

**CHE-WA Children's Environmental Health Working Group**  
**September 16, 2010**  
**Minutes**

Participants:

Julia Berg, Dennis Weaver, Margo Young, Nancy Bernard, Lauren Jenks, Russ Clausen, Giselle Zapata Garcia, Karina Castro, Cynthia Callahan, Jeanne Johnson

Presentation by Giselle Zapata Garcia from the Community Health Access Program

\*\*See attached PowerPoint presentation.

CHAP is a King County-focused direct service program assisting families and individuals with access to culturally and linguistically appropriate health care and social services, regardless of their ability to pay.

Presentation was followed by a discussion about opportunities for collaboration. Giselle shared that their staff often get questions regarding environmental health concerns and that they'd like to increase their knowledge about these issues and be able to refer their clients to environmental health agencies/organizations for assistance.

**Margo** is going to follow up with Giselle about how CHE-WA CEH Working Group can assist. Options include giving training to CHAP staff, providing a directory of environmental health contacts, and/or partnering at the Latina Health Fair or other community health fairs that reach their target audience.

There is an upcoming [fair](#) on Saturday, 9/25. Jeanne Johnson will be attending.

There is also the big [Latina Health Fair](#) in May.

Giselle would love to see more participation from environmental health agencies at these events. She is leaving CHAP, but is hopeful that the new leadership will be supportive of these endeavors as well.

Another opportunity to collaborate is the Ventanilla de Salud (Window on Health). Since 2002, the [Washington Health Foundation](#) (WHF) has worked closely with Washington's Latino Community to provide health resources and education. Twice a week, every week, the CHAP helps approximately 100 people connect with health services through the Ventanilla de Salud in Seattle. Additionally, WHF coordinates presentations, advocacy and health education in this community. Medical clinics supporting this program provide free [preventive care screenings](#) once a month, services such as cholesterol, diabetes, high blood pressure, HIV tests and more.

**Margo** is going to organize a conversation with Lauren Jenks, Julia, and Giselle, about potentially presenting or putting together some informational booths at the Ventanilla de Salud as the Mexican Consulate as well during October to celebrate Children's Health Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, and Lead Poisoning and Prevention Week.

UPDATES:

**EPA (Margo)**

Lots going on at EPA. National and regional strategic planning and lots of attention on environmental justice and children's health. We're adding capacity in the region on CEH & EJ. Margo will be meeting with the 4 regional State Environmental Health Directors (AK, ID, WA, OR) to talk about Healthy Homes in Portland on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Also meeting with the HUD Healthy Homes Representative for our Region and the ATSDR Rep.

Upcoming Activities:

1. Webinar: Understanding the Environmental and Health Impacts of Personal Care Products

**Date:** Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 1 PM ET

To register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/516373888>

2. Draft [School Siting Guidelines](#) will be out for public comment in October. Margo will send.

3. [President's Environmental Youth Awards](#) – submit a project today.

4. You are invited to a Brown Bag on Pesticides and Children's Health at EPA Regional office in downtown on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 12-1pm. Please let Margo know if you plan on attending. [Young.margo@epa.gov](mailto:Young.margo@epa.gov). I'll need to tell you how to get in the building. Catherine Karr from PEHSU will be presenting.

5. Healthy School News – next edition will be out on 9/30.

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/ECOCOMM.NSF/Programs/Childrens+Homepage>

6. Subscribe to the EPA's Children's Environmental Health Listserve to receive monthly updates. Email Ted Coopwood at [coopwood.theodore@epa.gov](mailto:coopwood.theodore@epa.gov).

7. EPA's Children's Health Publication Catalog -

[http://yosemite.epa.gov/ochp/ochpweb.nsf/content/OCHP\\_Pubs\\_Catalog.htm/\\$File/OCHP\\_Pubs\\_Catalog.pdf?Open&preview](http://yosemite.epa.gov/ochp/ochpweb.nsf/content/OCHP_Pubs_Catalog.htm/$File/OCHP_Pubs_Catalog.pdf?Open&preview)

**DENNIS:** Dennis is highlighting a new show starring Keely Clark. "Sharin' the Organic Good Food News in the Schools". She'll come to your school and deliver the "I Am What I Eat" message in SONG and STORY. Contact Dennis if you'd like more information and spread the word about this great show. Dennis – 425-774-8971 or [dennis@changeyourfood.com](mailto:dennis@changeyourfood.com)

**CYNTHIA C:** Commented that now that her kid's in kindergarten, she has been shopping for back-to-school stuff more and noticing that they are more environmentally preferable options out there than there used to be. Good news!

**MEREDITH (ALAMP):** ALAW has changed to the ALA Mountain Pacific including the states of HI, AK, ID, OR and WA. MHE is the same. Doing volunteer trainings this fall.

**NANCY:** Now a 1 person shop with budget cuts. Trying to beef up website and consumer information line. [DOH Fall 2010 School Environmental Health & Safety Workshops](#) are coming soon!

Registration link, agenda, directions, K20 video conferencing contacts and information:  
Please go to the website to register and pass along the info!

**LAUREN J.:** Got funding from EPA to do the Ethnic Remedies Project. Will be working in Yakima and King County. Partnered with Labor & Industry to get more info on lead testing results and surveys.

**RUSS C:** EPA's been getting a lot of tips and complaints on the RRP rule. Individuals have to sign up for training by 9/30 and take it by end of year. Firms have to be certified by 10/1. WA will have program by the end of year probably.

**JEANNE J.:** ECOSS hired new associate director!

**JULIA:** Working with Michael Bergman, ECY, and others on revised DOH's Protect Your Kids from Toxics. Also working on a 2011 project on pesticide reduction, especially looking at landscapers.