

Children's Environmental Health Working Group
Collaborative on Health and the Environment- WA (CHE-WA)
Meeting Notes
Thursday, September 12, 2013

HOST: Institute for Neurotoxicology and Neurological Development (INND)
VENUE: Good Shepherd Center, Seattle
Next Meeting: Thursday, October 10, 2013 9:30-11:30am at EPA Region 10 (downtown Seattle)
Agenda and directions coming soon

Attendees:

Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry (ATSDR): Kris Larson
Change Your Food-Change Your Life!™: Dennis Weaver
CHE-WA: Aimee Boulanger
Health Resource Services Administration: Carolyn Gleason
Institute for Neurotoxicology and Neurological Development (INND): Steven Gilbert, PhD
Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County (LHWMP): Gail Gensler, Will Perry, Sharon Schoenfeld-Cohen, Donna Miscolta
Public Health-Seattle & King County: Denise Sharify, Roda Mohamed
Tribal Healthy Homes NW/Consultant: Rachel Koller
US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) R10: Margo Young, Diana Phelan
UW Center for Ecogenetics & Environmental Health: Jon Sharpe
WA Department of Ecology: Holly Davies, PhD, Suskia Van Bergen, Maria Peeler
WA Department of Health: Nancy Bernard, Rad Cunningham, Kimberly Moore
WA Toxics Coalition: Ana Rivero
Interested Citizens: Angela Larson, Susan Colton, Dareen Qalfat
Massage Therapist/Nutrition Therapist: Sherry Dixon

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Action Items

1. (Margo) Create Meeting Notes Template (done)
2. (Gail) Add link to resource matrix/list to website
3. (All) Circulate Save the Date for December Forum when you get it next week!
4. (All) Join the NW Listserv! (See instructions below)

Updates:

Save the Date: CHE-WA Children's Environmental Health Forum

December 4th 2013, Tukwila Community Center – Before and during pregnancy focus. Save the Date announcement coming out next week – please circulate broadly. We received Ecology

funding to fund the Forum. Target audience: people who have influence or work with reproductive health/people of reproductive age.

Member announcements:

1. 9/15 – CYF-CYL will be at a Wellness Fair at the Bellevue Club. Contact Dennis Weave for more info.
2. 9/19 and 20 -US Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools Education Built to Last Washington Tour. Please join the US Department of Education (ED) and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) for the 'Education Built to Last' Washington State Green Ribbon Schools Tour Listening Session on Thursday September 19, 2013 from 3:30-6:30 pm at the McKinstry Company's Innovation Center in Seattle. This is a free public event, but as space is limited please **RSVP by September 13th** to Sultana Shah at: Sultana.Shah@k12.wa.us or 360.725.4961.
3. 9/20 – Elaine Faustman speaking at Pacific Northwest Association of Toxicologists Annual Meeting. <http://www.toxicology.org/isot/RC/panwat/annmeets.asp>
4. 10/15 7-8:30pm UW Public Health Café (Jon Sharpe) @ Chaco Canyon in West Seattle. Genetically modified organisms. Regulatory issues & safety/toxicology issues. Beer & Wine available. <http://depts.washington.edu/ceeh/community/public-health-cafe.html>
5. Saskia Van Bergen - October and November - Ecology green chemistry webinar series for high school chemistry teachers, **Beyond Benign**, <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/services/ee/workshop.html>
6. Susan Colton - Coming soon – Movie on the food industry at PCC
7. Rad Cunningham – working on a planning grant for CMS with DOH and Health Care Authority to make home visits reimbursable. CMS changed final rule to making home visits recommended by provider instead of required by provider. Met with WA Health Care Authority and Sue Grinnell (DOH). Discussed training for providers and others. Barriers – seems like fee for service which is what we're trying to get away from and also hard to add another job classification onto community health workers.
8. Kris Larson - ATSDR hired a Medical Officer for R10 – Mike Kinser – two years. Worked with the City of Seattle for a few years. Also, see the Emergency Go Bag Flow Chart (ID DOH) <http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Health/ReadyIdaho/tabid/1613/Default.aspx> and <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Health/Environment/WildfireSmoke/tabid/2172/Default.aspx>
9. Holly Davies – Millie Piazza – asked about a movie called Unacceptable Levels. Wondering about getting a screening in Olympia. Elise Miller & Gail Gensler have been in contact with the movie folks. Only want to do large screenings in 2013. Stay tuned. WATCH THE [TRAILER](#) and FIND [A SCREENING](#) NEAR YOU
10. Gail Gensler – Childcare training Oct. 17 in Tukwila <http://www.childcare.org/providers/class-description.asp?ClassID=w1772>. Also working on getting credits for site visits. Overhauled the CHE-WA website – should go live this week.
11. Will Perry - *KC Board of Health – last month voted unanimously to adopt ordinance that would require pharmaceutical producers to have a take-back program. *KC Does not have a mercury program – one blood lead investigations moved into mercury. Infant still breast feeding.

Discovered that mom used a variety of skin whiteners. High mercury levels in the creams. Also found many small sources of lead. No smoking gun. Working on follow up with the family.

12. Anencephaly <http://www.livescience.com/39440-mysterious-washington-birth-defects.html>.

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