

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

Date: Thursday, August 19, 2004

Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Location: Heller Road Fire Station, Oak Harbor, WA

Present: Roger Case, Joline DeVos, Toni Marie Dinelli, Mark Lathrop, David Macys, Jim Patton, Linda Rhodes, Jill Usher

Staff Present: Keith Higman, Celine Servatius, Nancy Farnsworth

Guests: John Wolpers, Melissa Schumaier

Excused: Tom Baxter, Phyllis Brett, Sheilagh Byler, Lisa Clark, Wes George, Kevin Kiper, Nels Konnerup, Tim McDonald, Kristy Miller, Laurie Mosolino, Marie Piper, Dana Pratt, Reece Rose, Jodi Samek, Jack Sharpe Jr., Matt Sullivan

Absent: Steve Markle, Henry Powers

Call to Order: Linda Rhodes Co-chair called the scheduled meeting of the Environmental Health Assessment Team to order at 5:36pm.

Agenda Items:

1. Review Minutes from July 15, 2004 Meeting, Guest Introductions, BOH Update

- a) Minutes were approved as written.
- b) John Wolpers and Melissa Schumaier from Kittitas County attended. They here to observe our community process.
- c) Jim Patton updated the Board of Health on the EHAT progress. Thanked them for participating in the Dumping Forum.
- d) Celine reviewed the Follow-up Knowledge Assessment handout. EHAT members are to return it as soon as possible. Those not in attendance will have it mailed to them.

2. Discuss the Dumping Forum Meeting

- a) Discussed the Dumping Forum. A handout of the minutes was provided.
- b) There was a good turnout of attendees. All organizations invited were represented.
- c) Received good feedback from the participants. Comments included: They were glad that someone had brought all the participants together. They hoped that EHAT would continue to bring the dumping issue to the forefront. They encourage EHAT to coordinate another dumping forum to discuss solutions.
- d) EHAT agreed to organize another dumping forum meeting. Discuss preliminary survey, social marketing training, and develop strategy or plans. Celine to check into arranging social marketing training.

3. Follow-up on Survey Group Progress

- a) Survey Group Update: Linda Rhodes met with EH Staff member Michael Barenburg and Lori Clark to work on collecting and organizing data of illegal dumping violators.
- b) Decided to do the windshield survey in the winter, or after the first of the year. Spoke with Janet Hall at the dumping forum, and she suggested it might be easier when there isn't as much roadside growth.
- c) The State is in the process of doing a survey, and has identified one road on Camano Island to represent the survey for Island County. Will not get the results until next year.
- d) Suggested that EHAT's survey focus on identifying type of dumping/litter (sources- fast food or construction). Evaluate impact of the plan (quantify pieces/unit area).
- e) Will consider doing walking survey for strategy development.

- f) Will look into getting data on litter clean up from the Department of Transportation. Try to determine if highway clean-up crews, or Adopt-a-highway organizations count bags or measure garbage picked up.
- g) Will look into educating the community that the property owner is responsible for cleanup on their property, even if they didn't dispose of it.

4. Update on Application for New Grant

- a) First part of September-Official notification on the federal register.

5. Discuss EHAT Membership

- a) Inquire next meeting who is able to commit to the next cycle.

6. Discuss September EHAT Meeting/Gathering

- a) September meeting should celebrate the product and EHAT's achievements.
- b) Present certificates from the Health Department.
- c) Present a letter from the Commissioners acknowledging their service.
- d) Have a sampler presentation of social marketing.
- e) Present data if available.
- f) Side note: David Macys is working on his MPH Program thesis and wants to interview EHAT members at a later date. He will notify them when he is ready.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm.