

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

NOTE: NO meeting in January. The next meeting will be February 5.
(Attendance list at very end)

Accomplishments and updates

Steve

- Got a graph from Lauren.
- There is now a new, sister site to Toxipedia. It is IPMopedia. Find it at
- <http://toxipedia.org/wiki/display/ipmopedia/IPM+Education+Project> . It offers free and up-to-date integrated pest management advice direct from green gardening experts.

Kim

- LHWMP paid for printing their *Toxics in Breastmilk* brochures.
- ---Kim put an announcement about the October Forum and Fair in the *Breastfeeding Matters* newsletter

Elisabeth: excited about the opportunities with the Healthy Homes approach

Margo: reminded everyone to fill in the contacts matrix if they haven't yet
<http://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=p7oyur-V2tg74ZKpUnuIpYg&hl=en>

Jeff: CTED is not pursuing EPA's Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule this legislative session. King County wants to work on this with Kristi Waddell at EPA.

Committee Reports

Conference Planning (Margo and Gail)

- The 'save-the-date' announcement is soon to come out.
- We have submitted three grant applications to: NIEHS, CDC, and DOE
- Some confirmed speakers: Ted Schettler, Shawna Swan, Bruce Lanphear.
- We are trying to get Sandra Steingraber to speak at the fair. This will depend on if we can get her speaking grant. Steve and Kim offered to the 501C3 conduit organization for the funds.
- Kim suggested another name, Patricia Butterfield (?) – a nurse and affiliate professor at the UW. Kim will confirm the name and tell Margo.
- Dennis stated that we are also looking at Michael Skinner, who works on how environmental toxins can permanently reprogram a heritable trait.
- Lauren offered help from D.O.H. with the blood lead level testing at the fair. She says we will need to provide a nurse.
- Kim would like to work on the marketing committee getting moms to attend.
- Kristi offered to work on some committee.
- Group suggested that the planning committee form a new subcommittee that will focus on making the event friendly to underserved, low income, non-English-speaking communities. The following people agreed to work on this: Angela,

Cherie, Elizabeth, Kim, Lisa and Thai. It was suggested we also contact these people to see if they'd be interested: Michael Davis (SPU), Millie Piazza (EPA), CCEJ's new director, and other folks from the CHE-WA group (Aimee).

- The following suggestions were given for how to get folks motivated to come:
 1. Develop a separate flier just for the Saturday event. State that the event will be free, on a bus line, and we'll have free bus passes.
 2. Offer popular items like Mariners' tickets and free lunch.
 3. Target the whole family.
 4. Plan for how parents will accommodate nap time. Parents with very young ones may come earlier in the morning with naptime from noon-3:00 pm.
 5. Provide for breastfeeding.
 6. Build in ways that will motivate people to leave the exhibitor area to go hear Sandra.
 7. Make the conference accessible to underserved communities.
 8. Kim offered that WithinReach could have laptops set up for participant to know what services are available to them through WithinReach.

National Children's Study (Lisa)

- See article in this week's *Newsweek* about the study.
- Study will soon be starting key informant interviews. Gail offered to get Lisa some names.

Quick updates on CEH-related topics

Tracee (LHWMP)

- His first priority is now with childcares with a main focus on green toys, art supplies, and floor.
- His second priority later may be a "Vented, not Scented" campaign.

Margo (EPA)

- See the *USA Today* article on air toxics. They did an eight month investigation using EPA data, mapping school locations and overlaying those with risk factors.
- National EPA office is seeking information on creating an environmental publication for *Healthy Tips for Pregnant Women*. Julia, Gail, Jeff, Kim and Steve are interested in helping with this.

Cherie (PSR)

The WA Toxics Coalition and Toxic Free Legacy are seeking pregnant women (12-28 weeks) for a study on their chemical body burden. Must be first pregnancy.

Nancy (NW PEHSU)

- A State of Maine report showed very high mercury exposure levels following breakage of compact fluorescent bulbs. As a result she recommends not using them, especially near pregnant women and young children.
- She stated that mercury levels appear to vary by brand of bulb.

- She is interested in encouraging organizations and agencies that give these away and promote them to place clean-up guidelines and warnings with them.

Jeanne (ECOSS)

Mentioned a recent study about how spices we eat can later be detected in Puget Sound. This suggests that other things we take into our bodies may pass through as well.

Guest presentation: *Precautionary Principle* by Tracee Mayfield

See handout of slides, attached.

Ideas for speaker topics for future CHE-WA working group meetings:

1. Blood lead level data—Lauren
2. BPA and endocrine disruptors—maybe by Sheila Satyanarayana (U.W.)

Action steps:

1. Add your contact information to the CEH Working Group Matrix. http://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=p7oyur-V2tg74ZKpUnuIpYg&hl=en	All	ASAP
2. Invite Kim to marketing committee meetings	Heather	For next subcommittee meeting.
3. Get name (Butterfield?) to Margaret re: possible speaker	Kim	ASAP
4. Talk with Kristi re: her role in the forum and fair	Gail	
5. Get key informant contact names to Lisa for NCS	Gail	ASAP
6. Confirm a lead for the new subcommittee	Margo	
7. Send <i>Healthy Tips for Pregnant Women</i> out to reviewers Julia, Jeff, Gail, Kim and Steve	Margo	ASAP
8. Gail to get possible key informant names to Lisa	Gail	ASAP

Attendance list:

Aimee Boulanger	Institute for Children's' Environmental Health
Angela Delahoz	Public Health – Seattle and King County
Cherie Eichholz	Physicians for Social Responsibility
Dennis Weaver	Change Your Food-Change Your Life!
Elisabeth Long	Dept. of Health
Gail Gensler (note taker)	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County

Jeanne Johnson	ECOSS
Jefferson Ketchel	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County
Julia Berg(facilitator)	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County
Kim Radtke	Within Reach and Breastfeeding Coalition of WA
Kristi Waddell	EPA
Lauren Jenks	WA State Department of Health
Lisa Younglove	UW National Children's Study
Margo Young	EPA
Nancy Beaudet	UW PEHSU
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