

Meeting Notes

Area: **Environmental Risk Factors and Health**
 Meeting: Meeting #4/Conference Call
 Date: May 17, 2013
 Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
 Location: UCONN Health Center Exchange (for those attending in person)

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Time	Agenda Item	<i>mi n</i>	Notes
9:30-10:00	Activity 1: Introductions and Meeting Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review agenda, schedule, and logistics • Review today's objectives • Establish ground rules 	30	By the end of today, we will 1) review the April 26 th meeting, 2) review the survey ranking results, 3) finalize rankings and supporting data elements.
10:00-11:00	Activity 2: Review Survey Rankings and Data Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey monkey results provided by Donna Burke from HRIA 	60	The group will determine the rankings using survey monkey results and prepare final recommendations for meeting #5.
11:00-11:30	Activity 3: Work Group Housekeeping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate Meeting • Review Next Steps • Next Meeting Date/Time 	30	The group will determine a meeting date and final responsibilities for the last face-to-face meeting.

Materials

- Agenda
- Environmental Work Group Survey Results

Attendees (see chart on last page)

Meeting Notes

Activity 2: Review Survey Rankings and Data Elements

Work Group members discussed the survey results and arrived at a final goal statement, a final set of Areas of Concentration, and developed draft objectives.

1. Feedback on Draft Goal

The WG reviewed the feedback on the draft goal statement and the alternatives for rewrites. After discussion, the WG decided upon the following goal statement:

Promote public health by decreasing environmental risk factors.

2. Input on Combining any of the Areas of Concentration

A recommendation was made to combine the two water quality areas of concentration. The WG agreed to do so.

Final Area of Concentration: Water Quality - Ground water (public NTNC and TNC and private)

A recommendation was made to combine particulates and ozone under Air Quality. Discussion around how the Air Quality Index measures several indicators.

Recommendation was made to also include Wood Smoke as part of particulates.

After discussion, the WG agreed on the following:

Final Area of Concentration: Outdoor Air Quality- Particulates, Ozone, Wood Smoke

A recommendation was made to combine the two Healthy Homes categories.

Reasons for combining vs. keeping separate were presented. Following discussion, the WG consensus was to combine the two.

Final Area of Concentration:

Healthy Homes - Indoor Air Quality, Housing Code and Property Maintenance

A list of the final five Areas of Concentration can be found in the table on the following page.

3. Draft Objectives

Work group members reviewed and the draft objectives under each area of concentration. Draft objectives along with discussion points are captured in the table on the following page.

4. Revised Survey Results

A copy of the revised survey results will be distributed along with these meeting notes. Minor corrections were made to two misplaced objectives. The Areas of Concentration were reordered to place combined sections together.

Activity 3: Work Group Housekeeping

Next Steps

By Thurs, May 30th: WG members will use the 5/17 meeting notes and the survey results to develop draft strategies for each of the objectives. Submit draft strategies and any additional supporting data sources to Donna Burke at dburke@hria.org

By Mon, June 3rd: Donna will compile all draft strategies and send out for WG review.

Before Fri, June 7th: WG members will review the compiled list of draft strategies in preparation for the June 7th meeting.

Next Meeting

Friday, June 7th, 9:30-11:30 (time and location to be confirmed)

Final Area of Concentration	Draft Objective Developed during 5/17 WG Meeting	Discussion Points (to be used, along with survey results, for developing strategies. <i>Notes in italics added by Donna Burke following the meeting</i>)
<p>Lead - Home (childhood, cosmetics)</p>	<p>By 2020, reduce the prevalence rate of children under age 6 with confirmed blood lead levels at or above the CDC reference value (5ug/dl) to below 3%.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having age in there is important. • We will place the statute on blood lead monitoring in the dropbox. Everybody should have that available (<i>would someone please send to Donna to put in dropbox?</i>)
<p>Water Quality - Private Drinking Water (ground water); includes pesticides, arsenic, uranium - Transient Wells and Non Transient Non Community water supplies (served by ground water)</p>	<p>By 2020, reduce the number of poor water access points by X%.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private wells are not regulated at the same level as community public water supplies • Increase home owner knowledge of private wells. • Should the objective be to collect data? The data on private wells does not exist. We don't even know where all the private wells are. • Establish a statewide database of drinking water. • Establish a task force for private drinking water. • Improve the purity and adequacy of ground water supplies. • Establish a task force and centralized database of monitoring private non transient non community and water supplies. • Require laboratories to submit water testing results to DPH. • Cover all the water sources in the strategies as needed.
<p>Healthy Homes - Indoor Air Quality (radon, asbestos,</p>	<p>By 2020, establish a statewide minimum housing code for the State of Connecticut.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

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carbon monoxide, fragrances) - Housing code, property maintenance (housing conditions, roaches, bed bugs, rodents)	Incorporate healthy home inspections for all home visits and investigations conducted by code enforcement officials from X to X by 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Incorporate in ALL inspections (with a target for improvement each year as we approach 100%), remove “from X to X”</i> - or - • <i>Increase the #/% of visits/investigations that incorporate HH inspections. Measurement from X to Y where X= # or % of visits/investigations done today that incorporate HH inspections, and Y= # or % of visits/investigations that should incorporate HH inspections.</i>

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<p>Outdoor Air Quality - Particulates - Ozone - Wood smoke</p>	<p>By 2020, reduce by x% the number of days/yr the Air Quality Index (AQI) exceeds 50.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is new legislation • The air quality index numbers are being lowered. • Bob will investigate and get a percentage that we would recommend.
	<p><i>Increase the percentage of citizens in vulnerable populations who avoid outdoor activity on poor air quality days.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion in meeting about an objective with something about reducing the impact when there are poor air quality days (communications)...asked Donna to come up with wording for something along those lines • We forecast the air quality and notify the public. We could be better about targeting who we communicate with (i.e., schools) so that they can take action accordingly. <p>Outcome indicator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce visits to the ER/deaths for respiratory related conditions caused by poor air quality events by x% <p>-----</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Would need a strategy to build the data for specific populations (i.e., elders, children) - i.e., routine intake questionnaire, or at PCP</i>
<p>Healthy Community - Land Use Decisions (standards for redevelopment), light at night (street lights, businesses, athletic fields)</p>		

By 2020, create a Healthy Community Model guidance document to assist local planning agencies in incorporating health impact assessments in land use decision making in all communities.