

**Meeting Notes –January 13, 2011 9:30-11:30**

**Location: 130 Nickerson St. Suite 105  
Children’s Environmental Health Working Group  
Collaborative on Health and the Environment- WA (CHE-WA)**

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: pre-conception to age 8.

*This is a fragrance-free event.*

**Introductions**

Welcome back and welcome new folks

**Speaker next month:**

Geoffrey Crofoot from the Washington State Environmental Health Association

**Ongoing reminder: Interested in receiving updates on the current WA legislative session?**

Contact group member, Holly Davies, at [hdav461@ECY.WA.GOV](mailto:hdav461@ECY.WA.GOV) and she will send you regular updates.

**Discussion Items**

Future directions for this working group:

- Gail gave a brief overview of our history as a working group. The group has met the goals of the originators of the idea for this group (Jeff Ketchel and Tracee Mayfield), which is to be a regional network, sharing resources and reducing duplication in children’s environmental health efforts.
- Short term needs – LHWMP staff need to share the opportunity to host monthly meetings. Our group meets ten times a year – LHWMP can host three of those meetings and if needed provide space for three other meetings.
  - LHWMP (Gail and Julia) will maintain the member list and e-mail messages and documents provided by the other hosts.
  - Duties involved in hosting:
    - Provide a room. This offers opportunity to move the meeting closer to a variety of members. For example, meeting in Kent is closer to members in Olympia.
    - Provide an agenda, with directions, *ten days before* the meeting to Gensler/Berg so they can e-mail to membership.
    - Facilitate the meeting.
    - Take and edit notes (ask for help from other members if need be). Send them to Gensler/Berg.
    - Speaker phone.
    - Conference bridge for up to eight people.
    - Secure a speaker on the topic of your choice as it relates to CEH. This is a good opportunity to invite speaker from the organization that the speaker represents. EPA, for example.
  - 2011 Calendar. Folks may need to switch months and are free to do so. The UW offers a space as a backup if needed (contact Katie Frevert). *Next steps* – Facilitators start contacting speakers for their month.

February	LHWMP – Speaker = Crofoot	Gail Gensler/Julia Berg
March	Sierra Club	Cara Dolan
April	People for Puget Sound	Heather Trim
May	Public Health Seattle & King County	Nicole Thomsen
June	American Lung Association	Aileen Gagney (via Aimee Boulanger)

September	LHW MP	Gail Gensler/Julia Berg
October	EPA	Margo Young
November	WADOH (in Kent)	Lauren Jenks
December	LHWMP	Gail Gensler/Julia Berg

- 2011 work – sub group projects
  - Determine way(s) to increase the capacity of medical providers about children's environmental health issues. Gail Gensler is facilitator.
    - Ideas for sub group: figure out a way to offer more education, find out what they already know, conduct a needs assessment, work with existing training i.e. PSR training. Meant to be collaborative, not replace other's work.
    - Those interested: Cherie, Nicole, Jeanne, Lauren, Margo, Kristi, Cynthia. Others to invite: Karen Bowman, NT can suggest some from County Doctor, MY could suggest someone from Tribal Clinics. Maybe someone from Bastyr.
    - Target audience: Family physicians, pediatrician, school nurses. OBGYN, Planned Parenthood
    - Medical providers tend to be research and data focused – maybe not “training” but discussion...
    - NT wonders if recent needs assessment (how prefer to receive information) has been done to know what WACAAP knows.
    - MY will look nationally to see if that has been done. GC said that re: lead –no one on West Coast thinking about lead, from his experience in Snohomish. GG wonders who else should help?
  - Host a mini-symposium bringing together people already working on children's environmental health issues. Margo Young is the facilitator. Two ideas:
    - At UW provide a forum for people doing research and working on CEH to meet and share idea. *Next steps*- talk with Kristi Ivicsek.
    - Lots of work going on in Yakima – ground water monitoring, reverse osmosis filters for filters, Karr on asthma and pesticides. At the 2011 Environmental Health conference in Vancouver we could do a session on CEH issues.
  - Work with [WSEHA](#). Geoffrey Crofoot, President of WSEHA is interested in providing platform for providing CEH to their members.
    - Their mission is to provide education to their members – local jurisdictional health departments.
    - In years past their conference has been in the spring, good time for conferences in EH.
    - Current format is one day conference; 4-8 hours contact time. Varying spots around the state. Idea is to have local, regionally priced continuing education around the state. No overnight stay required. Venues (free): Tumwater, Snohomish, Moses Lake, and Spokane.
    - They have a good marketing mechanism, website, and newsletter. Infrastructure is in place. They need new content.
    - Need to clarify if this would be one conference that travels or if it would be tailored to each site, or a combination of those ideas. AB likes idea of road show. GG wonders if non-WEEHA people can attend. There are non-member rates, says GC
    - *Next steps* -Convene a meeting with Lauren Jenks, Margo Young, Nicole Thomsen, Aimee Boulanger, Gail Gensler, Cara Dolan, and Geoffrey Crofoot.
  - Participate more (providing CEH info) in existing conferences. For example:
    - HT is on planning committee of Salish Sea conference in Vancouver BC in October. Maybe MY could steer people to submit abstracts.



- Cara Dolan – Coal Free Washington campaign – here because of children’s health impacts of burning coal. Work session on January 21 to hear about health effects of coal, a senator has called for experts. Cara will send website
- Margo Young – Notice of Funding Availability – grant opportunity. Get from CHE-WA bulletin. Two trainings she sent around. Press release actions on fluoride.
- Tracee Mayfield – bulk of his work developing classes targeting Somali childcare providers – has anyone done work with them? LJ – Minnesota has large Somali population. JJ suggests contacting Elizabeth Loudon, ECOSS.
- Nicole Thomsen – participating as stakeholder in City of Seattle Rental Housing Licensing and Inspection program and putting together a small working group to put together health standards in rental housing. LJ will participate.
- Jeanne Johnson – ECOSS Powerful Neighborhoods – installation of compact fluorescents. She will send more info. Reminding everyone that comment period on Duwamish River clean up ends tomorrow, also on-line link. ECOSS looking for other projects/opportunities.

**Attendance** (\* indicates by phone)

Julia Berg (note taker)	LHWMP
Peter Blackburn	UW MPH practicum student
Aimee Boulanger*	CHE-WA
Renee Bouvion*	US Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health-Region 10
Russ Clausen	EPA
Geoffrey Crofoot*	Washington State Environmental Health Association
Holly Davies	Ecology
Cara Dolan	Coal Free Washington
Cherie Eichholz	Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility
Katie Frevert*	NIEHS Center for Ecogenetics & Environmental Health, University of Washington
Michelle Gaither	PPRC
Gail Gensler – (facilitator)	LHWMP
Laura Hutchinson*	Public Health- Seattle & King County
Kristy Ivicsek	PEHSU/Children’s Hospital
Lauren Jenks	WA Dept. of Health
Jeanne Johnson	ECOSS
Tracee Mayfield	Public Health- Seattle & King County
Carole Miller (speaker)	Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest
Donna Miscolta	King County Solid Waste
Barbara Ross	EPA-Region X, Lead Program
Cynthia Shurtleff	Washington Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Nicole Thomsen	Public Health- Seattle & King County
Heather Trim	People for Puget Sound
Dennis Weaver	Change Your Food Change Your Life
Margo Young	EPA
Leena Der Yuen*	Washington Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics