

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

(Attendance list at very end)

Committee Reports

Forum & Fair Planning

Margo

Getting nervous about the Ecology grant

The Centers for Disease Control grant didn't score high enough for funding

The Steering Committee will be meeting on this topic Tuesday from 10:30-12:30

Current thinking is to focus on the Forum, with no Fair. Rather there can be targeted outreach to specific communities

Heather

This is a painful decision to make

In my opinion, the decision between one or two day, financially speaking, is not all that different

This is still a GREAT event; just no Fair.

What can we as agency folks do to fill the gap?

Updates from members on current CEH projects

Heather

Who can participate? How broad is the mandate

Margo

Any changes due to Obama?

Debra—Fatherhood initiative

Debra has a child (now 18) that she could take on a road tour about the impacts of the things this group deals with.

She is personally and professionally committed to what we are doing.

Future of CHE-WA

CHE-WA is merging with Commonweal

CHE-WA, as currently constituted, will no longer exist

Is CHE-WA still useful?

More places are now providing information and services, but CHE-WA still has value in providing an unbiased meeting point
Institute for Neurotoxicity and Neurological Disorders will host CHE-WA for the year in front of us and will help sponsor the conference this fall.
Planning a large meeting at Antioch in May (no firm date or agenda yet.)

American Lung Association

Aileen

“The lawsuit was won—the nightmare is over”

Finances are tight—there are \$170K left from a fund of \$3.4M.

There is a new CEO in town and working, making changes.

The city of Seattle contract is signed, focus will be on asthma

Loren

Cuts

Prioritizing all projects now

They may get toxics or Fed money to round out program

They won't do outreach because they can't then do follow-up

Doesn't have budget numbers yet.

National Children's Study Lisa

January 2011 before they'll be out in the field

Will process and use lessons learned from studies now in process (NC and NY) to better shape ours.

Grant county is funded.

Steve suggests that we “educate our representatives!”

Updates

Margo momentum for Children's Health is really shifting

New Director-Lisa Jackson –knows the field and is interested in protecting children's health

Guest presentation:

Guest presentation: Jeff Ketchel and Tracee Mayfield, Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County spoke on the *Follies and Foibles in Toy Purchasing*.

Attendance list:

Aileen Gagney	ALAW
Aimee Boulanger	Institute for Children's' Environmental Health
Angela Delahoz	PH-SKC
Debra Pinckney	Becoming Parents Program
Dennis Weaver	Change Your Food-Change Your Life!
Heather Trim	People for Puget Sound
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
Kristi Waddell	EPA
Lauren Jenks	WA State Department of Health
Lenore Rubin	PH-SKC
Lisa Younglove	UW-NCS
Margo Young	EPA
Robin Kenepah	PH-SCK
Steve Gilbert	Institute for Neurotoxicity and Neurological Disorders
Thai Nguyen	PH-SKC