

Children's Environmental Health Working Group
Collaborative on Health and the Environment – WA (CHE-WA)

Thursday, October 8, 2015, 9:30AM – 11:30AM

Meeting location: Public Health- Seattle & King County, Chinook Building, Room 116, 401 5th Ave, Seattle, WA
Speaker Presentation by Steven G. Gilbert, PhD, DABT, *Voices Through Walls: How Walls Undermine Human Rights, Public Health, Humanity, and Peace*. See PowerPoint presentation for more information.

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.

Action Items

1. See proposed 2016 Meetings Schedule below. We still need hosts for May, June, September, and November 2016.
2. Follow up with Lorelei Walker and her team regarding interest in helping with Seattle Home Show.

Attendees in-person:

- Tracy Bier, Tracy Bier Education Services
- Maralyn Chase, Washington State Senate
- Gail Gensler, Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County (LHWMP) (Meeting Facilitator)
- Steve Gilbert, Institute of Neurotoxicology and Neurological Disorders (INND)
- Carolyn Gleason, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
- Marilyn Hair, Center for Ecogenetics and Environmental Health, University of Washington (UW)
- Angel Ip, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10 (Note-Taker)
- Amanda Jones, Washington State Department of Health
- Rhonda Kaetzel, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Region 10
- Marta Lema, Public Health- Seattle & King County
- Robin Leone, UW Bothell
- Elisabeth Long, Washington State Department of Health
- Laura Johnson, Washington Alliance for Non-Toxic Play and Athletic Fields (WANPAF)
- Will Perry, Public Health-Seattle & King County
- Sharon Schoenfeld-Cohen, LHWMP
- Frances Solomon, Evergreen State College
- Nicole Thomsen, Public Health-Seattle & King County, Health Housing and Lead
- Lorelei Walker, Health Equity Circle (Note-Taker)
- Dennis Weaver, Change Your Food-Change Your Life®
- Arthur Wendel, ATSDR, Region 10

Attendees by phone:

- Rachel Koller, Consultant
- Gretchen Stewart, EPA Region 10

Next CHE-WA Meeting: November 12th, 2015; 9:30-11:30am in Edmonds. Hosted by Senator Maralyn Chase, Washington Alliance for Nontoxic Play and Athletic Fields (WANPAF), Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides (NCAP), and Washington Members of the Safe Healthy Playing Fields Coalition (SHPFC).

2016 Meeting Host Schedule (draft)

<i>Monthly Meeting</i>	<i>Host</i>	<i>Contact</i>
January 2016	ATSDR	Rhonda / Arthur Wendell
February 2016	LHWMP	Gail Gensler
March 2016	HRSA	Carolyn Gleason
April 2016	EPA	Gretchen Stewart
May 2016		
June 2016		
July 2016	SUMMER BREAK	
August 2016	SUMMER BREAK	
September 2016		
October 2016	KCS Public Health	Nicole Thomsen
November 2016		
December 2016	CEEH	Marilyn Hair

- Washington Department of Health will host in May, June, September, or November in Kent, WA. They are checking calendars.
- American Lung Association (ALA) might be able to host; Nicole will check with ALA contact.
- Washington Toxics Coalition may be able to host; Lorelei will check with WA Toxics contact.

CHE-WA projects and promotion

Movie showing at the February 2016 Home Show

Lorelei Walker gave an update on this group's effort to show a movie at the February 2016 Home Show. The working group is Lorelei, Nicole, Angel, Gretchen, and Laura J.

- Home Show is 2/12-2/21/2016. Contact is M. Kalian through Gretchen.
- Abstract for presentation is due by 11/1/15.
- Idea is to show section of MisLEAD by Tamera Rubin and then have a discussion with resources.
 - Tamara is in OR so she could be brought up for discussion and possible combined with a CHE-WA meeting or Public Health Café.
 - Appears we have funds available to do this (Steve).
 - <http://tamararubin.com/mislead/>
 - <http://leadsafeamerica.org/>
- Additional support offered from:
 - Amanda Jones and Elisabeth Long
 - Krysta Thornton and Gillian Mittelstaedt might be interested (by Gail).
 - Carolyn Gleason offered to help at the show.

Outreach to nursing students

Gail and Karen Bowman have been following up with contacts from our 2013 Forum to further engage the large showing of nursing students. Gail and Sharon will teach a Health and Populations class at UW Bothell on 10/19 from 1:15-3:15pm. Anyone from CHE-WA is welcome to attend!

Information about this group and where to find information related to children's environmental health

- This group has a have a promotional flyer. Please download and circulate.
<http://www.washington.chenw.org/pdfs/CHE-WAEmailFlyer.pdf>
- Want information on related to children's environmental health? Join the NW Kids Environmental Health Listserv: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/maillist.html>

Member Sharing

- Nicole
 - Connected Elise Miller with Julia Cruz (National Center for Healthy Housing)
 - Correction: Working with **King County** Board of Health on Guidance, not the **State** as listed in last month's notes.
 - Tukwila passed ordinance on Monday that incorporates National Housing Standards into their code. (HUGE). 1st in nation, state, and county. Standards for lead, chemicals, and even mold language. Relevant to existing housing / rentals.
- Fran
 - 10/26 Seattle University Graduate Nursing class as a guest lecturer to speak on endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs).
 - Speaking about toxic metals and EDCs with Tacoma Food Coop.
 - Congratulated Lorelei on completing her PhD.
- Sharon
 - Working with Gail to reach daycares.
 - Will work with Gail to teach a UW Bothell nursing class about children's environmental health.
- Elisabeth
 - Childhood lead prevention and screening recommendations in their final edit stage. 1-page clinical algorithm for provider screening protocol. Uses Rad Cunningham's mapping programs. Factors in health disparities and social vulnerability (housing and income) as compared to the rest of the state. Launch mid-month. Census track level.
- Amanda
 - Surveillance electronic reporting and support on lead project.
 - Working with Head Start and public health programs.
- Rhonda
 - ATSDR is part of the Health and Human Services. Focus on Superfund sites and health exposures. Housed in EPA. Working with Native communities.
- Arthur
 - Worked as a lead on healthy community design at CDC (ex. New publication on bicycling fatality reduction among children's fatalities). New to west coast.
 - Working on a childcare citing initiative – placing them away from known contamination sites. The goal is to support programs and policy changes that will lead to avoiding these risks. Carolyn said she had a related contact.
 - Will reach out to Sharon about work with childcare centers.
 - Working on brownfields and redevelopment from a toxicological, economic and social perspective. Draft manual to review with stakeholders.
 - ATSDR funds PEHSU at UW. PEHSU website: <http://depts.washington.edu/pehsu/>
- Will
 - Focus on children with elevated blood levels at local health jurisdiction level.
 - Sees ~200 cases/year. Half are refugee children (all refugees get screened).

- Outreach to refugee communities, resettlement case workers; high risk.
 - Teaching ESL using lead prevention as topic at World Relief.
- Lorelei
 - PH Café for CEEH on Monday 10/12 at 7pm in Kirkland for Best Starts for Kids. She'll send the flier to listserv.
 - Saturday 10/17 Assembly on Best Starts for Kids in Seattle. Flyer to listserv.
 - Levy funding sets the stage to make Seattle more appealing for Health Kids Bright Futures funders. Funds Maternal Support Services offered by Seattle & King County Public Health.
 - For more information on UW Public Health Cafés from UW Center for Ecogenetics and Environmental Health, visit: <http://deohs.washington.edu/ceeh/public-health-caf%C3%A9>
- Dennis
 - 10-year project "Good Living" CD to be released very soon.
 - Compilation album for better food choices across different genres of music.
 - New website for release.
 - CHE-WA Promotion Code! **Anyone** who uses this code will earn 10% of the retail sales to be donated to CHE-WA. Code will be distributed soon.
- Laura
 - Distributed examples of the crumb rubber used in playing fields. Contains 20+ known carcinogens.
 - South Kitsap switched to coconut husk and cork.
 - Presenting next month.
 - Add her to Home Show working group.
- Senator Chase
 - Longtime supporter and advocate. Will host next month.
- Gail
 - Working on training for childcare centers. Focusing on administrators and policy.
- Carolyn
 - Connecting with social services.
- Marta
 - Surveying property managers; promoting healthy housing.
- Robin
 - Student at UW Bothell interested in Social Work and Environmental Health.
- Angel
 - Working on a variety of projects and initiatives, including tribal solid waste issues (and health), children's health, and community engagement.
 - October is EPA Children's Health Month. *See information and resources on EPA Region 10's Facebook page, repost posts for information sharing: <https://www.facebook.com/eparegion10>*
 - Presentation with Dr. Catherine Karr focusing on Yakima's groundwater nitrate levels and children's health on Tuesday, November 10 from 12pm-1pm at EPA Region 10. Invitation to CHE-WA in a follow-up message with flyer and details, join us in person and help us publicize!
 - Same discussion topic for December 2015 meeting.
- Gretchen
 - PEHSU training for community medical providers; online availability.
 - EPA launched new pesticide website.
- Tracy
 - Worked with Physicians for Social Responsibility.
 - Currently an academic tutor, focus on children with learning disabilities.
- Rachel

- Working with PTA at Peter Kirk elementary school on safer cleaning practices for healthy classrooms.
- Guidance incorporated into Seattle schools is moving to **state** level! Nancy Bernard added language to Rachel's guidelines; includes DOH logo and is on the DOH website.