

**Collaborative on Health and the Environment-Washington (CHE-WA)
 Children's Environmental Health Working Group - Meeting Notes
 March 25, 2008 1:30-3:30 pm
 Location: King County Hazardous Waste Program Office**

Participants

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I. Goals for this meeting

- ✓ Bring stakeholders together
- ✓ Introduce new participants
- ✓ Share participants' interests and current projects; connect people with similar interests – find synergies
- ✓ Review and revise a draft mission and goals statement
- ✓ Discuss hot topics

II. Introductions

This was the second meeting of CHE-WA's new workgroup on children's environmental health. Participants introduced themselves; new participants shared briefly about their work.

Participants' interests and current projects

| Name (People who attended this meeting for the first time are in blue. People who did not attend this meeting but DID attend the 12-07 meeting are in green.) | Organization | Interests and current projects |
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| Julia Berg | Local | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-facilitator for the CHE-WA workgroup on |

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| (facilitator) | Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County | <p>children's environmental health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has many years experience teaching about household hazardous waste. • Currently working on ways to communicate environmental health concerns to the public. One project involves using microfiber cloths to eliminate the need for dust cleaners. |
| Rob Banes | WA State Dept. of Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interested in effects of toxic exposures to pregnant women, and in mercury outreach and education • DOH has a fish consumption tips card http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/oehas/fish/fishchart.htm |
| Aimee Boulanger | Institute for Children's Environmental Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program director for Institute for Children's Environmental Health. • Strong background in health effects of environmental exposures. |
| Cedar Bouta | WA State Dept. of Ecology | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently working to get a household hazardous waste (HHW) curriculum in schools statewide...focusing now on Kitsap, Lewis and Yakima counties. • Recently completed a statewide HHW survey. • Goes into homes to talk with people about safer alternatives to household products; using a new branding: "Toxic Free Tips". • In the future will work more with the Hispanic community (Benton and Grant county). • Has arranged for Steve Gilbert to do a staff training on toxicology |
| Russ Clausen | WA State Dept. of Ecology | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Barbara Ross' Pb-based paint team • Notes that new Pb rule is coming out SOON. |
| Michael Davis | Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-leads the Environmental Justice (EJ) Network in Action, a program that conducts community-based research and outreach on environmental and environmental health issues in immigrant and refugee communities throughout Seattle and King County (ex. White Center, International District). See http://www.seattle.gov/util/About_SPU/Management/SPU_the_Environment/Environmental_Justice/index.asp • Also interested in EJ issues internally in our organizations. • Works with 30 different language groups and |

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| | | <p>does translations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interested in interactive education outreach, not just brochures, and in the tools we're all using. • Interested in serving underserved populations. Passionate about engaging community members and supporting them to build their own capacity and lead their own projects. Beginning to work with public housing authorities, to help them do this re: HHW, recycling and other topics. • Former childcare provider. |
| Henry Draper | Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team member of LHWMP's staff working on children's environmental health issues. • Interested in what motivates people to take action. |
| Aileen Gagney | American Lung Association of WA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MHE Director • Exec. Director of Clear Corp • Interested in and knowledgeable about asthma and allergy triggers |
| Gail Gensler | Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-facilitator for the CHE-WA workgroup on children's environmental health. • Has many years experience teaching about household hazardous waste. • Currently working on issues related to environmental health in schools, including indoor air quality and pesticide-free produce. (NOTE: In early 2008, LWHMP will be hosting a workshop on hazardous chemicals in school art supplies. It will include ideas on safe handling practices and safer alternatives.) (AND...NOTE: Aimee Boulanger mentioned a <i>Priorities for a Healthy WA Farm to Schools</i> project in 2008.) |
| Steven Gilbert | Institute for Neurotoxicity and Neurological Disorders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrote and maintains Toxipedia (http://toxipedia.org/conf/display/toxipedia/About+Toxipedia), a free, online toxicology encyclopedia and resource center concerning the health effects of chemicals. This includes Healthy World Theater, a list of creative ways to reach out to the public on environmental health issues. • Working with WA Physician's for Social Responsibility and Seattle's Children's Hospital to develop a farmers' market at the hospital. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put a scientific consensus statement about learning disabilities onto the ICEH website (http://www.iceh.org/pdfs/LDDI/LDDIStatement.pdf). |
| Robin Kenepah | Public Health-Seattle and King County | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of King County's Childcare Health Program nurses. Provides consultation and technical assistance to any licensed childcare, including Head Start, on environmental health issues. Interested in exposures to chemicals, including lead and air fresheners. |
| Tracee Mayfield | Public Health-Seattle and King County | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focuses on the precautionary principle. Interested in having the working group membership be regional in order to generate the most financial resources and political power. |
| Thai Nguyen | Public Health-Seattle and King County | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focuses on lead and arsenic in soil and related outreach to schools and childcares. Provides continuing education courses for childcare providers (through S.T.A.R.S. trainings) on related topics. Interested in finding good speakers on lead, arsenic, and environmental justice for STARS trainings. Interested in evaluations, and behavior change. Works with the Children's Health Team. |
| Julie Parker | Public Health-Seattle and King County | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of King County's Childcare Health Program nurses. Provides consultation and technical assistance to any licensed childcare, including Head Start, on environmental health issues. Interested in chemicals, cleaners, disinfectants, and Bisphenol-A (because plastic baby bottles get heated in childcares). |
| Millie Piazza (by phone) | WA State Dept. of Ecology | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Justice Coordinator for DOE Representing Cedar Bouta Interested in children's issues |
| Kim Radtke | Within Reach and Breastfeeding Coalition of WA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinates the Breastfeeding Coalition of WA, a program of Within Reach High interest in breastfeeding and toxins in it Within Reach has several 1-800 hotlines that connect callers to free or low-cost health insurance, food resources, immunizations, breastfeeding support, family planning services, parenting support, child development screening services, and many other social and health |

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| | | programs. |
| Sharon Schoenfeld-Cohen | Public Health-Seattle and King County | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently working on a project to improve environmental health of nail salon workers, workers' children, and pregnant clients. • Recently completed recommendations for LHWMP on how LHWMP can improve environmental health in King County childcares in 2008. Included a recommendation to have an Environmental Health specialist available to work with the County's public health nurses. • In 2008 will be working on completing fact sheets for childcare providers on the following topics: safer toys, alternative cleaners, pesticides, and indoor air quality. |
| Margaret Shield | Toxic Free Legacy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interested in education as it supports policy and market change (the focus of her work). Mentioned the idea of elevating the visibility of children's environmental health by putting on a conference. • Currently focusing heavily on children's exposure to toxic chemicals. See the online toxic toys database at http://www.healthytoys.org/home.php . In 2008, will promote a bill to ban lead, cadmium, phthalates in children's products. This may expand in the future to include other chemicals such as Bisphenol-A. • Interested in chemical reform and assessing, at the state level, chemicals of risk in children's products. |
| Cynthia Shurtleff | WA Chapter-American Academy of Pediatrics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Liaison for WA AAP • Supportive of Children's Safe Products Act • Wants Hg-free, safe salmon |
| Michelle Sommargren | NW Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed an online curriculum for pesticides and child health for primary health care providers. See http://depts.washington.edu/opchild/ .May do a second one with a tribal focus. • Interested in finding more ways to reach clinicians. • Wants to increase PEHSU's reach to rural communities. For ex. working with the Yakima Valley Farm worker Clinic on asthma triggers. • Interested in plasticizers' affects on early |

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| Lindsay Spencer | Tacoma-Pierce County Public Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Her primary focus for 2008 will be on lead and elevated blood lead levels in children. Seeking resources on elevated blood lead levels. • Currently writing a plan for Pierce County on climate change and its connection to environmental health issues. • Interested in the following topics: indoor and outdoor air quality, anti-idling policies, plastics, pesticide reduction. • Interested in issues affecting pre-schoolers. |
| Heather Trim | People for Puget Sound | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Bays Coordinator for PPS • High interest in and knowledgeable about toxics • Interested in phthalates, toxic toys bill, water quality |
| Dennis Weaver | Change Your Food - Change Your Life! | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His goal is to get people to go organic 100 percent |
| Margo Young | US Environmental Protection Agency | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinator for Children's Environmental Health for Region 10 states- AK, ID, OR & WA. See http://epa.gov/r10earth/children.htm • Currently working on the Sustainable Oregon Schools Initiative. • Promotes EPA's Healthy Schools program. • Interested in outreach to low income, people of color, and native Alaskan populations. • Helped organize the Tribal Nations Children's Environmental Health Summit in Denver in 2007. • Working on a Smart Growth workgroup with health and environment agencies in Oregon and Idaho. |

III. The group brainstormed a list of activities they could do that would be useful to them:

1. Host a Children's Environmental Health Summit: not **just** research-based – solutions, policy, and prevention. HT, AB, MY, CS, LY, RB, SG, AG?, GG, JK agreed to work on this. Consider contacting Katie Frevert? What would the reach be...Region 10 EPA? Note that EPA has done regular Children's Environmental Health conferences (often with the local PEHSU's). Rob Banes suggested the spring of 2009 since it could be scheduled adjacent to the EPA Region 10 Partners Meeting and someone from our group could also submit a talk there.
2. Send a rep to ongoing Seattle meetings of the National Children's Study.

3. Raise awareness of issues related to impacts on young children's environmental health. Example: Conference.
4. Send internal e-mail alerts on hot topics of interest.
5. Create a catalogue of what we all do in the form of a matrix. Post it on the CHE-WA website. State what each of us **can** contribute from our organization.
6. Share projects amongst each other to find help/solutions. Ex. Find a way to get more information about children's environmental health (CEH) to Seattle Midwifery School (insert into curriculum? Do a Continuing Medical Education training?)
7. Develop a CEH speakers' bureau.
8. Coordinate with Dept. of Ecology's Toxics Reduction for Children Conference currently in the planning stage.
9. Get CEH information out to the public.
10. Provide people (from our group) to speak on CEH at **other** conferences
11. Attend **other** conferences
12. Come up with ways to make scientific research available to the public

IV. The group also raised the following questions to answer in the future:

1. Clarify somehow: what will each of us get out of this group?
2. Are we proactive or reactive? Who establishes priorities?
3. Are we a resource only? And/or a spokesperson?
4. Ask ourselves: who are we targeting? This will influence our reach.

V. Conclusions and Agreements

The group...

1. reviewed and revised the draft Mission and Goals Statement (see working draft attached)
2. suggested a possible need for an overarching Vision Statement
3. agreed to meet monthly at King County Hazardous Waste Office. (NOTE: meetings will be on the second Thursday of each month from 9:30-11:30)
4. committed to work on a children's environmental health conference/summit. The following people agreed to work on this: Rob Baner, Aimee Boulanger, Gail Gensler, Aileen Gagney (?), Steve Gilbert, Jeff Ketchel, Cynthia Shurtleff, Heather Trim, Margo Young, Leena Der Yuen,
5. confirmed that they would like Gensler to continue to send bundled, e-mail alerts on 'hot topics'
6. agreed to work on assembling a resource catalog/matrix of our own organizations, and proposed posting it on CHE-WA's website

VI. Assigned tasks

1. Confirm regular meeting schedule and send with 3-25-08 notes. (Gensler)
2. Develop a matrix template and send to group participants. (Gensler/Berg/Draper)

3. Send completed matrix back to Gensler/Berg/or Draper. (Group participants)

Next Meeting

May 8th, 9:30-11:30

Location: King County Hazardous Waste Program

Directions: The office is located at 130 Nickerson St., Suite 100 in Seattle. [Map with directions from 1-5.](#)