

Children's Environmental Health Working Group  
Collaborative on Health and the Environment – WA (CHE-WA)  
Meeting Notes  
Thursday, June 11, 2015  
9:30AM – 11:30AM  
Meeting location: American Lung Association, Seattle, WA

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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**

- Nancy Bernard, WA State Department of Health
- Megan Dunn, Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides
- Aileen Gagney, American Lung Association (host)
- Gail Gensler, Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County
- Angel Ip, EPA Region 10
- Rachel Koller, Independent Consultant
- Gillian Mittlestaedt, Tribal Healthy Homes Network and the Tulalip Tribes (presenter)
- Peter Murchie, EPA Region 10
- Anna Quach, American Lung Association
- Fran Solomon, Evergreen State College
- Nicole Thomsen, Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County
- Dennis Weaver, Change Your Food, Change Your Life

#### **Attendees by phone**

- Aimee Boulanger, CHE-WA
- Michelle Gaither, PPRC
- Carolyn Gleason, HRSA
- Marilyn Hair, CEEH UW Community Outreach Core
- Gretchen Stewart, EPA Regional 10
- Lorelei Walker, UW SPH Public Health Genetics & Health Equity Circle

#### **Project Updates:**

##### **Group discussion re: 2015 December Forum**

- Aimee and Nicole led the discussion  
DOE grant pending; part of grant to hold biennial forum of children's Env. Health; resources for meeting? Test w/us? Is there continued value in forum? If so, w/DOE grant would a core group of people become a work group to work on forum? Should we change time into later in the winter: Focus? Size? Purpose? Other issues? Gail needs help and support to coordinate and lead.
- Group voted that the forum will be held; leadership group of Gail, Nicole and Amy should go forth. Dennis, Lorelei and Nancy (if schools are involved) offered their help.

- Peter offered support of money and personnel and likes the idea of a series instead of a one day forum and wants to be kept in the loop
- DOE grant - \$ set aside for project coordinator; amount of limited time and capacity; we all have to do this work; there is potential so that one of us is the point person – won't know until they pass this year's budget
- Gail has gotten Tukwila Comm. Center for Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> and they have agreed to hold the space without cost until July. Questions: If we get the money are we in at Tukwila? Cost is \$2500. Should we extend the date?
- Nancy Beaudet – suggested expanding age range ie. School age; consider including teen worker issues (L&I funding); UW undergraduates LHHWMP has money set aside (\$13,000) and Gail's time available for this year. LHHWMP is going through re-org of personnel and projects
- At UW have a robust request for internships - possible help this summer for the forum?

1. Rachel – 5 presentations in the fall, two done – rescheduled due to end of school year
2. Michelle: Gatewood Elementary School presentation to entire class of 5<sup>th</sup> graders
3. Nancy Bernard: WAI-CBA still going; Dave Blake retiring; no new fall workshops for schools; looking into engineered water
4. Angel: waste issues in Alaska
5. Peter: EPA's new EJScreen and Mapping tool launched yesterday
6. Megan: Report on Oregon Schools w/IPM; reducing pesticide use in schools; bed bugs with Everett Housing Authority; King County bed bug poster translated into 9 different languages
7. Erik: Judy Barton retired
8. Fran: doing series of lectures through Tacoma Food Coop; June 24-Toxic Metals in food; 7-8:30 at the Evergreen Tacoma campus; Second and Third lectures on Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals
9. Gail: The Eco-Healthy Child Care<sup>®</sup> program published new report which summarizes for all 50 states policies that affect childcare in terms of environmental health; Gail will be retiring in 1.5 years – who will manage this group?
10. Dennis: song albums and commissioned young artists
11. Nicole: presented Children's Environmental Health workshop at NAHMMA (30 people) together with Steve G. and Holly D. and handed out CHE WA flyers
12. Nancy Beaudet: PEHSU grand round lecture June 24 – Unconventional Oil Exploration; fracking risks for children
13. Lorelei Walker Dissertation Defense coming up.  
Title: The Importance of Epigenetic Embodiment for Public Health Professionals: Stress Triggers, Environmental Toxicants, and Strategies for Education.  
Date: August 6, 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM at UW School of Social Work  
--Location In person: School of Social Work, room 306  
--Virtual: Google Handout: [https://plus.google.com/events/c9rsctejk27f0a1shh2497bp8mg?authkey=CPP6kqfHh\\_6DogE](https://plus.google.com/events/c9rsctejk27f0a1shh2497bp8mg?authkey=CPP6kqfHh_6DogE)  
--Youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbPlmTMvjhM>
14. Gretchen: Partnership with state on lead testing for head start; Yakima ground water nitrate issues; dual languages and outreach; PM 2.5 issues; multi-media approach