

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

MINUTES

Date: Thursday, February 20, 2003
Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Location: Monroe Landing Fire Station, Oak Harbor, WA

Present: Tom Baxter, Phyllis Brett, Sheilagh Byler, Roger Case, Lisa Clark, Joline DeVos, Nels Konnerup, Mark Lathrop, Duke LeBaron, David Macys, Steve Markle, Laurie Mosolino, Jim Patton Marie Piper, Dana Pratt, Linda Rhodes, Reece Rose, Jill Usher

Staff Present: Keith Higman, Nancy Farnsworth, Celine Servatius

Excused: Toni Dinelli, Wes George, Kevin Rio Kiper, Tim McDonald, Kristy Miller, Henry Powers, Jodi Samek, Jack Sharpe, Matt Sullivan

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

Agenda Items:

1. Review Minutes from January 16 2003 Meeting

- a) Minutes accepted as written.
- b) Tom discussed EHAT voting process. Suggested that in the future members must be present to participate in voting. No opposition to this suggestion was voiced.

2. Report on February Board of Health Meeting

- a) Jim Patton and Laurie Mosolino attended the February BOH Meeting and presented a brief update on EHAT.
- b) Jim Patton also attended the WRAC Meeting. Discussed their process for presenting issue papers to the Commissioners. Commissioners receive all issue papers one week before the meeting, and WRAC also provided them with a schedule of topic papers for the upcoming months. Jim brought up the topic of appointing an EHAT liaison with WRAC, possibly at a later date.

3. Quick Review of Results of EH Issue Multi-Vote & Low Hanging Fruit

- a) Duke Le Baron reviewed graph handouts of EH Issue & Low Hanging Fruit Multi-Vote from the January EHAT meeting.

4. Review Matrix for top 7 EH issue categories for "What is being done currently" and identify sub-categories of each issue that don't appear to be addressed

- a) Purpose of the EH Issue Matrix was to explain work being done with each issue in Local Government, State/Federal Government, and Community groups working in the areas, and identify Gaps/Areas Lacking. Keith led the discussion through the Matrix.
- b) EHAT members with knowledge of community components were asked to explain the group's activity and contribution.
- c) Open discussion continued regarding the issues, while looking for "Gaps/Lacking" in EH issues, to determine if there were areas that EHAT could effectively address.

5. Group "Gap Analysis"

- a) Tom led discussion reviewing the EH Issues and EHAT members reviewed the Matrix and identified gaps. Celine wrote down the gaps under each category as follows:
 - 1. Drinking Water Quality & Long Term Availability:
 - a) Social marketing education around conservation.
 - b) Gap between DOE/County comprehensive water withdrawal in Island County.
 - c) Metering wells – monitor water in and water out. Educate the public about wells.

2. Vector/Zoonotic Control & WNV
 - a) Education gap
 - b) Comprehensive Plan gap
 - c) Risk/Benefit Analysis
 - d) Surveillance
 - e) Acute vs. long term process with WNV-like viruses
3. Land Use
 - a) Not resource based
 - b) Education on dynamics of Comprehensive Plan
 - c) Lack of "one stop shopping" bureaucracy too big
4. Hazardous Substances Waste & Use
 - a) No ongoing surveillance
 - b) Lack of education
5. Outdoor Air Quality
 - a) No ongoing surveillance
 - b) Lack of education
6. Disaster Preparedness
 - a) Acute vs. long term process
 - b) Risk/benefit analysis
7. Dumping
 - a) Education
 - b) Lack of convenience
 - c) Free dump day discount

6. Open Weighted Vote on Top 7 EH Issues

- a) Voting was done by EHAT members. They had 3 total points that could be assigned in any way to the Top 7 EH Issues, listed above. They could place all 3 points on one issue, could split them between 2 issues, or split the 3 points by assigning 1 point apiece to 3 of the 7 issues. They must use whole numbers.

7. Break to Tally Votes

- a) Meeting recessed for 5 minutes, while votes were tallied.

8. Results of Vote Announced, Homework Assignment & Discussion of Next Meeting

- a) The Results of the open weighted voting is as follows:
 - 1. Vector/Zoonotic Control & West Nile Virus** – 14 points
 - 2. Land Use (Zoning/Planning)** – 13 points
 - 3. Dumping** – 10 points
 - 4. Drinking Water Quality & Long Term Availability** – 9 points
 - 5. Hazardous Substances Waste & Use** – 4 points
 - 6. Disaster Preparedness** – 2 points
 - 7. Outdoor Air Quality** – 2 points
- b) Tom requested volunteers to form a subcommittee group to work one of the above EH Issues through the Task 6 process. Group to meet and present results to the EHAT group at the March meeting.
- c) EHAT members who volunteered: Sheilagh Byler, Duke LeBaron, David Macys, Linda Rhodes, and Tom Baxter.
- d) Homework: Review Task 6 before the March meeting.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.