

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

Date: Thursday May 11, 2006
Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Location: North Whidbey Family Resource Center

Present: Phyllis Brett, David Macys, Jim Patton, Marie Piper, Linda Rhodes (Chair), Celine Servatius, Carl Stephens, Leslie Stevens

Staff Present: Nancy Farnsworth, Keith Higman, Tim McDonald

Excused: RoseAnn Alspektor, Art Burke, Lisa Clark, Patty Folkestad, Katie Hicks, Mark Lathrop, Chris Markle

Call to Order: The scheduled meeting of the Environmental Health Assessment Team (EHAT) was called to order by chairperson Linda Rhodes at 5:37 pm.

Agenda Items:

1. Review Minutes from April 2006 Meeting

- a) Minutes approved as submitted.

2. Presentation: Pandemic Flu Preparedness

- a) Presentation given by Celine Servatius on the "Update on Pandemic Flu Response Planning". Celine is the Dept. Head of Preventative Medicine at Naval Hospital Oak Harbor.
- b) Viewed PowerPoint presentation and handout.
- c) Discussed the differences between seasonal flu, avian flu, and pandemic flu. Brief update on the avian/pandemic flu, status and components of pandemic flu response plans, current planning activities, and what steps are being done in preparation.

3. Subcommittee Briefing

- a) Communications
 - 1. Update on the Camano 101 presentation by David Macys. Whidbey 101 is scheduled in May, and Janet Hall will be contacted for date and location information.
 - 2. Discussed having name tags for volunteers, and business cards printed. Cards should include their name, title (EHAT volunteer citizen member), health dept phone number, and county web address.
- b) Illegal Dumping – Code Revision
 - 1. Solid Waste code revisions are almost completed, and plan to have it finished within two weeks. Still working on fee schedule changes.
 - 2. The ordering of the Litter and It Will Hurt signs will occur, after the CDC approves the carryover budget.
- c) Other Items
 - 1. Actively looking for applicants for the grant coordinator position.
 - 2. Keith attended the annual CDC grant meeting in New Mexico. The CDC is looking for a nationally transferable model. They are requesting products that defend outcomes in the project. Keith will work on producing a PACE-EH toolbox, which will document the procedure for implementation and the lessons learned. EHAT should continue to proceed with the implementation of the action plan, participate in forums, and accomplish the 3 E's (education, economics, enforcement.)
 - 3. Discussed items for the upcoming Board of Health meeting: Update the Commissioners on the solid waste code revision, walkability assessment, Carl's efforts in mapping trails, and the pending approval on posting illegal dumping signs at kiosks.

4. Walkability Subcommittee Spotlight

- a) Discussed utilizing the WHIM website and electronic kiosk for posting trail maps, and other walkability information.

5. Organize Walkability Forum

- a) Discussed hosting a Walkability Forum. Decided to schedule it after the summer, possibly in September or October. EHAT members are to identify other community groups to joint sponsor and help organize.
- b) Discussed having guest speakers such as Richard Jackson, the Mayor of Moses Lake, someone from the CDC, or a landscape architect.
- c) One objective of the forum would be to increase public awareness about built environment, and community infrastructure.

6. Closing Business

- a) Discussed the summer meeting schedule. Next month decide if will cancel the July EHAT meeting, and just meet as subcommittee groups.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.