

**Local Hazardous Waste Management Program
Final Approved Management Coordination Committee Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2015**

Attendees:

MCC:

Mayor David Baker, SCA, Chair
Stella Chau, PHSKC, Vice Chair
Tim Croll, SPU
Joan Lee, KCWRD

Program Staff:

Lynda Ransley, LHWMP
Liz Tennant, LHWMP
Madelaine Yun, LHWMP
Maureen Weisser, LHWMP

Program Partners:

Dave Galvin, KCWLRD
Lauren Cole, KCSWD
Ellie Wilson-Jones, SCA
Charles Wu, PHSKC
Vicky Beaumont, SPU
Mendy Droke, KCSWD

GENERAL BUSINESS

MCC Minutes: May 18, 2015

MCC reviewed and approved the May 18, 2015 minutes as written. Dave updated MCC regarding a question at the May meeting about our ability to reach engage larger house cleaning. Dave commented that we have tried but have been unsuccessful to-date. The Program has been successful in training the workers– in multiple languages.

Announcements and Public Comments:

Joan commented that at recent NAHMMA conference, Dave Galvin, Dave Waddell, and Ray Carveth received achievement awards. There were no Public comments.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

LHWMP Rate Adjustment

Lynda reviewed background and staff recommendations for the timing of a rate increase (2017 or 2018) based on the current fiscal forecast and other factors.

DISCUSSION

- Stella asked about how timing of a proposed rate increase fits into the budget process. Lynda responded that we have obtained advance approval from the County’s budget managers to accommodate our anticipated timing.
- Tim suggested providing an advance briefing to BOH to let them know our intended timeframe. Lynda agreed, and would recommend doing so after we have updated fund balance projections after year-end 2015.

- MCC approved the proposal to seek a rate increase for 2018, seeking Board of Health approval in early 2017.

UPDATES

Lines of Business

Lynda led a discussion on the Line of Business implementation and anticipated changes for 2016. 1) Lines of Business have been confirmed (General Services, Focused Projects, Policy, and Leadership and Technical Resources); 2) Focus Projects have been selected (auto-body paints, lead exposure from home renovation practices, and cleaning products and practices); and 3) a preliminary project structure has been developed. Program managers are regularly sharing developments with staff and providing opportunities for discussion.

DISCUSSION

- Stella asked which projects are expected to discontinue. Lynda responded that the subject-matter specific projects will change, as well as others as we consolidate and integrate similar work. Strategies for delivering services will also change, with a goal of being more strategic, efficient and outcome-based. Policy opportunities from current work will be considered as we review potential initiatives in the policy project.
- Tim asked when we will have more details about specific changes and when changes will be implemented. Lynda responded that we will have more details in 4th quarter. For SPU staff, collections services will be largely unchanged; pesticides-related work is currently being evaluated, and we are in discussions with SPU staff.
- Lynda also clarified that the Program was not anticipating any layoffs as a result of the restructure. The staffing changes involve working within larger, more integrated teams. And, Core Team will be making assignments that fit skills, abilities and current classifications of staff.
- Mayor Baker asked about the balance between residential and business services. Lynda explained that the Program tracks and attempts to balance expenditures between residential and business services to reflect our funding sources. However, strategies often span both sectors.
- Joan commented that she thinks it's been a thoughtful process. Lynda commented that the structure also addresses the need to better cross-train staff so the Program's institutional knowledge is not so individual-dependent. Stella appreciates that structure will create a better framework - fewer things, better resourced; giving staff more opportunity to leverage their skills.

Workforce Development

Charles and Dave discussed status of line of business and workforce development activities presented to NAHMMA, both locally and nationally. They also discussed LHWMP's current efforts to improve hiring processes related to equity.

DISCUSSION

- Tim urged the Program to keep the hiring of approved positions a priority, and asked that MCC be regularly updated on the advertising and hiring status of key positions.

Policy Update: 2015 State Legislative Session

Lauren updated members on CPG funding and the current allocation structure. Eight of smallest counties in WA State will receive about 80% of what they would have received before the budget cuts. Other jurisdictions will receive a larger reduction. Mendy provided update on the paint bill and changes related to Clark County processors. Mendy doesn't believe it will move in special session but is hoping Senator Benton will sponsor next year.

DISCUSSION

- Tim asked if the CPG distribution will be compliant with the existing WAC.
- Stella commented that Ecology is organizing conference call for input about Health allocations, and she would like additional information. Lauren and Charles will provide it.

Secure Medicine Return Implementation

Dave provided an update to members. Since MCC's last meeting, the Supreme Court decided not to hear the petition from drug manufacturers regarding the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals' ruling in the Alameda case. This decision frees us to move forward, and to close the local lawsuit against King County. We are moving forward with implementation of King County's SMR regulations. Three additional counties in California have passed local regulations modeled on King County's. The two draft stewardship plans received in February were rejected in May. We expect revised plans by July 13. Implementation is expected to start by the end of year or early in 2016.

DISCUSSION

- Stella asked about the two proposed plans. Dave responded that the SMR regulations allow for a standard plan and independent plans.
- Tim commented that – seems like a lot to be gained by joining two together. Dave – We have heard that some discussions are taking place between the two stewardship groups. It is up to them to decide how to proceed.
- Stella asked if it would be better for the public if there are options. Dave commented that full equitable service is required for either plan. Since residents will be able to use either service, there could be a net benefit to having two plans operating if the result is more collection sites than a single plan might offer. Dave believes that we will have a robust system starting up by the end of year, with either one or two plans.
- Dave also noted that he has been working with the Washington Pharmacy Commission to develop a generic protocol for medicine take-back at pharmacies that the Commission will be comfortable approving. We have a good working relationship with the Commission at this time.

Director's Report and Upcoming MCC Meetings

Lynda highlighted items of note including two recent conferences –NAHMMA and Governing for Racial Equity; as well as other activities such as strategic planning, workforce development and ongoing operations.

Next Meeting: July 21th, 10:15 p.m. to 12:00 noon, 6th Floor King/Chinook Conference Rooms, King Street Center, Seattle, WA.