

**NATIONAL CONVERSATION ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND CHEMICAL EXPOSURES  
EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION WORK GROUP**

**Meeting No. 7 Summary  
Teleconference  
May 10, 2010**

**Meeting Objectives:**

- Review decisions and assignments made during the April 21–22 Education and Communication work group meeting
- Discuss any updates to action items and determine deadlines
- Discuss overall tasks and timelines for developing and concluding work group report
- Decide next steps

**I. Action Items (per May 11, 2010 e-mail to work group members from Jennifer Peyser, RESOLVE)**

Member Tasks	Who	By When
1. Confirm next steps for Education and Communication Health Professionals subgroup; email list of issues from April 21-22 subgroup discussions	Bob Washam	Thursday, May 13
2. Contact the National Environmental Health Association, National Association of County and City Health Officials, and Association of State and Territorial Health Officials to learn about competencies for state and local public health workers	Bob Washam	Thursday, May 13
3. Revise clinical diagnostics recommendation in Health Professionals Subgroup report; contact two public health schools regarding competencies	Amy Liebman	Thursday, May 20
4. Draft Public Subgroup recommendations (in prose and narrative form) for circulation to and review by Public Subgroup	Marc Kusnitz and Alan Bookman	Friday, May 14
5. Draft language to explain the graphic and schematic on sources, targets, and amplifiers; share with Diana Degen for circulation to Public Subgroup	Lizzie Grossman	Friday, May 14
6. Credibility of sources and scientific integrity		
a. Contact the Cochrane Collaborative regarding credibility of sources; circulate definition to Health Professionals Subgroup	Leyla McCurdy	Friday, May 21
b. Review language sent by Jenny Van Skiver on addressing issues of credibility and scientific integrity; propose language for Public Subgroup	Lizzie Grossman and Yanna Lambrinidou,	Complete
c. Coordinate on issue and language for overall work group report	work group leadership team	June 3 call and follow-up

7. Draft content on cross-cutting, educational issues	Alison Cohen and Stephanie Chalupka	Thursday, May 27 (or earlier if it is to be reviewed on subgroup call)
8. Work Group Report Appendices a. Create and keep a list of potential appendices (e.g., case studies, bibliography) suggested by work group members b. Consider and suggest potential items to include in work group report appendices c. Consider bidirectional communication success story that John Linc Stine e-mailed (and potentially more challenging and less successful cases)	Kathy Rest, Jenny Van Skiver, Jennifer Peyser, both subgroups, and full work group	First draft by June 3, and ongoing  Thursday, May 27 and ongoing  Thursday, May 27

## II. Call Summary

### Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review

Dr. Kathleen Rest, Union of Concerned Scientists and work group chair, welcomed members to the call and thanked them for their work at the recent in-person meeting. Jennifer Peyser, RESOLVE facilitator, reviewed the proposed call agenda.

### Key Decisions and Next Steps from April 21–22 Meeting

Dr. Rest reported that the in-person meeting moved the Education and Communication work group forward in reorganizing report content, identifying gaps and needs for additional information or data, and in developing recommendations. The work group developed a framework for its definition of the public and addressed the cross-cutting issues of trust and credibility. Dr. Rest said the most significant gap is a recommendation directed at non-medical health professionals.

Subgroup leaders identified their action items coming out of the meeting (see Action Items table above).

In response to a member’s question regarding whether case studies, sidebars, and bibliographies might be included in the report as appendices, Dr. Rest said that the work group should focus on drafting the report text before considering appendices. She said the work group leadership team should keep a list of potential appendices and determine which documents will work as such once there is a single draft report.

### Overall Work Group Activities and Timeline

Peyser provided the following re-cap of the next steps in the process:

- Subgroups should hold one more call before May 27, 2010.
- All subgroup content for the full work group report is due before the close of business May 27, 2010.
- The next full work group call will be held June 3 from 2:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Eastern time.
- The report will be drafted during June and July in preparation for an August 5 in-person meeting.
- The review draft for the August 5 meeting is due before the close of business July 29.

Dr. Rest said that the work group will continue to move toward operating as one cohesive group rather than two subgroups. She reminded the group that even after they submit their draft report some work will remain to address comments from the *National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures* Leadership Council and the public.

### **Next Steps and Assignments**

Peysen will send a next-steps memo to the work group. Dr. Rest is available for consultation at any time before the May 27 deadline for submitting subgroup content.

## **III. Participation**

### **Members Present**

Alan Bookman, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
Diana Degen, The Cadmus Group, Inc.  
Elizabeth Grossman, freelance journalist  
Marc Kusnitz, U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
Yanna Lambrinidou, Parents for Nontoxic Alternatives  
Mary Lamielle, National Center for Environmental Health Strategies  
Amy Liebman, Migrant Clinicians Network  
Leyla McCurdy, National Environmental Education Foundation  
John Sullivan, University of Texas Medical Branch/NIEHS Center in Environmental Toxicology  
Robert Washam, Martin County Health Department  
Philip Wexler, National Institutes of Health, National Library of Medicine

### **Regrets**

Rosemary Ahtuanguaruk, Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope  
Sophie Balk, Children's Hospital at Montefiore, Albert Einstein College of Medicine  
Julia Brody, Silent Spring Institute  
Stephanie Chalupka, Worcester State College  
Alison Cohen, Brown University  
Peter Dooley, Laborsafe  
Jeffrey Jenkins, Oregon State University  
Lena Jones, Jackson Roadmap to Health Equity Project  
Karen Miller, Huntington Breast Cancer Coalition/Prevention Is The Cure, Inc.  
Anne Rolfes, Louisiana Bucket Brigade  
Matthew Stefanak, Mahoning County District Board of Health  
John Stine, Minnesota Department of Health  
Lina Younes, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Jana Telfer, NCEH/ATSDR senior liaison

### **Facilitation and Staff Team Members Present**

Kathleen Rest, Union of Concerned Scientists chair  
Jennifer Peysen, RESOLVE facilitator  
Jenny Van Skiver, NCEH/ATSDR staff