

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

Date: Thursday August 10, 2006 **Time:** 5:30pm – 7:30pm **Location:** NWFRC

Present: Art Burke, Jim Patton, Linda Rhodes (Chair), Celine Servatius, Carl Stephens

Guests: Karen Grossman, Carrie McLachlan

Staff Present: Nancy Farnsworth, Tim McDonald, Whitney Webber

Excused: RoseAnn Alspektor, Phyllis Brett, Lisa Clark, Patty Folkestad, Katie Hicks, Keith Higman, Mark Lathrop, David Macys, Chris Markle, Marie Piper, Leslie Stevens

Call to Order: The Environmental Health Assessment Team (EHAT) meeting was called to order by Linda Rhodes at 5:42pm.

Agenda Items:

1. Review Minutes from July 2006 Meeting

- a) Minutes approved as submitted.

2. Introduction: New Grant Coordinator Whitney Webber

- a) Tim introduced the new grant coordinator to EHAT.

3. Presentation on the Healthy Living Grant

- a) Presentation was given by Karen Grossman, and Carrie McLachlan on the Island County Plan for Healthy Living. EHAT viewed a PowerPoint presentation and received handouts.

4. Discuss Grant Action Plan

- a) EHAT discussed organizing the Walkability Forum. Agreed to partner with a diverse population, discussed participating in “Children’s Day” on Sept. 30th, and ways to make the healthy choice the easy choice.
- b) Comments were made on the obesity epidemic, and the increase in chronic disease.
- c) Discussed the economic impact on our communities.

5. Discussion on the Walkability Conference

- a) Discussion held on the specifics of partnering to have a Walkability Conference.
 - 1. Need decide the goals of the forum and what they want to accomplish.
 - 2. Agreed to partner with other groups: Trails, WHIM, City of Oak Harbor, Parks Dept, Planning, County Commissioners, etc.
 - 3. EHAT wants to involve the elected officials to participate, and facilitate the meeting.
 - 4. Suggested and agreed to combine the subcommittee groups to one group, and organize the forum.
 - 5. Discussed having a presentation at the forum, on the lack of walking trails and walking access in the county.
 - 6. EHAT wants to identify the gaps in the community, categorize them, and plan solutions.
 - 7. EHAT suggested hosting the meeting mid Oct – to mid November. Staff to reserve the Coupeville Recreation Hall for the meeting.
 - 8. A letter will be drafted to invite all members. Discussed asking a commissioner to host the meeting.
 - 9. Subcommittee group to meet in the next 2 weeks to organize the forum.

6. Closing Business

- a) Steering Committee will not be meeting tonight, but will meet next month.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.