

Collaborative on Health and the Environment-Washington (CHE-WA)
Children's Environmental Health Working Group - Meeting Notes
February 12, 2009 9:30-11:30
Location: Canal Place, 130 Nickerson Ave.

(Attendance list at very end)

Committee Reports

Conference Planning

Margo

- 'Save the Date' is done. There is a PDF available. The card has gone so quickly that it is being reprinted (by Cedar) and will include a registration date.
- The goals of the Forum and Fair are:
 - Emerging science
 - Connecting with each other—creating ways to connect with people health care providers don't typically see (for example folks in schools).
- An issue for planning is that there is no central list of health care providers and they are, therefore, difficult to communicate with.
 - Margo offers her database for our use.
- Angela did a five-question survey (targeting Chinese, Hispanic, and Vietnamese communities) asking what would make a Forum and Fair like ours more appealing/useful to them.
 - Hands on/activity-based activities.
 - Providing nutritional tips
 - Maybe offering onsite child care.
 - Perhaps offering transportation.
- We are hoping to provide translation services in several languages, but that is not necessary for the Save-the-Date flyer.

Gail

- Event bag. Gail showed off the bag, explained that it is a joint effort with our EnviroStars program and that it can be used by participants to take away handouts.
- The *Healthy Home* has been secured. It will be assembled in the gym.
 - It comes with its own staffing and materials.
 - It might be really neat to invite Ron Sims back as HUD Deputy.

Jeff

- Looking for volunteers
 - Friday night is the most pressing need (transition from one session to the next.)
 - Currently has tentative approval for two undergraduate student interns

Russ

- EPA and Conference of Legislators
- Doug Farquhar is planning to attend

Laura

- Free blood-level testing will be available at the October Fair

Julia

- Is happy with the recognition that we can't be all things to all people. For example, the Forum and Fair will not be targeting teens.

Updates from members on current CEH projects

- Jeff—Infant and Early Development group has invited us to come and give a 2 ½ hour presentation
 - Toys/environmental health issues/chemical issues are the focus
 - Jeff and Tracy will present
 - This is a very prestigious conference
 - 500 to 1,000 people are expected to attend
- There was an excellent segment on NPR this morning concerning chemicals in toys: <http://www.npr.org/templates/rundowns/rundown.php?prgId=3&prgDate=2-12-2009>
- The city of Seattle is continuing to explore a rental housing inspection system
 - A consultant hired by the city recommended an augmented complaint system, but the city wants something stronger
 - A license system perhaps—this would provide a database of rental units
 - Several cities nationally are creating this kind of program
 - A key issue in this discussion is whether rental property is private property or a business.
- Russ shows off a flyer (of what?)
- Steve will be speaking in Salt Lake City
- Margo—EPA has issued a letter about her priorities
 - Reform TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act)
- Steve will send out a link for a new online tool about the effects of chemical exposure on fetal development
 - Cool Schools is a high school-based program exploring ways of reducing our carbon footprints. It is:
 - on line
 - student based
 - designed to conduct audits
- Cynthia—Bisphenol bill is moving along in the legislature
- Steve—there is an attempt to eliminate notice of pesticide spraying
- Nicole—four lead bills are currently in the Legislature
- Julia is updating our website.

- Content regarding pregnant women is being written
 - There is already a UW website on this topic
- Gail will provide a link regarding a Healthy Schools paper on indoor air quality

Action items:

1. Steve will send out a link for a new online tool linking chemical exposures throughout fetal development
2. Gail will provide a link regarding a Healthy Schools paper on indoor air quality
3. Michelle Gaither offered to help with advertising the Fair and creating the flier.

Guest presentation:

Lauren Jenks, Washington State Department of Health, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. *2008 Data on Childhood Lead Screening*

Attendance list:

Angela Delahoz	PH-SKC
Cindy Callahan	Seattle Public Utilities
Cynthia Shurtleff	WA C AAP
Dave Hickok	PH-SKC-LHWMP
Dennis Weaver	Change Your Food-Change Your Life!
Gail Gensler	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County
Henry Draper (note taker)	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County
Jefferson Ketchel	PH-SKC
Julia Berg(facilitator)	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County
Julie Parker	PH-SKC-CCHP
Lauren Jenks	WA State Department of Health
Margo Young	EPA
Michelle Gaither	Pollution Prevention Resource Center
Nicole Thompson	PH-SKC
Ray Carveth	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County
Robin Kenepah	PH-SCK
Russ Clausen	EPA
Sharon Schoenfeld-Cohen	PH-SKC
Steve Gilbert	Institute for Neurotoxicity and Neurological Disorders
Steve Whitaker	PH-SKC
Thai Nguyen	PH-SKC
Tracee Mayfield	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County