

Collaborative on Health and the Environment-Washington (CHE-WA)
Children's Environmental Health Working Group - Meeting Notes
September 11, 2008 9:30-11:30
Location: Canal Place, 130 Nickerson Ave.

(Attendance list at very end)

Accomplishments and updates

- Dennis –On the phone all the time sharing the good news warming people up for the conference
- Annique – The Children's Alliance is having an all-day summit at Group Health on Nov. 13 (:?), 2008 to review progress.
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Committee Reports

Conference Planning Committee (Gail)

- Conference has a date: October 1,2,3 2009 at the Tukwila Community Center
- Has received lots of feedback; thanks to all
- Gail is focusing her attention on the third (public) day
- The committee needs help and will be asking for same
- Currently brainstorming a list of potential advisory committee members
Call Julia or Gail for detail of member duties/responsibilities

Conference has been roughed out—it will be ‘wonderful, awesome, and not a waste of time!’

National Children's Study (Lisa)

- There have been many delays
- Now scheduled for July, 2010
- Scheduling is frustrating because they are attempting to build in enough time to teach people (community advisory boards) about the study but not get people excited then have them wait, and wait.
- Contracts have been awarded for King County in Washington and Marion County in Oregon.
Proposing adding Grant and Thurston Counties as well.

Shopper's Card Update (Gail)

- 1,500 printed; they're gone already!
- Next printing may have small changes
Available through us; let us know if you know of people who will want large numbers
- The website (<http://www.govlink.org/hazwaste/house/ShoppersCard.html>) gives more detail about the information contained on the card
- The WA State Department of Health is revamping its Fish Card—Rob says it may be November before it's done
- Gail will send a link (<http://www.govlink.org/hazwaste/house/ShoppersCard.html>) that contains both the pesticides card (<http://www.govlink.org/hazwaste/house/ShoppersCard.html>) and the fish card (<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/oehas/fish/fishchart.htm>).
- Gail will update people about the card at the September 23rd larger CHE-WA membership meeting

Half-yearly working Group Review (Julia)

- Julia has reviewed what we'd hoped to do and is impressed with how far we've come. We've done quite a lot in our short time together!
 - Raising awareness—we're pulling together a conference
 - Providing email alerts through CHE-WA
 - Matrix—started, but awaiting Margo's return
 - Sharing experiences and successes—part of our standard meeting procedure

- What else would you like the group to do?
 Cindy—is open to help others with writing
 Kristi: Notes that EPA's Healthy SEAT program is unaware of us. They have a database of schools that we might utilize.
 Miranda—outreach to medical schools and clinics...perhaps make a children's environmental resource list online for medical providers. Also mentioned mamasource.com to reach moms.
 Aimee—How can we coordinate with people who don't attend regularly?
 Dennis—A regular column in the P-I or Times? One way of putting our brand out there.
 Gail—This is part of her work plan, but she is targeting smaller groups.
 Lisa – What about outreach to PEPS? Her group just finished but had no CEH presentation.
 Steve—Set up a social networking site geared to Children's Environmental Health?
 Washington Toxics has something like this.
 Cynthia: See the Children's Alliance Legislative Scorecard to get names of elected officials who have supported children's issues.
 Cynthia: Any way to tie in with the Dept. of Health's Child Profile outreach materials to parents? (See <http://www.childprofile.org/>). Answer: Must be peer reviewed by Child Profile.
 Aimee—Communication and distribution of information that already exists is one of the biggest issues presenting itself.
 Aimee--coordinating ; where/how do we reach audiences without subjecting people to information overload? Possible audiences: midwives, pediatricians, adoption agencies, support groups for foster parents. Note: WA Toxics Coalition's website has a section just for parents.
 Perhaps one site with links to articles? Compile **Children's Environmental Health's Greatest Hits**—what are they and how do we get them into the proper venues.
 Aimee suggested forming a new committee to do a materials review. She volunteered to lead it and Julia, Gail, Steve, Tracee, Miranda, Michelle, Lisa and Cindy volunteered to be on the committee.

Work group formed to work on this issue. Volunteers: Gail, Steve, Tracee, Miranda, Cindy, Michelle, Dennis, Aimee (will convene the first meeting.)

Artificial Turf

- Tracee is looking for contacts in the city of NY. There's a real chance to make an impact because NYC is the only other city working on turf specifications.
- Nicole asked if a taskforce Tracee knew of was looking at the recent Island County problem with one of their playfields. Answer: no.
- Will meet with suppliers in two months.

Guest presentation: Tacoma Smelter Plume Project Update by Thai Nguyen

See handout of slides

Attendance list:

Aimee Boulanger	Institute for Children's Environmental Health
Angela Delahoz	Public Health-Seattle and King County
Cindy Callahan	Seattle Public Utilities
Cynthia Shurtleff	WCAAP
Dennis Weaver	Change Your Food-Change Your Life!
Henry Draper (note taker)	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County
Gail Gensler	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County
Julia Berg(facilitator)	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County
Kristi Waddell	EPA Lead and Asbestos
Lisa Younglove	UW National Children's Study
Miranda Taylor	Gesundheit Acupuncture

Michelle Gaither	Pollution Prevention Resource Center
Nicole DeFrank	Snohomish Health District
Rob Barns	WA State Dept. of Health
Steve Gilbert	Institute for Neurotoxicity and Neurological Disorders
Thai Nguyen	Public Health-Seattle and King County
Tracee Mayfield	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County