

Children's Environmental Health & Protection Advisory Council
Monday, July 10
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

Members: Cecilia Davoli, Maureen Edwards, Douglas Bradham, Benjamin Gitterman, Phil Heard, Judy LaKind.

Guests: Jeanne Brinkley, Betty Dabney, Lynn Goldman, George Harman, Rachel Hess-Mutinda, Supriyc Janakiraman, Pam Putman, Ruth Quinn, Audrey Regan, Peter Troell, and Marilyn Wind.

May Minutes Review and Approval

The May meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. They will be posted on the CEHPAC Web Site, www.fha.state.md.us/cehpac.

Review Recent Regulations

(1) The Hazardous Waste Program from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). The revisions that are being proposed implement regulations from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that establish a uniform hazardous waste manifest for use throughout the United States. Under this action, the current Maryland manifest regulations, which include some Maryland-specific requirements, are replaced by federal regulatory requirements. All states are required to adopt these uniform federal requirements by September 5, 2006.

(2) The Maryland Asthma Control Program from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH). The regulations are required component of the enabling legislation for the state Asthma Program. There are two functions of the regulations: (1) to describe membership of the Maryland Asthma Coalition; and (2) to articulate data source for the surveillance system.

Presentations

Regulating Children's Products: A Case Study Regarding Phthalates by Marilyn Wind, Ph.D., Deputy Director for Health Sciences, Consumer Product Safety Commission. Presentation slides enclosed.

“THREE Study” by Lynn Goldman, M.D.,M.P.H., Professor, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University. Presentation slides enclosed.

Updates and Upcoming Events:

11:30 Environmental Health Indicators Report Update

Unfortunately, the EPA-funded contractor, who was assisting in the editing and data analysis for the Maryland Indicators Report, is leaving the project. The contract has been expired and the vendor can no longer continue to work. Maryland will continue to work towards the completion of this report. DHMH will coordinate and edit the report.

11:45 Upcoming Events

- (1) School Health Interdisciplinary Program—August 1. This event will be held at the Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center in Ellicott City. There are sessions for environmental health with Bob Axelrad of EPA presenting, as well as asthma with Drs. Bollinger and Eggleston presenting.
- (2) Children’s Environmental Health Conference—October 21. This event will be held in Pittsburgh. Registration forms will be available soon.
- (3) National Environmental Public Health Conference—December 4-6. This conference will be held in Atlanta and is entitled, “Advancing Environmental Public Health: Science, Practice, New Frontiers.”

12:00 Adjourn