

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

MINUTES

Date: Thursday, May 20, 2004
Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Location: Heller Road Fire Station, Oak Harbor, WA

Present: Tom Baxter, Phyllis Brett, Joline DeVos, Toni Marie Dinelli, David Macys, Kristy Miller, Laurie Mosolino, Jim Patton, Marie Piper, Matt Sullivan, Jill Usher

Staff Present: Keith Higman, Celine Servatius, Nancy Farnsworth.

Excused: Sheilagh Byler, Roger Case, Lisa Clark, Wes George, Nels Konnerup, Tim McDonald, Dana Pratt, Linda Rhodes, Reece Rose, Jodi Samek, Jack Sharpe Jr.

Absent: Kevin Kiper, Mark Lathrop, Steve Markle, Henry Powers

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

Agenda Items:

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

- a) Correction requested in the Minutes: Jill Usher was excused from the meeting. Delete her from being listed as attending.
- b) Minutes were approved as amended.
- c) Laurie Mosolino gave a brief summary of the BOH meeting. EHAT update was given, and the BOH requested that EHAT remember to include the Navy in the action plan.

2. Update on EHAT...after September

- a) Celine gave an update on the application for the new grant. Requested letters of support from EHAT members. New grant would focus on implementation. Anticipate notification on new grant by September 1st.
- b) Current grant ends September 30, 2004. Might possibly have carryover funding.

3. Working Groups Reports

- a) Forum Group: Will set a new date for community meeting. Currently identifying community organizations to form partnerships.
- b) Survey Group: Working on plan to evaluate the dumping problem in Island County. Plan to determine how bad it is, and who is doing it. Creating a dumping survey tool. Will train volunteers in the spring time, and carry out the driving survey during the summer. Results will be used as a baseline. Planning on surveying people in front of WalMart, Kmart, NEX, etc. and ask why people litter.
- c) EHAT members asked if they wanted to volunteer for the working groups. The following joined: Phyllis Brett – Forum, Jill Usher - Survey, Tom Baxter – Survey, David Macys (at large) will participate when available, Sheilagh Byler – Forum.

4. Working Groups Work

- a) EHAT members split up into Forum and Survey working groups at 6:03pm.

5. Discuss Homework and Next Meeting

- a) Working groups reminded to include a communication plan component into the work plan. This should include how to involve the community and communicate action plan.
- b) By next meeting the Forum Group will: Identify community groups interested in dumping and groups that are currently working on it. Identify the gaps, roles, and community concerns of dumping. Research if rural dumping is due to financial issues, economic decision, or due to convenience. Decide if plan will be prevention or education based.
- c) By next meeting the Survey Group will: Have a survey tool created. Matt Sullivan will update the survey form and make changes. Subcommittee will do a driving survey to evaluate working tool.

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