

Meeting Notes –June 9, 2011 9:30-11:30

Location: 130 Nickerson St. Suite 105
Children’s Environmental Health Working Group
Collaborative on Health and the Environment- WA (CHE-WA)

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.

This is a fragrance-free event.

Today’s speaker

Sheila Lockwood from Environmental Health and Safety, University of Washington

Discussion Items

1. Next meetings - see the rest of 2011 below

September	LHWMP	Julia Berg/Gail Gensler
October	EPA	Margo Young
November	WADOH (in Kent)	Lauren Jenks
December	American Lung Association	Aileen Gagney (via Aimee Boulanger)

2. Member updates

- Julia Berg, LHWMP – Soon the Pesticide Free Public Spaces website will be live. Thank you, UW practicum student, Peter Blackburn.
- Dennis Weaver – A young woman of Eritrean heritage has joined the teens who sing about organic food.
- Barbra Ross – Reminder to refer requests for lead paint remodeling information (in the State of Washington) to the Department of Commerce. Note: Russ Clausen is no longer working for EPA. Best wishes in your next position, Russ!
- Fran Solomon – Washington Toxics Coalition is preparing new fact sheets on (BPA, PBDE’s, and PCB’s) for their [ToxicsWatch blog](#). Fran is personally interested in endocrine disruptors and their affects on children and babies. Welcome, Fran.
- Suzanne Zitzer –As an EPA intern, she will be working on environmental justice and children’s health issues. She is in the graduate program at UW’s Evans school of Public Affairs. Welcome, Suzanne.
- Margo Young – Her work in rural Alaska is going well, including wood stove change outs for homes with children suffering from asthma. Green Clean Schools have a new [Green Cleaning Webinar series](#).
- Elizabeth Loudon - ECOSS was not awarded the EPA grant to fund the promotora outreach model. They will look elsewhere to fund this well thought-out idea. ECOSS, working the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition and the Community Coalition for Environmental Justice, are the finalists in the CARE grant award.
- Gail Gensler, LHWMP – The profile on mothers in King County is finished and will soon be available to read. The *Protect Kids from Toxics* revision is completed, along with a Spanish translation and will be mailed to all families with a nine month old in the State of Washington. Having completed training, Gail is now certified as an Eco-Healthy Childcare trainer and will offering classes later this year. Conversation has begun with EnviroStars on the possibility of connecting to the Eco-Healthy rating. She also mentioned the new online, searchable version of [Grow Smart Grow Safe](#), with a special section on [children’s health](#).
- Dave Galvin – dropped in from LHWMP to [update on the Children’s Safe Products Act](#).
 - As a reminder, the Act set limits on lead, cadmium and certain phthalates.
 - That part of the Act was preempted by the [Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008](#) which had less stringent standards than our state law.
 - However the part of the Act that was *not* preempted is a requirement for manufacturers of children’s products, sold in the State of Washington, to report on the presence of 66 toxic chemicals. The list of chemicals was compiled by Ecology and included a comment period. [More information](#) on this handout received at the meeting.
- Jeanne Johnson – She volunteered at American Lung- Mountain Pacific Region’s Master Home Environmentalist’s training event. She referred the group to an article in the PCC newsletter about the crash of the bee population.

- Nancy Bernard –Nancy provided feedback to EPA regarding possibly modeling school siting guidelines on Washington State laws.
- Michelle Gaither – The [Auspen white board markers](#) are working well in her child’s school and have come down in price, to make them almost equivalent to the more smelly kind. PPRC worked with Ecology to offer training on [Green Screen for Safer Chemicals](#). This tool is a comparative chemical hazard assessment being used by business, government, academia and industry to support informed substitution of chemicals and materials that are safer for human health and the environment.
- Miranda Taylor – Dennis showed Miranda’s video on a West Seattle food desert and the [Good Food truck project](#).

3. Speaker presentation

Sheila Lockwood – Program Operations Coordinator, University of Washington, Environmental Health and Safety.

She attested to the idea that what happens locally, for example at the University of Washington and Harborview, can influence a regional group WWAMI (partnership between the University of Washington School of Medicine and the states of Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho) and possibly the nation.

See attached PowerPoint.

A few points from the talk:

- One of the ways they were successful in the U.W. system with green purchasing was to introduce environmental health and safety professionals onto the committees that determine procurement.
- For every one of their improvements they gather specific data points. They later use this specific data in public relations outreach.
- They worked with the Washington State Hospital Association and Hospitals for a Healthy Environment. Working with organizations like professional associations was helpful.
- They worked with Healthcare Without Harm.
- They decided policy issues first, and then they made sure that their procurement decisions and patient care decisions were aligned with the policies.

Attendance (* indicates by phone)

Julia Berg (note taker)	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program In King County (LHWMP)
Nancy Bernard	Washington State Department of Health
Michelle Gaither*	Pollution Prevention Resource Center
Gail Gensler – (facilitator)	LHWMP
Karen Hamilton	King County Purchasing
Jeanne Johnson	Citizen
Elizabeth Loudon	ECOSS
Lisa Niehaus	LHWMP
Will Perry	PHSKC
Barbara Ross	EPA – Lead Program
Paul Shallow	PHSKC
Fran Solomon	WWU, TESC (The Evergreen State College -Tacoma campus)
Rey Verduzco	LHWMP
Dennis Weaver	Change Your Food! Change Your Life!
Margo Young	EPA Children’s Environmental Health
Suzanne Zitzer	EPA intern working with Margo
Davis Zhen*	EPA Indoor Air Program, CARE Program