

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

**Date:** Thursday October 21, 2004  
**Time:** 5:30pm – 7:30pm  
**Location:** Heller Road Fire Station, Oak Harbor, WA

**Present:** Roger Case, Mark Lathrop, David Macys, Marie Piper, Linda Rhodes  
**Staff Present:** Tim McDonald, Keith Higman, Celine Servatius, Nancy Farnsworth  
**Excused:** Phyllis Brett, Lisa Clark, Joline DeVos, Kristy Miller, Laurie Mosolino, Jim Patton, Rose Reece, Steve Markle

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

**Agenda Items:**

**1. Review Minutes from September 2004 Meeting, Guest Introductions**

- a) Minutes were approved as written.

**2. Discuss Training Opportunities**

- a) Social Marketing Training is scheduled on Dec. 6-7 at the Coupeville Recreational Hall.
  - 1) Celine discussed the training and asked EHAT who was interested in attending.
  - 2) Stressed that there is a high demand for individuals wanting to attend, so if sign up need to attend both days of training.
  - 3) At the training, EHAT should plan on bringing an issue to work on.
- b) Environmental Justice Training to be scheduled.
  - 1) Discussed how this issue relates to our community.
  - 2) EHAT was queried on who would be interested in attending. Interested participants: Mark Lathrop, David Macys, Marie Piper, Linda Rhodes.

**3. New Grant Status**

- a) The ICBICC accepted the fiduciary part of the grant, after inserting the language "Action Plan Implementation" wording to the project description section of the contract.
- b) EHAT members attended and expressed their views of the grant.
- c) The Commissioners, like EHAT, want to see action from this grant.
- d) The grant objectives are: 1. Develop action plans on Illegal Dumping and Walkable Island County. 2. Implement plans of action.
- e) Discussed improving communication with the community and the Commissioners.
- f) Suggested that there is a need to accurately educate the public on the accomplishments of EHAT and that the media failed to mention anything on the internal component of the grant.
- g) The newspapers did not mention the accomplishments that have been made to increase efficiency and customer service in the Health Department.
- h) Discussed having a communication committee or person with skills to educate the public.

**4. Discuss EHAT Membership**

- a) Discussed EHAT membership.
- b) Celine to contact all EHAT members and inquire on their interest to continue. Explain the commitment of attending the monthly meetings, subcommittee meetings if sign-up to work on a committee, and the time commitment is for three years. If they are not able to continue, they will be asked for referrals.

- c) Discussed ideas of recruitment. Applications are available to take to anyone that might be interested.
- d) County Health Department to do a combined advertisement in the paper to recruit for volunteers to help make the community a better place.
- e) Discussed reviewing the matrix to ensure getting proper representation of all Island County citizens.
- f) Discussed giving community presentations and strive to be back at full membership by the end of the year.
- g) Will mention membership drive at the Dumping Forum and having applications available.

#### **5. Discuss Dumping Forum**

- a) Scheduled for Tuesday October 26<sup>th</sup>, 8-10am, at the Coupeville Rec. Hall.
- b) Commissioner Mike Shelton will not be able to chair or attend the meeting. Mayor Nancy Conard asked to Chair in his place.
- c) Linda Rhodes to present the statistics of Illegal Dumping in Island County.
- d) Attendees to break out in work groups and brainstorm ideas on Education, Economics, and Enforcement. Format is to be structured with a brainstorm period, discussion, and prioritize the top 3 ideas.
- e) EHAT members will attend breakout groups and help facilitate the process.

#### **6. Discuss Data Collection and Survey Methods for Dumping Issue**

- a) Discussed the winter dumping survey. Need more planning, identify an area, and team up with another group to help.

#### **7. Discuss How & When to Move Forward with Next Issue:**

- a) Walkable Island County plan will wait for new membership. Possibly start the plan in January.

#### **8. Closing Business and Homework**

- a) Reminded of 2<sup>nd</sup> Dumping Forum, Tuesday October 26, 2004, Coupeville Recreational Hall.
- b) Tim McDonald discussed the flu vaccine available in the county.

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