

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

Date: Thursday July 14, 2005

Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Location: Monroe Road Fire Station, Oak Harbor, WA

Present: Mark Lathrop, David Macys, Chris Markle, Kristy Miller, Laurie Mosolino, Jim Patton, Marie Piper, Linda Rhodes, Leslie Stevens (Vice Chair)

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

Excused: RoseAnn Alspektor, Phyllis Brett, Lisa Clark, Joline DeVos, Patty Folkestad, Kevin Rio Kiper, Bob McNeill, Rob Voigt

Unexcused: Reece Rose

Call to Order: Linda Rhodes the Chair called the scheduled meeting of the Environmental Health Assessment Team to order at 5:37pm.

Agenda Items:

1. Introductions & Review Minutes from June 2005

- a) Change to the minutes: Item 2.a) Change spelling to "Bylaws"
- b) Minutes approved as changed.

2. Update on Current Events

- a) Board of Health Composition: Mayor Patty Cohen withdrew her resignation. The Prosecuting Attorney will determine if any formal action is required for reinstatement.

3. Emerging Issues

- a) Discussion on the West Nile Virus issue: New information indicates that there is a polio-like syndrome that is a lingering effect. Virus has been impacting working age adults in the 40-50 age group. Discussed possible community education and outreach efforts. Mentioned the "Fight the Bite" educational campaign in Colorado. Discussed creating a list of local groups working on the issue, and forming a partnership. Discussed possibly co-sponsoring a forum with CHAB.

4. Subcommittee Updates

- a) Dumping – Reviewed the handout of responses to the Communication Subcommittee questions. Discussed determining the type of litter, and if it was from residents or visitors to the county. Possibly contact fast-food restaurants if that is evaluated as being a source. EH Department is still working on the Solid Waste code revision. Staff is working with DOT on the sign issue. Target groups are the residents, visitors, and Navy populations.
- b) Walkability – Members attended the Public Works Non-motorized Trail Meeting, and gave suggestions. Group is reviewing the Comp. Plan for proposed changes.
- c) Communication – Reviewing the questions from the subcommittee groups, and is working on an effective way to get each message out to the community.

5. Update on the Physical Activity Grant

- a) The grant is still in the planning organizational phase. Keith will keep EHAT posted of developments as they are occurring.

6. WSU Contract & Litter Assessment Survey

- a) Leslie Stevens volunteered to help with the site characterizations.
- b) Keith to coordinate a meeting with the WSU staff for an update of their progress.
- c) Suggested that we verify that the assessment is still following the original planned direction, and that it is consistent with EHAT's goals.

7. Closing Business

- a) Celine Servatius is no longer employed by Island County Health Department, and the county is currently seeking applications for the position. Celine volunteered to continue on EHAT as a citizen member, and EHAT unanimously agreed to have her continue.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.