Current Snapshot of Children’s Environmental Health Activities in our region

Michael Bergman (Department of Ecology)
- Most interested in day cares and schools
- New work plan in progress

Heather Trim People for Puget Sound
- Supporting baby bottle bill
- Pharm take back
- Legislative work

Joanne Peradin (Children’s Environmental Health Network www.cehn.org)
- Healthy Environment
- Korean orphan assessment

Jeff Ketchel (Public Health, Seattle & King County)
- With Nicole, is developing a strategic plan for built environment and land uses
- $20 million AARA grant
- Applying for an obesity grant

Nancy Bernard (Washington Department of Health)
- K-12 health and safety guide being updated
- Board of Health adopted a draft rule- but that was suspended because of budget

Margo Young (EPA Region 10)
- Twenty people from EPA attended NW Children’s Environmental Health Forum She’s now being invited to all THEIR meetings
- Regional Mercury strategy is getting a grad student on Mercury disposal
- (Michael?) submitted another grad student proposal—GIS-based kids health assessment
- Shared a "Toxic Matters" brochure. The following people were interested in discussing ways to use it or adapt it and get it into doctor offices: Gail, Nicole, Aileen, Erica, Steve, Cynthia, Jeanne

Steve Gilbert (Institute of Neurotoxicology and Neurological Disorders)
- Plans to increase the focus on children's health on INND’s website. For example, have a section entering the question, “what are the health effects of radiation on children?”
- Is there interest in a Leadopedia?

Erica Finsness (UW- Institute for Risk Analysis and Risk Communication)
- Children’s Environmental Health risks research Center will continue—refunded through 2015
- This group looks at organophosphate pesticides exposure to farm workers in the Yakima area.

Aileen Gagney (American Lung Association)
- 98 percent behavior change documented after the Master Home Environmentalists' visits
- Have an asthma outreach person
• Landlord-Tenant stuff going great
• Mold is still the biggest hurdle she faces. It is a tough one to deal with. You must find clear, visual leakage for code enforcement.

Jeanne Johnson (Environmental Coalition of South Seattle)
• Looking at funding for next year
• CAMP has grants available to help low income households in heating homes
• Seattle-King County Public Health is doing an asthma outreach program with the Housing Authority in Highline area.

Caitlyn Steiner (American Lung Association)
• Working on a resource guide for heating programs.
• Will send info to us so it can go on the CHE-WA website

Nicole Thomson (Public Health, Seattle & King County)
• Under spending her grant
• Setting up five lead screenings before March 2010
• A second elevated lead case has shown up in Yesler Terrace—perhaps a community screening is coming.
• Hopes to work with Seattle Headstart centers for lead screening.
• Submitted a grant for ongoing lead screening
• Looking to do screenings in-school to increase participation.
• Suggests Laura Hutchison, from Child Profile, as a contact—will be added to our mailing list

Russ Clausen (EPA Region 10)
• Will send us a file on lead training
• Nicole—there is very little training going on. Only two firms certified as trainers. The contractors out there don't know about the new rule.
• There is an opt-out provision—pre-'78, no child under six and no pregnant women. This opt-out provision will probably disappear by April 7th, due to a settlement.
• EPA will be advertising program nationally, website will be included; no firm date yet.

Dennis Weaver (Change Your Food, Change Your Life!)
• Environmental health seems to be focused on the health of the environment, not personal environmental health. He’s trying to educate public on personal impacts.

Tracee Mayfield, (Public Health, Seattle & King County)
• Will be doing trainings for childcare providers
• Green Procurement training on December 1, 2009

Julia Berg (Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County)
• CHE meeting at Antioch on December 1st, featuring Endocrine disruptors discussion. Will be from 2-4:30
• Now will be working on outreach to the public sector
• We will have an increased web presence

Jeff Ketchel (Public Health, Seattle & King County)
• Will staff a call center regarding Howard Hansen Dam
• Jeff complained about us not having post-flood planning and so, predictably, was tasked with providing same.

Report out on the NW Children’s Environmental Health Forum, 2009 - Margo Young
• Was the attendee spread what the planning committee was hoping for? Yes.
- We provided 20 scholarships, mostly to students.
- Typical comment, “Wow, I learned so much!”
- Gail will provide “Cliff notes from the Forum.” Featuring the main points the speakers made.
- “The woman from Alaska was amazing!”
- Julia—Forum web page is being updated to include speaker PowerPoint presentations. Video is being edited for the web.
- Steve—would be nice to have a one page summary and have it be linked to website.
- Jeff—Evaluations are being compiled: Paper and about 60-70 personal interviews. Survey Monkey needs 200 responses to be statistically valid. All attendees should take the survey, even if they were on the planning committee. There will be a follow-up report in January.

What did we learn - Margo Young

- Format worked.
- Logistics were great.
- Venue worked well.
- Food (organic) made a HUGE difference; chocolate was well received.
- Question screening worked.
- Reconsider how to do the Action Agenda—creating a document there was tough.
- Too many planning meetings—need a smaller core committee.
- NEED A CONFERENCE COORDINATOR!!
- Money—Is there a decision to do this next time? The recommendation is not to do the Forum again until 2011.
- Conference cost roughly $48K, exclusive of in-kind contributions.

Attendance list:

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