

Local Hazardous Waste Management Program
Final Approved Management Coordination Committee Meeting Minutes
March 21, 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
Susan Fife-Ferris, SPU
Darrell Rodgers, PHSKC

Dr. David Morton, City of Redmond Resident
Laurie Foster, KCWLRD
Taylor Watson, KCWLRD
Linda Van Hooser, PHSKC
Lauren Cole, KCSWD
Ashley Pedersen, KCWLRD
Charles Wu, KCWLRD
Mendy Droke, KCSWD
Erika Kinno, PHSKC
Stef Frenzl, KCWLRD
Kristin Pace, PHSKC
Tracee Mayfield, PHSKC
Rey Verduzco, KCWLRD

Other Attendees:

Lynda Ransley, LHWMP
Vicky Beaumont, LHWMP
Liz Tennant, LHWMP
Maureen Weisser, LHWMP
Madelaine Yun, LHWMP
Josh Baldi, KCWLRD
Doreen Booth, SCA

GENERAL BUSINESS

MCC Minutes

MCC reviewed and approved the January 17, 2017 minutes, with no revisions.

Announcements and Public Comments

Dr. David Morton provided public comment regarding concerns with the Washington State Department of Health report. His concerns included the data and process used for the study as well as how the report was interpreted in media reports.

- Joan thanked Dr. Morton for his concern.
- Darrell asked if Dr. Morton had contacted the Department of Health with his concerns. Dr. Morton replied that he had.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2016 Year-End Financial Report and Fund Forecast

Madelaine Yun provided an overview of the 2016 year-end financial report and fund forecast. Revenues were higher than expected due to conservative revenue estimates and the improving economy. Expenditures were lower than budgeted due to 1) salary savings, 2) lower agency overhead costs, and 3) lower contract spending within projects. Madelaine also reviewed the fund forecast. Based on 2016 year-end spending and current revenue and expense projections, we forecast a positive balance into 2019 at \$5.3 million.

DISCUSSION

- Darrell asked if LHWMP salary savings might impact how our rate and revenue needs are interpreted by Council or the Board of Health. Lynda responded that we anticipate questions regarding fund balance, fund projections, and annual savings trends when we go to the Board of Health to discuss a rate adjustment. More information about rate scenarios and implications will be shared with MCC in May.
- Susan asked about a \$42K difference in SPU's total expenses reported in the King County financial system. Madelaine said the difference was due to SPU's December submittal, which was an estimate

provided for 2016 year-end close. We plan to eliminate this accounting adjustment in the future by using SPU's actual December invoice.

- Councilmember Myers asked whether the efforts by MCC members to expedite hiring processes for LHWMP staff have helped. Lynda explained that there has been progress on some positions, but others are still slow for a variety of reasons. Joan added that some hiring resulted in internal promotions which have had a ripple effect on the Program.
- Darrell asked if projected CPG funding was included. Madelaine responded that it has been our practice not to include CPG funds in our forecasts due to its uncertainty.
- Joan asked about salary savings assumptions in the fund forecast and projected rate needs. Lynda responded that we would provide information about that in May when we discuss rate scenarios.
- Susan asked about the projected deficit, use of fund balance, and anticipated rate revenues used in the forecast. Lynda responded that we accrue fund balance in the early years of our rate period and spend it down in the later years. And that this will be discussed further in May.
- Darrell asked about the disaster debris contingency fund \$25,000 per year, and whether we were allowed to build that up so we would have a larger reserve if we had a major event. Lynda responded that MCC had discussed this before. At that time it was determined the Program had some ability to shift funds in an emergency – within the Program, within the biennial budget, and/or from fund balance with Council approval. Susan suggested bringing back a reserve policy discussion at a future meeting.

Follow Up: Include a discussion of disaster reserve policy in conjunction with rate needs planning.

UPDATES

Project Update – Policy

Topic Briefing: Synthetic Turf. Ashley Pedersen provided an update on the Policy Team's work on the issue of crumb rubber and potential impacts to human health and the environment. The current scientific research on the issue shows no significant harm to human health, but there are data gaps. The team has reviewed past research and is tracking research in progress including alternative infill. The Policy Team will have a recommendation on crumb rubber infill and alternatives after key national research is published.

DISCUSSION

- Joan asked if there are any studies that correlate crumb rubber and certain types of cancer. Ashley stated that the UW has done a literature review comparing artificial turf studies to studies on childhood leukemia and lymphoma.
- Councilmember Myers asked about heavy metals in crumb rubber and research on the effects to spawning salmon. Ashley stated that the WLRD's Stormwater Services group has reviewed environmental concerns associated with crumb rubber infill.
- Susan asked about safer alternatives – what is being done to determine if they are safer, and what are their cost impacts? Ashley stated that Seattle Parks Department has begun using some alternatives. Jurisdictions with less financial resources may be waiting until there is a clear scientific basis to move to alternatives along with a better understanding of their operational impacts.
- Darrell asked about the life expectancy of fields. Ashley responded that the typical lifespan of crumb rubber infill is 8-10 years.
- Darrell stated that the Department of Health lost funding for its risk assessment team and will not have support until they can secure grant funding.

Status Update: Other Policy Initiatives. Lauren reviewed a written update on other LHWMP policy initiatives.

DISCUSSION

- Joan asked Lauren to keep MCC informed regarding product stewardship opportunities.

- Joan asked about funds for suggested testing with Department of Licensing related to chemical awareness training for cosmetology license renewals.
- Susan asked about the financial impact to people who are getting licenses.

Secure Medicine Return Implementation

Taylor provided an update on the implementation status of Secure Medicine Return. Collection is robust at many locations, especially at QFC pharmacies. MED-Project is working with Kaiser Permanente (formally Group Health) to sign a collection agreement to continue as a collection site at their 13 locations. Taylor is following up on interest by NeighborCare Health to add boxes in their clinics. There are currently 19 mail-back stations available, including some libraries and city halls in remote areas of the county, where drop-boxes are unavailable. The program is being promoted through radio spots, online ads, and social media ads, with ad placements running through April.

DISCUSSION

- Joan asked about library distribution of mail-back and if there is something we can do.
- Councilmember Myers indicated a desire for the Redmond library to be one of the sites with the mail-back envelopes.
- Darrell asked about homeless encampments, and current policies regarding sharps. Darrell and Susan agreed to pursue this offline.

Line of Business Overview: Focus Projects

Kristin Pace provided an introductory review of the social marketing approach to LHWMP's Focus Projects.

Lead-Safe Homes. Stef Frenzl presented an overview. Content included research to-date, project goal (to increase adoption of behaviors that minimize exposure to lead-based paint and dust in homes built before 1978) and behaviors the project is focused on (vacuuming with HEPA, wet dusting, wet mopping).

Safer Cleaning Practices. Tracee Mayfield presented an overview, including the goal of reducing exposure to in-home toxic cleaning chemicals among Spanish speaking immigrants.

Auto Paint. Rey Verduzco presented an overview, including the project goal to increase waterborne basecoats in auto body shops. He also provided status of a pilot program with a limited number of shops.

Director's Report and MCC Look-Ahead Calendar

Lynda reviewed her monthly report and highlighted items of note. She highlighted the legal feedback on MCC and the Open Public Meetings Act. Based on the opinion, MCC is not subject to the Open Public Meetings Act. MCC can discuss later if they want to make any modifications to their meeting practices. The attorney recommended one change – to no longer include a public comment opportunity on their agendas.

DISCUSSION

- Darrell asked that MCC and Lynda strategize with the Director of the Board of Health regarding the rate presentation to BOH.

Next Meeting: April 18, 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 6th Floor King/Chinook Conference Rooms, King Street Center, Seattle.