

CHE-WA Children's Environmental Health Working Group Meeting

Meeting Notes

April 11th, 2013

Meeting location: American Lung Association, Seattle

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

Attendee List

Aileen Gagney –host (American Lung Association), Aphrodyi Antoine (Health Resources and Services Administration- HRSA), Ann Butler (WA Department of Health),Katie F revert (University of WA), Michelle Gaither (Pollution Prevention Resource Center), Carolyn Gleason (HRSA), Rachel Koller (Healthy Home Focus), Hamdi Mohamed (Housing and Urban Development), Will Perry (PH-S&KC/and Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County –LHWMP), Fran Solomon (Evergreen Community college Tacoma branch), Gretchen Stewart (EPA R-10), Nicole Thomsen (PH-S&KC/and Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County --LHWMP), Krysta Thornton (American Lung Association) Dennis Weaver (Change Your Food-Change Your Life®), Margo Young (EPA R-10) . Additional attendees for the speaker's presentation (all from LHWMP):

Alice Chapman, Ann Madhavan, Bill Priest, Trudy Rolla, Jon Shields

Actions:

1. Group to review/edit the CHE-Wa flyer created by Al Doyle and Fusion partners. This flier can be used to brand CHE WA and recruit new members.
2. Post event to the NW Kids Listserve: Spring Community Fair: Sat. May 18th 1-4 pm Tacoma campus 1210 6th Ave. Free.
3. Group to seek funds for the 2013 CHE WA Children's Environmental Health Forum

Member updates

1. Nicole - Database management work; Healthy Homes work (HH) with Rad on National level – national funding for HH is bad at best. CDC is getting gutted and the head of CDC is focused on winnable battles. CDC really needs outside help to help with funding support.
2. Hamdi – HUD put out press release April 3; radon testing into all existing HUD programs.
3. Katie – Superfund research program is NIEHS funded. Public Health Café April 18 “Duwamish River Clean up and Your Health” at the Portage Bay Café on south Lake Union 5:30. Public comment for EPA action in Duwamish water ways.
4. Ann – DOH Biomonitoring project for low income and just received IRB approval. Looking at pesticides; BPA and phthalates in urine (1,000 people). Will look at kids and women of child bearing age.
5. Gretchen – in field doing outreach and training. Dr. Carr at EPA May 1 to discuss Yakima Asthma project 11:30-1:00. Location: EPA headquarters 6th and Seneca
6. Dennis- Will host CHE WA's June 13th meeting at arboretum at Graham Visitor Center. Equity and social justice food issues important. How do we share message and help feed others. Presented CHE-Wa flyer created by Al Doyle and Fusion partners. Flyer that brands and recruits new members. Nicole and Rachel want group to review and edit it. Gail to be contact.
7. Fran-environmental biology professor. She focuses on chemicals and effects on human health. Spring Community Fair: Sat. May 18th 1-4 pm Tacoma campus 1210 6th Ave. Free. Please put on list serve.

CHE WA 2013 Forum planning update/discussion

1. Carolyn-reschedule forum meeting; LHWMP secured \$30,000 but still looking for funds; in the past federal partners were a large contributor and all funds are tenuous. Need to keep seeking additional funds – every dollar brought in will reduce LHWMP funds which is good. Date is end of fiscal year and difficult to project a budget for next year.
2. Nicole-need to be creative about funding
3. Holly Davies – database –she might have ideas
4. Nicole – relying on Federal partners but need to expand search. We do have formalized sponsorship funding document.
5. Carolyn-contact her for more info
6. Aphrodyi-focus areas/partners overlap in activities with national goals and recommendations
7. Will-went to Chicago training with Nicole; how to locate or tap agencies that might still have some funds; Bed bugs huge issue; LHMW submitted comments to EPA about RRP for commercial buildings; renovation of a gun range;