

**Children's Environmental Health Working Group
CHE-WA
June 10, 2010**

Note taker: Julia Berg

Attendance: * indicates by phone

Julia Berg	LHWMP
Michael Bergman	Dept. of Ecology
Cindy Callahan	Parent (formerly of Seattle Public Utilities and DOE)
Russ Clausen	EPA-Region X, Lead Program
Keely Clark and entourage	Singer
Teresa Cooper	WA Dept. of Health
Meredith Eddy	American Lung Assoc. of WA
Gail Gensler - facilitator	LHWMP
Laura Hutchinson - speaker	PHSKC- CHILD Profile
Lauren Jenks	WA Dept. of Health
Kirsten Lee	KC-WLRD
Red Lehman	Volunteer and student
Debra Oliver	KC-WLRD
Nicole Thomsen	Public Health- Seattle & King County
Martha Troncoso	CHAP
Leena Der Yuen	WCAAP
Dennis Weaver	Change Your Food Change Your Life
Margo Young	EPA
Cheri Zehner	Industrial Hygienist

Reminder: Changes to scheduled meeting times:

- There will be NO meeting in July and August.
- The September meeting has been rescheduled from the 9th to the 16th.
- The November meeting has been rescheduled from the 11th to the 18th.

Upcoming speakers

September – TBA

October - Thrive by Five - Brenda Blasingame, Director of Programs

Opening song

That's right; we started out with a sound track and two talented teens!

Keely Clark, 14, performed an original song that she wrote with her sister, Gabby. *It's Your Beat! It's Your Beat!* is their winning response to a challenge opportunity offered by Change Your Food - Change Your Life!TM (CHE-WA member Dennis Weaver's company) to teens to come up with a way to get up on stage and encourage their peers to

make better FOOD choices, Organic Good Food Choices. Thanks to all the folks who helped bring the girls to our June meeting.

Report outs:

1. Welcome to **Ingrid** (Margo's daughter) and **Katie** (Cindy's daughter).
2. **Leena Der Yuen** – WCAAP is working on an immunization awareness campaign, and worked on legislation to eliminate chemicals in baby bottles. She is interested in writing an article for their newsletter for pediatricians re: Keely Clark.
3. **Cindy Callahan**– works as a mom, taking care of her daughter. Mentioned the CHE-WA talk on cell phone safety. The speaker, Cindy Sage suggested that the Interphone study provided “evidence but not proof.” Washington's cell phone safety law went into effect June 10, making it a primary offense to hold a cell phone or text while driving.
4. **Theresa Cooper** – WADOH – Maternal Health.
5. **Michael Bergman** – WADOE. He coordinates the Toxic Free Tips program which is the only state wide resource for households re; toxics and hazardous products, decreasing exposure and safer alternatives. Also noted their hotline. Upcoming projects- a bookmark on baby safe cleaning which he hopes to get inserted in packets for parents of newborns. He has a commitment from a birthing center in Lacey, WA. Hopes to work with regional networks. On hotline – get lots of call about mold, questions about ingredients of household products.
6. **Margo Young** – EPA Region X Children's Health Coordinator. Welcome back after maternity leave! Mentioned newsletter for school administrators and facilitators, focus in environmental health. They have 10,000 folks in their database. They have section in newsletter targeted to each state. They are accepting guest authors and announcements. Deadline for fall issue – September 1, 2010.
7. **Gail Gensler** – KCWLRD Children's Environmental Health Education. Mentioned Earth 911 – a national service to connect you with environmental and local services. She is writing a series of articles for the King County employee newsletter, and would be happy to share the content with others. Example – she issued challenge to readers to find safer cleaner based on label reading, with microfiber cloth as prize. She also reported on Duwamish Environmental Health Fair (first time, low attendance) and the Latina Health Fair (saw lots of folks).
8. **Red Lehman** – Volunteers for lots of local organizations and is getting a Masters in Community Health Education. Other hats: artist, comedian, musician. Put together a shocking display about how much buying cigarettes cost vs. buying pizza, tickets to a movie, season tickets to the Mariners or a trip to Paris, combined with what is in a cigarette and health effects – asthma.
9. **Julia Berg** – KCWLRD Children's Environmental Health Education. She is coordinating efforts to suggest children's environmental health messages for inclusion in 17 letters sent to families via CHILD profile. She is also co-writing a workshop *Greening Your Business* for childcare operators.

10. **Russ Clausen** – EPA. Regarding the new EPA Renovation and Repair (RRP) rule: He mentioned that the state of Oregon will administer and enforce the rule and the State of Washington Department of Commerce, formerly CTED will begin administering the rule in Washington in the summer of 2010. See lists of certified firms and trainers, state by state at www.leadfreekids.org
11. **Nicole Thomsen** – Seattle & King County Public Health. She is working on a mapping project, with a graduate student from EPA. The primary risk for lead exposure is age of housing up through 1978. Showed example of map of Seattle – most of Seattle is at high risk. She wants to do a two tiered outreach – both to homeowners (homeowners do not have to follow RRP rule) and physicians serving that area.
12. **Tracee Mayfield** – He is getting an intern to do outreach to childcares serving the East African community. The workshop will happen in third quarter, and has already been advertised in Childcare Resources.
13. **Dennis Weaver** – Change your food, change your life. He thanked our group for letting Keely perform!
14. **Martha Troncoso**- Community Health Access Program. They organized the very successful Latina Health Fair.
15. **Cheri Zehner** –She formerly worked with SKCPH, Dave Galvin and Aileen Gagney and is now a private consultant in industrial hygiene. She also works with CYF-CYL.
16. **Tracy Bier** – Formerly at EPA, she is a consultant designing environmental workshops for homeowners, and provides marketing and PR information for non-profits.
17. **Lauren Jenks** – WADOH. She discussed the [Washington Tracking Network](#). The goal of the network is to integrate hazard, exposure, and health outcome information for use by public health advocates, professionals, and researchers. This network is provided to inform, promote, and improve the health of communities in Washington State.
18. **Meredith Eddy** – ALAW. She is an AmeriCorps worker for MHE program. (And an amazing person to have at a health fair, per Gail.) The MHE program offers free in-home assessments (in the city of Seattle) re: mold, dust and lead.
19. **Miranda Taylor** – Owner of Gesundheit Acupuncture, she is also a trustee for the Neighborhood Association for Highpoint. She talks about green cleaning with her clients. She is involved with the Good Food Truck project and is gaining allies, looking for funding. The idea is to bring a farmer's market to a neighborhood. Nicole suggested looking at CPPW funding, which is stimulus money available through Seattle & King County Public Health.

After a break, we welcomed a talk by Laura Hutchinson – Materials Development Coordinator of [CHILD Profile](#). Although funded by WADOH, Laura works out of offices in King County. Washington is the only state in the nation that connects health information with the immunization registry system.