

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

Meeting Notes

Thursday, November 10, 2011 9:30-11:30

Washington State Department of Health, Creekside Three at CenterPoint
20435 72nd Ave S, Suite 200, Kent, WA 98032

Host: Margo Young, EPA Region X

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.

Attendees: Jane Mountjoy-Venning, Gail Gensler, Margo Young, Judy Bardin, Lauren Jenks, Barbara Ross, Gretchen Stewart, Kim Farnham, Ada Otter, Nicole Thompsen, Donna Miscolta, Rachel Koller, Holly Davies, Elizabeth Louden, Julia Berg

Sub-Group Report-outs:

1. Medical Home –DOH
 - a. Trying to work with the Great Minds program – Toni Nunes (AAP) was going to connect with Great Minds.
2. UW Children's Health Research Symposium, Tuesday, February 28th, 2012. Mark your calendar. CHE-WA might be asked to help sponsor this event and help cover some costs of food.

Northwest Children's Environmental Health Forum, November 29th

- 110 people signed up so far.
- Panelists:
 - Ted Sturdevant, WA State Department of Ecology
 - Kate Kelly, US Environmental Protection Agency
 - Tom Bancroft, People for Puget Sound
 - Maxine Hayes, Washington State Department of Health
 - Donna Batch, US Department of Housing and Urban Development
 - Susan Johnson, US Health and Human Services
 - Howard Frumkin, UW School of Public Health
 - Anna Dyer, Washington Toxics Coalition
- Volunteers Needed to Moderate small group discussions – Margo sending email with moderating duties and asking for volunteers for this. Watch for it!
- Decorating Needed: If folks can help with table decorations, that would be great – anyone have a bunch of mini-gourds?

Activities:

Improving Children's Health through Federal Collaboration Webinars: Organized by EPA Region 8, and the Health Resources and Services Administration, Region 8, in collaboration with other Federal partners. See <http://www.epa.gov/region8/humanhealth/children/webinars.html>.

- November 10, 2011 Children Grow Best in Healthy Environments
- December 8, 2011 Pediatric Environmental Health Resources for Community Health Professionals
- January 12, 2012 Coordinated School Health: Clean, Green and Healthy Schools
- February 9, 2012 Obesity Prevention
- March 8, 2012 Affordable Care Act

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- April 12, 2012 Communities Working Together for Better Health
- May 10, 2012 Successful Asthma Management
- June 14, 2012 Healthy Homes
- July No Webinar This Month
- August 9, 2012 Children's Environmental Health Research 2nd Thursday of every month from 1PM to 2:30PM PT, beginning November 10
- September 13, 2012 National Children Study

Member Report-outs:

Liz Louden (ECOSS)

DRCC Community Event Thursday night- Duwamish Valley Healthy Communities Project

Lauren Jenks (DOH)

First advisory committee meeting for the HH Program – Dec. 14th Open to all.

Mattel gave a lot of money to the AG's office. DOH got some money to redesign HH brochure and lead brochure and translate.

Nicole Thompson (SKCPH)

CDC Healthy Housing grant – 3 sub-working groups – Nicole is leading two of them – one is case management protocols. Strategic planning and pilot project with City of Seattle to develop an assessment tool, narrowing and tailoring it for local groups. City of Seattle will pilot it with their enforcement program/inspection. Rental housing guidance document coming out. Council meeting in December.

Nicole going on FMLA this spring– Traycee will be taking over the promotora work – will want to engage community groups around lead and other chemicals. Looking for community groups – mainly focused on Chinese communities...to partner with.

Holly Davies:

Money from AG's \$168K to test products. Testing for phthalates, parabens, PBDEs, BPA – products and packaging, lead. Will help to inform what is in products.

Judy Bardin(DOH):

New indicator to the WA Tracking Portal –number of days that fine PM is above national standard. Used Ecology's continuous monitors and now have data for 70% of counties.

Gail:

Wanting to bring back energy to KC on Eco-Healthy Childcare (self-certification program). Checklist of 30 items. Gail has been putting on trainings. 1 per quarter.

Presentation

Thurston County Healthy Homes program (funded by new EPA grant)

- Volunteers to be available in their communities to do home assessments.
- Outcomes – lower rates of hospitalization from asthma/respiratory disease.
 - Reduce exposures
 - Increase community capacity
 - Early learning/early childhood – incorporating into their training programs.

Current status – shaping, getting info. Using the MHE program.

Developing a referral and communication network.

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Providing assessments – Healthy Home visits.

Curriculum – HH? MHE? Combining the two?

Thurston County does not have a housing code. No authority to do anything about it except in certain jurisdictions. Hoping to get some data about what type of potential violations exist.

Partners:

Child Care Action Council

Community College Child Care Training

Head Start

Parent Night presentations

Safe Kids Thurston County

City code enforcement folks – want to do
more

Thurston Energy – weatherization

NW Eco-Builders Guild

Schools

Faith communities

Evergreen State College Health Center

Nisqually Tribe

Housing Authority

Master Builders

Medical Reserve Corps

Orca

ALA