

Children's Environmental Health Working Group  
Collaborative on Health and the Environment – WA (CHE-WA)  
Meeting Notes  
Thursday, January 10, 2013  
9:30AM – 11:30AM  
Meeting location: Health Resource Services Administration (HRSA), Seattle

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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**

In person: Carolyn Gleason (HRSA) – meeting host, Dennis Weaver (Change Your Food-Change Your Life®), Gail Gensler (Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County --LHWMP), Hamdi Mohamed (Housing and Urban Development), Will Perry (Public Health-Seattle & King County – PH-S&KC), Sharon Schoenfeld-Cohen (PH-S&KC), Sonia Hoglander (HomEvolution Consulting), Diana de Forest (HRSA), Margo Young (EPA R-10) – note taker, Gretchen Stewart (EPA R-10), Rachel Koller (Healthy Home Focus)

By phone: Nicole Thomsen (PH-S&KC), Kris Larson (ATSDR), Nancy Bernard (WA Department of Health), Ann Butler (WA Department of Health), Joanne Perodin (Children's Environmental Health Network), Aimee Boulanger (Environmental consultant), Ana Rivero (WA Toxics Coalition), Pat Holland (Educational consultant in San Diego)

### **Attendee updates**

Ann: Working on biomonitoring study of low income residents of King County. Working with Seattle & Renton Housing Authority residences, taking urine samples of 20-40 year old women, teenagers ...looking at phthalates, BPA and pesticides. Working with Steve Whittaker in LHWMP.

Nicole: \*Healthy Housing Initiative Project – rolling ahead. Interest from Councilmember Lambert re: mold, etc... Hoping to leverage her enthusiasm on this topic for increased funding. \*PPG Forum grant application was submitted and made it in.

Pat: San Diego mayor wants to make San Diego a green city and is seeking resources to help make this happen. The mayor said bring me stuff. Within church, Pat got introduced to some intra-faith work on healthy children and caring for elders and raising children. Pat is interested in toxics. Hope someone is looking at nanomaterials. [Pat.holland@juno.com](mailto:Pat.holland@juno.com)

Joanne: Wants to engage health and medical professional organizations in being involved in CEHN. Looking for organizations to engage. Send her info at [jperodin@cehn.org](mailto:jperodin@cehn.org). Note: The Eco-Healthy Child Care® Program is part of CEHN.

Sonia: Electromagnetic field (EMF) work. CHE-EMF bioinitiative report has just been updated and put on the website. Also, she recommends seeing the film "[Resonance: Beings of Frequency](#)" on the effects of EMF.

Dennis: He is still working on a marketing/branding piece for CHE-WA; he might share it at the next meeting. It could work in tandem with the Forum.

Will: LHWMP now has an X-ray fluorescent (XRF) analyzer; their staff will be getting trained/certified to use it in the field. They're discussing what they want to do with it... for example, lead investigations of children who have been exposed. Could expand into broader healthy homes look.

Gail: Has two eco-healthy trainings scheduled in February, one in May. She'll advertise them on the listserv. She continues to work on getting CEH information out to medical providers; working with WCAAP -- placed two articles in their pediatricians' online newsletter and will place two more in spring.

Hamdi: Karen Griego West will be talking at the CHE February meeting.

Margo: Lisa Jackson resigned. Governor Gregoire is on the short list for appointment to head the EPA.

Diana: CEH Federal workgroup is still going on and has about 30 people involved.

Rachel: Reminded us that our working group has a [resource](#) list that will show us where, how and who to connect with as we continue with our group's goal of reducing gaps and overlaps in services and [resources](#) that address children's environmental health issues. Some version of this list may eventually be available to the public. This is a Google doc. Please access it and fill in your program description information: [CHE-WA Resource List](#).

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AhpVV-zQKNZwdG5Da25JTINUR3N3czRiT3JTU2pPeHc#gid=0>

Gail: Two upcoming events: 1) January 17<sup>th</sup>, "Environmental Toxins and our Health". Sponsored by WA Physicians for Social Responsibility, Kate Davies & Dr. Brady. Langley, WA. 2) January 22<sup>nd</sup> Chaco Canyon Organic café [talk on Pesticides and Food](#).

Ana Rivero: Volunteers and does some contract work for WA Toxics Coalition. She's working on testing art materials for toxins. She is connected with Dave Waddell in LHWMP.

Carolyn Gleason: Working on doing an internal in-service training on reproductive environmental health for her HRSA colleagues.

### **2013 CHE-WA CEH Forum Planning Update**

- Planned for early December 2013. Three people (Carolyn, Gail, Margo) will work together to help steer the planning committee. In the process of doing stakeholder calls. Topic is Reproductive Environmental Health: Healthy Babies. Prevention of toxic exposures. Starting to look for a venue. About to confirm date and time. Submitted Ecology grant proposal for funding. Second grant proposal (CPG) will be next to submit.

- Some venues were suggested: Northwest Hospital (Gretchen will check on this). Valley General Hospital.
- Kris: One of ATSDR's medical officers is involved and reformed on reproductive issues.
- Carolyn compiled what we have for stakeholder interviews; needs a broader list.