel the custodians will support this. SPS advice was to avoid alcohol based (flammable) products, and prefer non-scented hand sanitizers for elementary aged kids. The proposal will expand the number of sites and nurses who receive kits into 5 schools.

Fran Solomon: Conference PNW Chapter of Center for Toxicology and Chemistry, in Portland Apr 30-May 2nd 100+ people attend, will post an invite on the listserv

Marilyn Hair: UW hosted a Public Health Café, had a recent talk about the Duwamish River cleanup with DRCC and EPA and others, next Café in May

Dennis Weaver: Compilation CD in the works with "Oreo Cookie Blues", and 11 year old talent "Secret of Life". Should be done in mid-summer, and will do cause-marketing, offering a percent back to a good group (and they chose CHE-WA first). Could get some fragrance-free soap donated for the "Cleaning for Health in the Classroom" project.

Mary Van Cleve: A lawyer working with youth-at-risk; has a history as an environmental lawyer

Angel Ip: Just started as an EPA fellow on children's health projects, also considering climate change and children's health. Just returned from one year in WA DC at EPA's Office of Children's Health Performance

Richard Staudt: Here for the near-road pollution talk

Sinang Lee: First time here. Working on Duwamish Cleanup engagement

Aileen Gagney: Her program continues to do indoor air kits and visits in home. Working with DRCC and the Duwamish Valley to do home assessments; partnering with ECOSS to access Somali/Ethiopian/Eritrean communities; distributed 100 air kits to tribes (moisture meter, hygrometer, CO meter, mold cleaning supplies...); working at Yesler Terrace; working in Tukwila with the housing union; working with Futurewise to do more assessments of ground water contaminated by Boeing in Algona; going to an MHE Memphis training and all are welcome.

Nicole Thompson --- Working on creating guidelines/code change defining what is a healthy house

Rhonda Kaetzel: Toxicologist. Working on Duwamish cleanup project as health advisor on effects of eating local fish; pilot study with Vietnamese fishers

Gail Gensler: Work focuses on reducing toxic exposures to kids, working mostly with child care providers. State workgroup she was on just completed updating requirements of child care bleach use; next step will be to develop a list of alternatives to bleach/harsh disinfectants.

Holly Davies: She hosts the NW kids listserv, bleach item would be good to post there and on CHE-WA and Ecology websites. She's working on Governor Inslee's Toxic Reduction Package with current legislative session. The goal is to ban dangerous chemicals by rule, rather than having to go back to the legislature chemical by chemical. Supports safer flame retardants. Her next project is on perfluorinated chemicals. We discussed spraying flame-retardant on curtains wasn't required in daycares.

Jane Mountjoy-Venning: Through their Healthy Homes training, they reached training close to 100 homes and talked to 200 folks – especially about mold. Reinvigorated their childcare provider outreach.

Michelle Gaither: Found a study on synthetic turf, evaluating cancer cases in goalies, and looking at less synthetic options.

Tina Echevarria – WA DOH, Washington Tracking Network maps and info, about to launch our traffic air pollution maps, released next week, will include schools and daycares.

Aimee Boulanger: Working on global standards for mining, and looking to outreach with her alma mater Mt Holyoke to get involved in CHE-WA.

Judy Bardin: Working on health effects of wildfire and cardiovascular disease with the 2012 wildfires. Monitoring legislation that would allow an increase in zero emission vehicles available in WA.

Megan Dunn: Working on farmworker pesticide exposure/drift issues; reach her her at mdunn@pesticide.org. Met with SPS re: issues related to the District's composting increase and pesticide use.

Amy Leang: Working on site assessments; interested in increasing participation

Near-road pollution talk by Erik Saganic is posted with these meeting notes.