

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

**MINUTES**

**Date:** Thursday, January 16, 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, Toni Dinelli, Nels Konnerup, Duke LeBaron, David Macys, Steve Markle, Laurie Mosolino, Marie Piper, Henry Powers, Dana Pratt, Linda Rhodes, Reece Rose, Jodi Samek, Jack Sharpe, Matt Sullivan, Jill Usher

**Staff Present:** Keith Higman, Tim McDonald, Nancy Farnsworth, Celine Servatius

**Excused:** Wesley George, Joline DeVos, Kevin Rio Kiper, Mark Lathrop, Kristy Miller, Jim Patton

**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 December 2002 Meeting**

- a) Request made to change item 3(e); written as "Meeting adjourned for a 5-minute break", change to "Recessed for a 5-minute break".
- b) Minutes accepted as changed.
- c) Reviewed projector visual aid of where we are in the process.

**2. Island County Health Department Presentation**

- a) Presentation by Keith Higman on the Island County Environmental Health Department. Information provided on the number of employees, programs, funding, etc. Explained that the Department is 100% Fee and Grant supported as of 2003. With this there is an obligation to spend the money on what it was given for, they can't use the money for other things. EHAT should think of need of the community and way to accomplish without counting on budget. Power Point Presentation Handouts given.

**3. Review Cluster (Presentation by the Subcommittee Group)**

- a) EHAT Cluster Subcommittee members were Nels Konnerup, David Macys, Laurie Mosolino, Jodi Samek.
- b) David Macys explained the "sorting" process of grouping the EH Issues. None of the EH Issues from the original list were removed, they were clustered into like groups. Some issues would fit under numerous categories. The subcommittee tried to find the best fit.
- c) Reviewed the cluster list that was sent to all EHAT members prior to the meeting, "EHAT Environmental Health Issue Clusters Established by Subcommittee".
- d) Reviewed "Questions for Small Groups to evaluate their cluster/group of issues" list. EHAT member Reese Rose suggested that an additional question be added to the list to evaluate the clusters. Requested that we add "Is this an issue presently being addressed in Island County?" to address if the issue is already being worked on effectively or adequately. EHAT members agreed to add this question to the list as number 6 to evaluate the cluster groups.
- e) Laurie Mosolino explained the term "Low Hanging Fruit" as easy issues they can tackle and accomplish.

**4. Break Into Small Groups and Work on Issues**

- a) EHAT members were divided into 7 groups to address the specific cluster issues they were assigned.

- b) Tom instructed groups to review the issues they were assigned and answer the 6 questions given to evaluate them. They were also instructed to identify any Low-Hanging Fruit issues.
- c) Celine Servatius discussed the process EHAT members agreed upon to evaluate the cluster groups.
- d) The EHAT members were divided between cluster groups as follows:  
AIR – Toni Dinelli, Linda Rhodes, Nancy Farnsworth (staff)  
CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT – Sheilagh Byler, Phyllis Brett, Tom Baxter, Marie Piper  
FOOD SAFETY – Matt Sullivan, Duke LeBaron, Nels Konnerup.  
INFECTIOUS DISEASE – Dana Pratt, Jodi Samek, Roger Case  
PUBLIC POLICY – Reese Rose, Lisa Clark, Tim McDonald (staff)  
SOLID & HAZARDOUS WASTE – David Macys, Laurie Mosolino, Jill Usher, Keith Higman (staff)  
WATER – Steve Markle, Jack Sharpe, Henry Powers, Celine Servatius (staff)

## 5. Small Group Presentations

- a) Each group presented their issues to be voted upon by EHAT and identified one Low-Hanging Fruit issue.
- b) Celine Servatius placed the issues on the wall as they were identified by the small groups. Fifteen issues were selected to be voted on by EHAT.

## 6. Multi-Vote on Issues and Any "Low-Hanging Fruit" Opportunities

- a) Voting is to be done by EHAT members only.
- b) The 15 EH Issues selected:  
**Air Quality – Indoor** (Allergens/pollens, dust, carpet/upholstery, molds/mildew, paint/varnish, pets, radon, smoking/tobacco exposure, source of heat)  
**Air Quality – Outdoor** (Airplane exhaust, allergens, pollens, carbon monoxide, burning, diesel vehicle exhaust, industry emissions, ozone, pollution, wood stoves/fireplaces)  
**Communication**  
**Disaster Preparedness**  
**Drinking water quality and long term availability**  
**Dumping**  
**Fish & Seafood Contaminants** (mercury, PCB's, DDT, dioxins)  
**Hazardous Substances** (Waste & Use)  
**Housing Development** (codes, low impact development solution)  
**Land Use** (Zoning and Planning)  
**Ocean Water Quality**  
**Preserving Natural Resources** (Including open/green space)  
**Recycling**  
**Transportation/Infrastructure**  
**Vector/Zoonotic control & West Nile Virus**
- c) Low-Hanging Fruit issues identified:  
**Recycling**  
**Septic Systems** – Education  
**Tobacco, Environmental Tobacco Smoke/Smoking**  
**West Nile Virus** – Education of Public, At Risk Population, Horse owners, DOE  
Guidelines for Drainage/Retention Ponds
- d) EHAT Members voted on Issues and potential Low Hanging Fruit and turned in their ballots.

## 7. Homework Assignment & Discussion of Next Meeting

- a) Read Task 6 & 7
- b) Note: Next Meeting February 20, 2003 will be held at the Monroe Landing Fire Station.

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