

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

Date: Thursday, June 19, 2003
Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Location: Heller Road Fire Station, Oak Harbor, WA

Present: Tom Baxter, Phyllis Brett, Sheilagh Byler, Roger Case, Joline DeVos, Wes George, Nels Konnerup, Mark Lathrop, Duke LeBaron, David Macys, Steve Markle, Kristy Miller, Laurie Mosolino, Jim Patton, Marie Piper, Dana Pratt, Reece Rose, Jodi Samek, Matt Sullivan, Jill Usher

Guests: Barbara Saugen (WGH Commissioner), Kathleen Parvin, Rob Stansbury

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

Excused: Lisa Clark, Toni Marie Dinelli, Kevin Rio Kiper, Linda Rhodes, Jack Sharpe

Absent: Henry Powers

Call to Order: The scheduled meeting of the Environmental Health Assessment Team was called to order at 5:34pm by Tom Baxter EHAT Chair.

Agenda Items:

1. Review Minutes from May Meeting, Guest Introductions, Announcements, and Board of Health Report.

- a) Minutes accepted as written.
- b) Guest Introductions: Barbara Saugen - WGH Commissioner, Kathleen Parvin – Island County Health Department (ICHD) Environmental Specialist, Rob Stansbury – ICHD Mosquito Surveillance person.
- c) Announcements: CHAB picnic July 29th 5-7pm, RSVP to Celine if you going to attend. Whidbey Walks presenting "Tale of a Trail" Saturday July 19th 11:00-1:30pm.
- d) BOH Report by Laurie Mosolino – Preliminary update given. County Commissioners asked that EHAT remember resources that are available in the county, for EH issues being considered.

2. Report on EHAT Focus Group, Tom's Training in Chicago, and "Transforming Community to Encourage Physical Activity" Training

- a) EHAT Participants discussed Focus Group meeting – Part of an Assessment in Action Grant to evaluate how to put the public back into public health. They are interested in EHAT, the community process, lessons learned, and best practices. They want to use findings to help implement in other Health Departments across the state.
- b) Tom Baxter attended PACE training in Chicago. In-depth training by NACCHO on the PACE process. Learned beneficial information on Task 7-9. Training on developing local indicators suggested that one indicator is ideal. The PACE process is being used in other health agencies, and has been beneficial to establish future public health change. Tom felt this was an extremely valuable training.
- c) "Transforming Community to Encourage Physical Activity" training discussed by EHAT members. Training reviewed obesity, and how to encourage the public to increase physical activity.

3. Water Quality and Availability – Task 6

- a) EHAT Subcommittee Members: Wes George, Toni Dinelli, Steve Markle, Jim Patton, Jodi Samek, Jack Sharpe.
- b) Subcommittee reviewed the handout for Task 6. Discussed Island County issues of saltwater intrusion, drought, testing of wells, and quality of well water.
- c) Suggested changes to Task 6 Handout: Topic change to - *Drinking Water: Availability, Safety, Quality. Contributing Factors: Public Policies add Development & availability, Differences in Group A&B group wells. Environmental Agent/Condition add Run-off: agricultural, storm water. Contributing Factors: Personal Behaviors add Siphoning from swimming pools, hot tubs, sprinklers. Leaking underground storage tanks. Public Health*

Protection Factors: Personal Protection Factors change to: *Conserve water, Those who test their wells, Filtration, Anti-siphon devices, Bottled water, Growth Management Plans.*
Public Health Protection Factors: Community Protection Factors add to WRAC: *educational efforts & influence.* Environmental Health Status change the first item to *Increase risk of water shortage (drought and salt water intrusion due to over taxing aquifer)*

4. Recreational Land Use – Task 7

- a) EHAT Subcommittee members: Joline DeVos, Mark Lathrop, Marie Piper, Reece Rose, Matt Sullivan.
- b) Reviewed handout for Task 7. EHAT suggested adding the following as indicators: Walking audits (determine what places are safe to walk), Frequency of use of availability, Frequency of contact on trails, Interconnectivity of trails.
- c) Subcommittee will meet again to continue work on Task 7.

5. Dumping – Task 7

- a) EHAT Subcommittee members: Lisa Clark, Kevin Rio Kiper, Kristy Miller, Laurie Mosolino, Jill Usher.
- b) Group reviewed handout of Selected Indicators with EHAT.
- c) Subcommittee will schedule meeting to work on Task 8.

6. West Nile Virus Presentation – Task 8

- a) EHAT Subcommittee members: Tom Baxter, Sheilagh Byler, Nels Konnerup, Duke LeBaron, David Macys, Dana Pratt, Linda Rhodes.
- b) Reviewed handout of Task 8 Standards.
- c) Kathleen Parvin and Rob Stansbury discussed Island County Mosquito Surveillance. Inquired if EHAT members were interested in volunteering to have mosquito traps set in their yard or on their property. Sign-up sheet passed around.
- d) Subcommittee group will coordinate meeting and work on Task 9.

7. Homework Assignment & Discussion of Next Meeting

- a) Read Task 8 & 9.
- b) Subcommittee members to discuss when available for next meeting.
- c) July's meeting will be held at the Monroe Fire Station Building.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.