

**Local Hazardous Waste Management Program
Final Approved Management Coordination Committee Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2016**

Attendees:

MCC:

Joan Lee, KCWLRD, Chair
Hank Myers, SCA, Vice Chair
Jeff Gaisford, KCSWD
Tim Croll, SPU

Staff, Partners & Public:

Lynda Ransley, LHWMP
Liz Tennant, LHWMP
Maureen Weisser, LHWMP
Dave Galvin, KCWLRD
Vicky Beaumont, LHWMP
Ellie Wilson-Jones, SCA
Ashley Pederson, KCWLRD
Lauren Cole, KCSWD
Mendy Droke, KCSWD
Charles Wu, PHSKC
Mayor Baker, SCA
Veronica Fincher, SPU
Taylor Watson, WLRD

GENERAL BUSINESS

In Stella's absence, Jeff Gaisford convened the meeting. Mayor Baker introduced Hank Myers, the SCA representative to MCC. Jeff presented a plaque to Mayor Baker and thanked him for his years of service as a member of the MCC.

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MCC reviewed and approved the November 17, 2015 minutes.

Announcements and Public Comments:

There were no announcements or public comments.

DISCUSSION ITEMS & UPDATES

Election of MCC Chair and Vice Chair

Ellie Wilson-Jones discussed the process for appointment to MCC of the Sound Cities Association member. Lynda reviewed overall responsibilities of the Chair and Vice Chair positions and process of working with the Program. Jeff opened the discussion for nominations of the Chair and Vice Chair for 2016. Members agreed to vote on a one-year term for 2016.

- MCC members elected Joan Lee as Chair, and Hank Myers as Vice Chair for 2016.

2016 LHWMP Work Plan

Lynda presented the proposed high level 2016 Work Plan for MCC approval. The Work Plan reflects the Line of Business structure and new projects - consistent with previous discussions with MCC. She reviewed the contents, including structure, intent, projected revenues, budget by agency and relative allocation of resources among the Lines of Business and projects.

Lynda highlighted projects, desired outcomes and changes from prior work plans. She reviewed the 2016 spending plan within the context of the Program's biennial budget, and explained items of note such as Secure Medicine Return Drop Boxes; funding for customer surveys, and anticipated increased costs related to MRW. Lynda also reminded MCC of desires behind the Program's strategic planning efforts and resulting structural changes, including maintaining service levels, and expectations that projects will be rethinking strategies based on scale, resources, equity, and relative effectiveness in achieving desired outcomes. She also discussed structural features such as multi-agency staffing and funding of projects.

DISCUSSION

- Councilmember Myers asked about performance metrics. Lynda explained the evidence-based assumptions built into projects, and how the Program currently reports progress to MCC.
- Jeff asked for questions or comments and recommended MCC adopt the work and spending plans. MCC members agreed to adopt the work and spending plan.
- Lynda suggested that project managers come to MCC later in the year to talk about specific work in greater detail and asked MCC members if they would be interested. MCC members concurred.
- Liz reminded MCC that we will now develop agency service agreements which reflect the approved work plan.

Legislative Update

Mendy provided a legislative update on 2016 anticipated short session. The Paint Stewardship Bill – H.B. 1571 – requires producers of latex and oil based paint to participate in a stewardship program to manage leftover latex or oil based paint. Representative Peterson from Edmonds is House sponsor; Senator Chase from Shoreline is Senate sponsor. Representative Peterson will let Mendy know when it will go to vote on floor.

Mayor Baker will send emails to Republican members of the House urging a yes vote when it goes to floor vote. A business owner who wants to establish processing plant in Washington State will be contacting Republicans to encourage support for bill. The Program is assisting by offering an Op Ed. Mendy believes signs are positive with Senator Benton's involvement.

The bill will include an assessment for consumers built into the program that will go toward establishing collection sites, program costs, processing, and transportation costs. Bill implemented from American Coatings Association, representing paint manufacturers.

DISCUSSION

- Tim asked if it included both oil and latex paint. Mendy responded both and the existing program for businesses to have an area set aside for consumers to pick up will not go away.

Secure Medicine Return Implementation

Taylor provided an update to MCC members on Secure Medicine Implementation. Pharmacies no longer require approval from the WA State Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (WSPQAC) to be a collector under an approved stewardship plan. ReturnMeds presented its King County-approved stewardship plan to the WSPQAC in December and was approved as a WSPQAC authorized plan operator. There are no mail-back disposal providers currently available that are a DEA authorized collector with on-site destruction using a hazardous waste incinerator. PHSKC Director granted approval for the use of a municipal waste combustor for mail-back envelopes only. ReturnMeds mail-back service provider meets these requirements. The Program provided information to L.A. and San Francisco counties who have expressed interest in creating similar regulations to King County's, and to Minnesota, Milwaukee, Massachusetts and Maine.

Implementation deadlines have changed – service will be on the ground in June rather than April. The last revised plan submitted by King County MED-Project for approval is under review. There is also a request under review for King County MED-Project to use a mail-back service provider that uses proprietary disposal technology, however, due to delays, the initial 30-day review estimate is not possible. All approved plans will begin implementation on March 12.

DISCUSSION

- Joan asked for clarification of the March 12 date. Taylor responded that it is the beginning of the 90-day implementation timeline to create on-the-ground service.
- Tim asked about effectiveness of the mail-back disposal technology for King County MED-Project plan. Taylor responded that we need a reasonable basic understanding of the technology, how they know it's working, however, the stewardship organization needs to speak with DEA to see if the DEA would approve. We are also assessing whether the revised plan will meet convenience standards.
- Jeff asked if drug producers will move to standard plan if King County MED-Project is not approved in March. Taylor responded that if the final revised independent plan is rejected, drug producers in the plan must to move to the Standard Plan to be in compliance with the regulations.
- Tim believes we are doing a good job of working with them but asked why wait until March if they continue to not address issues such as meeting convenience standards? Taylor explained that the extended deadline for approval is to assure both approved plans begin the 90-day implementation timeline at the same time, creating a fair and equitable environment.
- CM Myers asked what output metrics we are considering such as reducing drugs in water, overdoses, accidental poisonings and drug misuse. Taylor responded that the Stewardship program is required to conduct and provide survey results over multiple years for baseline and continued understanding of issues and behaviors disposing of unwanted medicines. King County also conducted baseline focus groups across all King County demographics last year and will also conduct surveys to determine a baseline understanding and behavior that will parallel the stewardship organizations.

Director's Report

Lynda provided a written report, and highlighted the following items:

Line of Business: changes were rolled out in the fall, with new projects launching in January. She referenced the many activities underway to support the changes. She commended Core Team members and staff in the Director's Office for their support of the planning processes and now with the project teams.

Upcoming MCC Meetings: anticipated MCC meeting topics for 1st Quarter, including progress reports, Board of Health rate adjustment plan and 2017-18 budget development. She asked MCC members to let her know if there are specific topics they are interested in.

Staffing: updates on recent Program hires including Vicky Beaumont (Operations Manager), and Stef Frenzl (Social Marketing Specialist).

Next Meeting: February 16th, 10:15 p.m. to 12:00 noon, 6th Floor King/Chinook Conference Rooms, King Street Center, Seattle, WA.