

**Children's Environmental Health Working Group
Collaborative on Health and the Environment- WA (CHE-WA)**

Meeting Notes

Thursday, March 8, 2012 9:30-11:30

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.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 12, 2012 Time: 9:30- 11:30

- Host: Elizabeth Loudon, ECOSS
- Location: TBD
- April speaker: B.J. Cummings, [Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition](#)

February Host: Margo Young and Gretchen Stewart, EPA Region 10

Location: Green Depot

Attendees: Tacoma-Pierce County folks, Steve Gilbert (INND), Sonia Hoglander (HomEvolution), Katie Frevert, Lois Jefferson*, Eugena Buena-Douglas (Puyallup Tribe), Catherine White (LHWMP), Ada Otter (PEHSU), Charles Wu (LHWMP), Julia Singer (LHWMP), Margo Young (EPA – Region 10), Judy Bardin (WA DOH)*, Nancy Bernard (WA DOH*), Lauren Jenks (WA DOH), Rachel Koller, Elizabeth Loudon (ECOSS), Ada Otter (NW PEHSU) Barbara Ross (EPA-Region 10), Gretchen Stewart (EPA-Region 10), Nicole Thomsen (LHWMP/PHS&KC)*, Dennis Weaver (Change Your Food, Change Your Life) *Kathryn White (LHWMP/PHS&KC) = by phone

Facilitator: Gretchen Stewart **Note taker:** Margo Young

Part I: Our 2012 priorities: Results and discussion of online survey (Stewart/Koller)

- Discussion about the summary of the survey monkey. Many people are working on healthy homes, seasonal toxics, child cares, outdoor air pollutions, etc...
- Most folks agreed that we shouldn't be necessarily creating new work, but just working to support/enhance the work we are already doing.
- Rachel is going to create a Google doc that everyone can input their organization/program into or some sort of share site everyone can access to try to develop a resource library that could eventually be public.
- The resource library would help us and the public navigate where to connect with services and resources to address children's health issues.
- We also had a discussion about the branding of CHE-WA Children's Health. We do have a brand in CHE, but need to maybe do a better job of marketing the working group. We need to have more discussion about this.
- Any branding and marketing we do would be very helpful in securing funding for the CEH working group.
- Potentially could do a needs assessment of our audiences utilizing an intern.
- Need to use the [CHE-WA website](#) to post our messages because it is an easy way to make them available to our audience via sharing web links.
- Need to explore ways to easily get information out (social media, CHE Facebook page, and CHE-WA website).

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- Maybe we could use a communications student to help us set this up, but everyone agreed we don't want to add another layer of information. We don't want to separate this from what we are already doing.

Part II: Announcements:

1. Margo Young
 - From Meredith Eddy: "I am currently searching for an internship or volunteer opportunity to fulfill a practicum requirement for this summer, and I'd love to have an excuse to come back to Seattle for a while. I was wondering if you knew of any possible opportunities in Hazardous Waste Management or otherwise in Public Health that might be a fit for me? I've attached my resume to this email, any advice or assistance you can think of would be immensely appreciated." [see her resume attached]
 - From Tracee Mayfield seeking an intern: "Ideally a person could be available for 6 months as there is a relationship building phase. All candidates need environmental health, social work, or related education. The most competitive candidates will have Chinese language skills. Tuesday, March 13th is the day I will begin to offer interviews." [see intern description attached]
 - From Dennis asking to share his menu (!) from the meeting he will be attending while we are at CHE—WA.[see menu attached]
2. Nancy Bernard: Going back east to the IAQ Officials meeting – she can report out on that at the next meeting if folks are interested.
3. Julia Singer: Link to Pesticide-Free Places - <http://www.lhwmp.org/home/pfparks/index.aspx>
4. Ada: Research forum went great and will be the launch of a webinar series on children's health.
5. Charles Wu – Echo about looking for an intern – graduate or undergraduate level. Also will be doing an RFP to support work in the Beacon Hill neighborhood to try to establish the Promotora model in Chinese communities – looking for community partners.
6. Katherine White – Wants input into the work for the case management protocol for healthy homes for city pilot (lead and asthma).
7. ECOSS – Outreach working with Aileen Gagney to train folks on HEAL. Healthy Foods project wrapping up.
8. Lauren Jenks: April 1st – DOH is redoing website so a lot of links you have will be broken. Use main link and will have to search to find stuff.
9. Sonia Hoglander – Works on mold, IAQ, building materials, electromagnetic radiation and how these affect young women and children. Happy to share more info on what she does at a meeting at some point. [HomEvolution](#).
10. Katie Frevert: Happy to be here
11. Steve Gilbert: Small Dose of Toxicology now available as a free e-book (thanks Steve) and finished the two pager on epigenetics that Julia will send out.
12. Dennis: Good Food Truck is rolling.
13. Aileen Gagney: ALA is moving offices. New address is 822 John, Seattle, 98109. Aileen's direct line is 206-512-3280. Just got an eviction over turned today.

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14. Lois Jefferson: Make sure we use the descriptor "child cares," (a place that takes care of children) instead of "day cares," (a place that takes care of adults.)
15. Gretchen Stewart: In charge of EPA Earth Month activities. If you have events or cleanup or educational opportunities you would like bodies of EPA staff to attend, please let us know.

Part III: Speaker: Gillian Mittelstaedt, Coordinator of Tribal Healthy Homes Northwest presented an overview of children's health issues related to housing and indoor air quality in tribal communities and discuss her work to build capacity within the tribes to address these issues.

Tribal Healthy Homes Northwest Tribal Healthy Homes Northwest is a tribal-led Working Group, open to all tribes - and the agencies and organizations with whom they collaborate. Staff and administrative support is provided through the leadership of the Tulalip Tribes of Washington, in conjunction with funding from the US Environmental Protection Agency.