

ICEHI/PACE-EH
Environmental Health Assessment Team (EHAT)
MINUTES

Date: Thursday, August 21, 2003
Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Location: Heller Road Fire Station, Oak Harbor, WA

Present: Tom Baxter, Sheilagh Byler, Roger Case, Lisa Clark, Joline DeVos, Toni Marie Dinelli, Nels Konnerup, David Macys, Kristy Miller, Laurie Mosolino, Jim Patton, Marie Piper, Dana Pratt, Reece Rose, Jodi Samek, Matt Sullivan,

Staff Present: Nancy Farnsworth, Celine Servatius

Excused: Phyllis Brett, Wes George, Keith Higman, Kevin Rio Kiper, Mark Lathrop, Duke LeBaron, Tim McDonald, Steve Markle, Henry Powers, Linda Rhodes, Jack Sharpe Jr., Jill Usher

Guest: Barbara Saugen (WGH Commissioner)

Call to Order: Tom Baxter EHAT Chair called the scheduled meeting of the Environmental Health Assessment Team to order at 5:30pm.

Agenda Items:

1. Review Minutes from July Meeting, Announcements, BOH Update

- a) Minutes from the July 17, 2003 EHAT meeting accepted as written.
- b) Update on the BOH Meeting. Invited Commissioners to attend EHAT meeting and updated on EHAT progress. Mentioned the importance of keeping the BOH updated and involved on what EHAT is working on.
- c) Announcements: Whidbey Walks rescheduled to 8/23 11am-1pm. David Macys has volunteered to attend and answer questions about our project. Celine discussed guest speaker for September EHAT meeting, Susan Sutherland. She is from Delaware County, Ohio and will talk to EHAT about their experiences with PACE. The Commissioners authorized grant to pay for travel.
- d) Tom reviewed the Ground Rules for EHAT. Need to be recognized by the chair to speak, and recommended raising their hand before speaking. Members should direct comments to the group, because the Chair will be scanning the room for hands that are raised. Reminded to be considerate of others and treat everyone in a dignified manner. EHAT ground rules state that members will support the decisions made by consensus, after discussing adequately. Reminded to keep the interest of Island County residents in mind.

2. Education / Outreach

- a) Volunteers are to interact with the community and elected officials. They will work to keep the community involved on EHAT's progress. Requested that if any EHAT members are interested in participating, they should contact Celine.

3. Water Quality and Availability – Task 7 & 8

- a) EHAT Subcommittee Members: Toni Marie Dinelli, Wes George, Steve Markle, Jim Patton, Jodi Samek, Jack Sharpe Jr.
- b) Subcommittee reviewed the handout for Task 7. Updated form indicates households. Might not be able to obtain the number of individuals. Members expressed opinions on the arsenic topic.
- c) Subcommittee reviewed Task 8 handout. For their issue profile they want to add potential controversial heading to address differing opinions to their topic. Mentioned that possible solutions could include addressing social norms, and encouraging everyone to test the arsenic levels in their well.
- d) EHAT members gave feedback. Suggested that they include in Task 7 & 8 the percent (%) of wells and the number (ratio), which will assist EHAT in comparing the issue papers. Also recommended that they separate data by type of well (Group A, B, etc). Members requested staff to send out websites and resources on Arsenic on and the EPA rulings to become better informed.

4. Recreational Land Use – Task 7 & 8

- a) EHAT Subcommittee members: Joline DeVos, Mark Lathrop, Marie Piper, Reece Rose, Matt Sullivan, Sheilagh Byler and ad-hoc member Barbara Saugen.
- b) Subcommittee reviewed handout for Task 7 & 8. Name changed to Walkable Island County. Focus on available places for safe walking and interconnection. Considered approaching Freeland to make a test site to improve connecting walkways, sidewalks, paths, pedestrian safe walking, and routes to the bus stops. Encourage and include the disabled. Can use this test site as a template for any area or geographical region on the island.
- c) EHAT discussed and suggested: Include Camano Island. Include trail systems. Increase access to the bus stops. Define major destinations. Put activity into everyday lifestyle.

5. Subcommittee Meeting – Discuss Task 9

- a) EHAT worked in subcommittee groups to discuss categories they want included in the issue profiles. They worked in groups, wrote out the categories, and attached them to the sticky wall.

6. Discuss Task 9 Format Issue – EHAT Profiles

- a) EHAT discussed categories on the sticky wall, and subcommittees stated why they wanted their specific issue in the profile.
- b) EHAT agreed on the following categories for the Issue Profile: Issue Statement, Scope, Background, Local Conditions, Standards, Community Specific Indicators, Know Interventions, Possible Solutions, Educational Opportunities, Controversial Aspects, Subcommittee Summary, Data Sources and Reference List.

7. Homework Assignment & Discussion of Next Meeting

- a) Review & work on Issue Profiles

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.