

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

Date: Thursday November 18, 2004

Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Location: Heller Road Fire Station, Oak Harbor, WA

Present: Phyllis Brett, Roger Case, Lisa Clark, Joline DeVos, Mark Lathrop, David Macys, Marie Piper, Linda Rhodes

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

Absent: Reece Rose

Excused: Kristy Miller, Laurie Mosolino, Jim Patton

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

Agenda Items:

1. Review Minutes from October 2004 Meeting

- a) Minutes were approved as submitted.
- b) Keith Higman announced staffing changes to the Solid Waste and Site Hazard Assessment Department. Marie Piper has been hired by the County as an employee in the EH Department.

2. Debrief BOH Meeting (Nov. 15th)

- a) Celine Servatius gave the BOH an update on the results of the Dumping Forum and draft action plans. Discussed EHAT recruiting plans for the beginning of the year.

3. Debrief Dumping Forum (October 26th)

- a) Discussed the Dumping Forum that was scheduled on October 26th.
- b) Linda Rhodes gave a data presentation on county data from the EH Dept. records.
- c) Discussed the 3 E's: Education, Economic, Enforcement and Forum members dispersed into three groups to develop feasible action plans.
- d) **The Draft Action Plan** includes potential solutions for each barrier in Education, Economics, Enforcement. **EDUCATION:** Develop a method to allow reporting of illegal dumping and littering, Adopt the "Litter and It Will Hurt" Program, Outreach – Education Program. **ECONOMIC/COST:** Streamline legislative authority to allow creation of an "illegal dumping fund", Provide Incentives: (surcharge on specific items used for free disposal, vendor incentives for disposal of replaced products, Oak Harbor: Free Dump Day with 50% of cost absorbed by City of OH and remaining 50% absorbed by Island County.) Increase availability of litter bags (Maybe work with businesses i.e. fast food restaurants, to offer bags with purchase, repay penalties through community service hours (doing "clean-up activities"). **ENFORCEMENT:** Change the law: make process administrative vs. judicial (courts), different fines for dumper vs. innocent property owner. Streamline process within the Health Department and expand/strengthen enforcement (so that more than 3% of violators receive tickets)

4. Discuss Social Marketing Training (Dec. 6-7)

- a) Social Marketing Training is scheduled Dec. 6-7th at the Coupeville Recreational Hall.
- b) Participants are to bring an issue that they are interested in working on .

5. Discuss EHAT Membership

- a) Discussed EHAT membership. Develop an advertisement for the newspaper, make new talking points (1 page), and list the specific accomplishments and plans of EHAT.
- b) News article: Linda to start a draft. Agreed that it should be brief, and include the purpose of EHAT, along with what is expected in time commitment. Encourage citizen members to contribute to help solve community problems.
- c) Discussed demographics of EHAT. Need representation in areas of Camano residents, active-duty military, veterinarian, food service industry, construction industry, creative gardeners.
- d) Reminded that EHAT volunteers can submit transportation reimbursement, such as a voucher for mileage or ferry tickets.
- e) Discussed establishing an interview committee for applicants.

6. Communication Plan

- a) Discussed the Draft Communication Plan from Sept 8, 2003.
- b) Ideas given to report the results of the dumping forum and give a final report for the first grant (list accomplishments).
- c) Recommended to seek out a journal reporter or possibly have a sound-off article written.
- d) Look into funds available to hire communications person: students - college or high school.
- e) David Macys volunteered to head up this committee and work on creating press releases.

7. Closing Business and Homework

- a) EHAT members agreed to postpone Dec. EHAT meeting. Next meeting will be January 20, 2005.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.