

Local Hazardous Waste Management Program
Final Approved Management Coordination Committee Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2016
6th Floor King/Chinook Conference Rooms, King Street Center, Seattle, WA
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Attendees: MCC:

Joan Lee, KCWLRD, MCC Chair

Hank Myers, SCA, City of Redmond, MCC Vice-Chair

Hans Van Dusen, SPU

Jeff Gaisford, KCSWD

Darrell Rodgers, PHSKC

Dr. David Morton, Citizen

Kristin Pace, LHWMP

Stef Frenzl, KCWLRD

Lauren Cole, KCSWD

Ashley Pederson, KCWLRD

Mendy Droke, KCSWD

Taylor Watson, KCWLRD

Linda Van Hooser, PHSKC

Charles Wu, KCWLRD

Aurora Mendoza, SPU

Kristin Pace, LHWMP

Other Attendees:

Lynda Ransley, LHWMP

Vicky Beaumont, LHWMP

Ryan Kellogg, LHWMP

Liz Tennant, LHWMP

Maureen Weisser, LHWMP

GENERAL BUSINESS

MCC Minutes

MCC reviewed and approved the August 18, 2016 minutes, with no revisions.

Announcements and Public Comments:

Dr. David Morton, resident of Unincorporated King County, East of Redmond, spoke of hazards from breathing particles of a variety of waste materials from gas leaf blowers. Members asked for contact information and reference materials from Dr. Morton's presentation to distribute to members following the meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Evidence- and Outcome-Based Programming

Social Research Scientist Kristin Pace and Social Marketing Specialist Stef Frenzl presented an overview of their work with LHWMP project teams to establish evidence and outcome based approaches to planning, delivering and evaluating LHWMP services.

UPDATES

Policy Update

Mendy discussed the upcoming 2017 legislative session, including anticipated paint stewardship legislation, MTCA funding and a potential statewide medicine return bill. Our primary concern with a state medicine return bill is the possibility of preemption, and making sure a state bill does not negatively affect our King County SMR program standards. Ashley provided an update on crumb rubber infill used in synthetic turf, including a possible bill regarding an alternatives assessment for synthetic turf. LHWMP is also working closely with County Parks and a UW researcher on this issue.

DISCUSSION

- Darrell asked about whether a state bill would override our SMR program. Mendy replied that it would depend on how it is written.

- Darrell asked if there is anything pending for the state legislative session regarding lead. Ashley replied that the Department of Health may request lead-related legislation. We expect that the Governor may also allocate some funding in his proposed budget. Joan asked if federal WRDA has money for lead.
- Hans mentioned a product stewardship bill that includes solar panels.

Secure Medicine Return Implementation

Taylor provided an update that included the operational date of January 2017, which the stewardship organization is committed to. The stewardship organization has been meeting expectations during the 180-day implementation period. King County will be the first County in the nation to have a fully implemented medicine disposal program funded and operated by drug producers. There are 59 sites with signed agreements. The final total will be 90 to 100 collection locations to meet convenience standard which requires one drop-box in each city, town and unincorporated area, and an additional drop-box for every 30,000 residents in each of these areas. If an area does not have the required drop-box, mail back programs and take back events will also be used to meet the convenience standard. We have major hospitals and clinics as well as QFC locations ready to sign, so there is a good likelihood we will meet or exceed the 90 site estimate.

DISCUSSION

- Joan asked if a letter is ready to go if the plan is not implemented on day 180 (January 17, 2017). Taylor responded yes.
- Darrell asked how many companies/distributors there were. Taylor responded that there are 372 participating companies who have a duty to let us know if there are companies that aren't participating.
- Jeff asked how much of our budget will be impacted when boxes are installed in October/November. Taylor explained that LHWMP agreed to pay for the cost of up to 400 drop-boxes. The budget cost will be spent in 2016 and 2017.
- Darrell asked if the disposal/destruction method is incineration, and if the .2 FTE estimated for LHWMP oversight of the Program is accurate. Taylor confirmed that collected medicines will be destroyed using incineration. Implementation work is currently higher than .2 FTE, but will be much less when the program is in more of a maintenance mode.

Director's Report and MCC Look-Ahead Calendar

Lynda provided a written report and highlighted items of note, including Line of Business implementation, workforce development, performance management improvements and the challenges of filling current vacancies. She also reviewed the MCC's look-ahead calendar, and provided a success story involving excellent customer service by the interagency work of the MRW team.

- Joan asked about financial opportunities when hiring goes slowly. Lynda replied that we conducted a salary savings assessment early in the year, and created a plan to hire temporary staff. However, even the process to hire a temporary position is slow, so they are still not on board.
- MCC members agreed to have a fall work session, targeted for late October.

Next Meeting: December 20, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 6th Floor King/Chinook Conference Rooms, King Street Center, Seattle, WA.