

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

Date: Thursday, July 17, 2003
Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Location: Monroe Fire Station, Oak Harbor, WA

Present: Tom Baxter, Phyllis Brett, Sheilagh Byler, Joline DeVos, Nels Konnerup, Duke LeBaron, Laurie Mosolino, Jim Patton, Marie Piper, Linda Rhodes, Jodi Samek, Matt Sullivan, Jill Usher

Staff Present: Tim McDonald, Nancy Farnsworth, Celine Servatius

Excused: Roger Case, Lisa Clark, Toni Marie Dinelli, Wes George, Keith Higman, Kevin Rio Kiper, Mark Lathrop, David Macys, Steve Markle, Kristy Miller, Henry Powers, Dana Pratt, Reece Rose, Jack Sharpe

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 June Meeting, Guest Introductions, & Announcements

- a) Minutes from the June 19, 2003 EHAT meeting accepted as written.
- b) Discussed meeting schedule for summer months. Agreed to keep meeting every month.
- c) Announcements: CHAB Picnic on July 29, 5-7pm, Coupeville Town Park. "Tale of Trail Walk" postponed until fall.
- d) Celine briefly mentioned the potential pilot project for a water taxi between Camano and Coupeville. Details are still being negotiated and the idea was presented to the BCC for consideration. Also a web-based method of interaction is being discussed. Big Mind Media will give a demonstration, and they named their methodology "Catalyst".
- e) Discussed the option of holding an EHAT meeting in a different location, possibly on Camano or South Whidbey, during a summer month. EHAT members encouraged to email Celine with their opinion of meeting elsewhere.

2. Education / Outreach – Designated person(s), volunteer or committee to oversee education, outreach, press releases, issue papers, PR persons, BOH

- a) Celine discussed the idea for an Education/Outreach person(s). Purpose is to keep the public engaged and involved in our progress, and as the need arises introduce topics to the public to increase awareness.
- b) Suggestion given that they are referred to as a "Community Group", and not a committee.
- c) Communication Group will help with updating the website, PR for project, articles for the paper, communication plan, and BOH involvement. Possibly target local newspapers: Coupeville paper, N& S Whidbey, Camano-Stanwood news. Can communicate on issues by email to avoid meetings.
- d) Volunteers to help when available are: Linda Rhodes, Jodi Samek, Tom Baxter, Jodi Samek.

3. Water Quality and Availability – Task 6 & 7

- a) EHAT Subcommittee Members: Wes George, Toni Dinelli, Steve Markle, Jim Patton, Jodi Samek, Jack Sharpe.
- b) Subcommittee reviewed the handout for Task 6. They narrowed the topic to *Drinking Water: Arsenic*. The Subcommittee determined that the WRAC was addressing drinking water availability, and modified its topic to address arsenic in drinking water.
- c) Subcommittee reviewed the handout for Indicators Task 7. Mentioned the debate on the acceptable amount of arsenic in drinking water. The WRAC is waiting for State results and ruling, and BOH to follow with their recommendations. EHAT can address the issue after the State comes up with its plan.
- d) EHAT members suggested combining Indicators 1 & 2. Recommended that if the information is available, to reference the number of people impacted (individuals or households), instead of listing wells. Suggested that EHAT might be able to encourage education on testing private wells. State regulations might enforce only the Group A wells.

- e) Summary: EHAT agreed with Task 6. Look at Task 7 in making it tie to the number of people or households. Work on Task 8.

4. Recreational Land Use – Task 7 & 8

- a) EHAT Subcommittee members: Joline DeVos, Mark Lathrop, Marie Piper, Reece Rose, Matt Sullivan, Sheilagh Byler.
- b) Reviewed handout for Task 7 & 8. EHAT suggested connecting topic to physical activity and how it relates to EH health, look at availability, note people's walking habits and how to increase, and possibly do a walking audit.
- c) Suggested to use Freeland as a model for increasing pedestrian walking. Could make trails and increase walking access in community areas. Would build a sense of community. Discussed how to give developers an incentive to put in sidewalks and make walking a daily activity.
- d) Summary: EHAT suggested that the Subcommittee re-work the indicators in Task 7, Rename the EH Issue (title), re-do Task 8 after above is accomplished.

5. Dumping – Task 8

- a) EHAT Subcommittee members: Lisa Clark, Kevin Rio Kiper, Kristy Miller, Laurie Mosolino, Jill Usher.
- b) Group reviewed handout for Task 8. The Subcommittee will define "dumping" when they start to collect data. Need to establish a survey to determine current condition of dumping in the county. Use community volunteer groups to identify dumping sites and be specific about material dumped (size of a bread box, fridge, consist of bags, cars, etc.)
- c) Anonymous survey where we are to determine the number of dump sites, not responsible to clean it up. Determine where the concentration of dumping is more of a problem. Is it in the rural areas, city, or both? Survey will be completed by traveling on public roads and not trespassing on to private property.
- d) Suggested that they look for standards in different counties to compare self to other states in the US.
- e) For Task 9 want to add category of Known Interventions/Solutions. Define what you know works.
- f) Summary: EHAT agreed on Task 8. Next will work on Task 9.

6. Homework Assignment & Discussion of Next Meeting

- a) Read Task 8 & 9.
- b) Start thinking about the issue profile for each subcommittee topic. In Task 9, all issue profiles need to have a standard format. Subcommittee to discuss what categories they want to have, so that EHAT can compare each issue evenly.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.