

Local Hazardous Waste Management Program
Final Approved Management Coordination Committee Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2017
6th Floor King/Chinook Conference Rooms, King Street Center, Seattle, WA
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- Attendees:**
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joan Lee, KCWLRD, MCC Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ellie Wilson-Jones, SCA |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hank Myers, SCA, City of Redmond, MCC Vice Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Linda Knight, City of Renton, SCA |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Fife-Ferris, SPU | <input type="checkbox"/> David Hare, SPU |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Darrell Rodgers, PHSKC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charles Wu, KCWLRD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Gaisford, KCSWD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linda Van Hooser, PHWKC |
- Other Attendees:**
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lynda Ransley, LHWMP | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lauren Cole, KCSWD |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vicky Beaumont, LHWMP | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashley Pedersen, KCWLRD |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Liz Tennant, LHWMP | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mendy Droke, KCSWD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Kellogg, LHWMP | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erika Kinno, PHSKC |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Madelaine Yun, LHWMP | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maureen Weisser, LHWMP | |

GENERAL BUSINESS

MCC Minutes:

MCC reviewed and approved May 16, 2017 minutes with no revisions.

Announcements

None.

DICUSSION ITEMS

Rate Proposal Development

Lynda and Liz presented the current status of LHWMP's anticipated rate adjustment proposal to the Board of Health, along with rationale and current financial projections. Staff is currently evaluating including 4- or 6- year duration, and single or phased increases.

MCC reviewed LHWMP's fund forecast, factors impacting future revenue needs, and additional information desired by MCC members. MCC provided guidance to staff that revenue needs should include costs associated with future co-location of MRW services at the new South King County Solid Waste Facility, though that decision will be made by MCC later in the year. The MCC Chair and Vice Chair asked for a work session in October to explore the financial details and rate options in more depth.

Policy Update

Paint Stewardship: Mendy provided information that the paint stewardship bill sponsored by American Coatings Association will be active in 2018 and LHWMP plans to support the legislation. The state senate election in the 45th legislative district could result in a democratically-controlled legislature. The Solid Waste Division has reached an agreement with a Colorado-based paint processor to collect paint from retail locations (mostly reuse stores), establish a processing facility in Kent to recycle paint, and sell in reuse stores. The Solid Waste Division will incorporate this program into the Take It Back Network (TIBN). Previous TIBN programs included electronics and mercury-containing lights. State-wide product stewardship legislation for these products passed after the

TIBN programs were established. Under a statewide stewardship program for paint, residents would pay an assessment when they purchase paint but would not pay a fee when they drop off unused paint.

Lead: Erika provided information about WA State occupational lead standards, in response to Public Health's petition to Governor and LNI. LNI distributed unofficial draft lead standards; going through stakeholder input and review; the official draft will not be released until next summer. Draft rule is significantly more protective of workers. LNI has held four stakeholder meetings; Erika and Steve have attend 3 of 4. If implemented as drafted, it will be better than any other in US. Expecting high degree of opposition from business interests. Meetings being attended by battery, construction, shooting range, NRA, and WSDOT representatives who are critical of rule, as drafted. Health interests and Alliance for Gun Responsibility also involved and have been supportive of the rule. LHWMP will prepare comments for Lynda to submit as part of informal review process.

DISCUSSION:

- Joan asked about WSDOT concern. Erika explained that she assumes it relates to bridge painting and cost. Steve and Erika think the draft rule is good but can be strengthened, and would like to ask that triggers for blood level testing be stronger. Also, that training and warning signage is provided in culturally appropriate language for workers.

Perchloroethylene: Ashley gave an update on the policy project to help transition King County dry cleaners from perchloroethylene (PERC) to professional wet cleaning process. LHWMP has a long history working on this issue. The EPA is reviewing PERC under the federal Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), which should conclude with regulations – likely a federal ban or restriction of PERC – in about 2021. Local dry cleaners will have to choose an alternative process. Advances in technology make “professional wet-cleaning” a viable alternative using water and detergents coupled with computer-controlled delivery systems that yields no hazardous waste.

LHWMP has completed a policy analysis, and are pursuing a two prong strategy that mirrors what California has done on this issue. We have developed a close relationship with a team at Ecology that is also working on this issue. The first strategy would be a demonstration program. The second would be providing financial assistance to help pay for the approximately \$30,000-\$60,000 cost of switching. Thanks to Lynda's discussions with the Board of Health Chair and his interests, we may also be able to engage the Board of Health on this project.

DISCUSSION

- MCC members asked for a work session in July focused on policy and product stewardship.

Director's Report

Lynda distributed her written report and highlighted several items, including recent conversations requested by the Board of Health Chair about LHWMP and Environmental Health's work on toxics chemicals, and potential policy initiatives. She also mentioned the upcoming LHWMP overview presentation she will be giving to the Board of Health on 9/21.

Lynda reviewed the issue of fee overpayment by SPU, assistance provided to correct the issue for the future, and that a reimbursement plan will be developed and brought back to MCC.

This month's success story highlighted LHWMP's new staff and improved hiring processes – including improved equity practices and re-vamped positions to meet current business needs. Lynda offered thanks to the many individuals who have provided support. We are very excited to welcome talented new staff in Public Health and WLRD.

Next Meeting: November 21, 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 6th Floor King/Chinook Conference Rooms, King Street Center, Seattle.