
National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
Empire Room, Omni Shoreham Hotel
2500 Calvert Street NW; Washington, DC 20008

December 11, 2009

PROPOSED AGENDA

Meeting Objectives/Desired Outcomes:

- **Discuss and help shape the elements and milestones of the National Conversation and learn about status to date;**
- **Discuss and approve the operating procedures for the National Conversation;**
- **Discuss and approve charges for work groups; and**
- **Plan next steps.**

9:00-9:30 Informal gathering; coffee, tea, etc

9:30-10:00 Welcome, Introductions, Meeting Objectives and Agenda

Howard Frumkin, Director, NCEH/ATSDR, *co-chair, Leadership Council National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures*

Nsedu Obot Witherspoon, Executive Director, Children's Environmental Health Network, *co-chair, Leadership Council on Public Health and Chemical Exposures*

Gail Bingham, President Emeritus, RESOLVE, *facilitator*

10:00-11:00 National Conversation Purpose, Process and Progress

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Overview Presentation [15 min]

Benjamin Gerhardstein, *Public Health Analyst, NCEH/ATSDR*

Questions and Discussion [45 min]

- What are the key elements of the National Conversation, including public involvement mechanisms, and, how can they best be integrated into a whole?
 - What are the key milestones? Do these make sense? What should we keep in mind to succeed in meeting them?
 - What has been accomplished to date for the elements in addition to the work groups (e.g. Community Conversation Toolkit, partner and other sector meetings, and web-based dialogues)? What guidance would members offer?
 - What are you hearing about the National Conversation and what do you need to represent the process with your constituencies?
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- 11:00-11:15 Break
- 11:15-12:30 National Conversation Products and Procedures
Objective: Review, clarify or revise as necessary, and approve procedures, including roles, responsibilities, decision making, communications with the media, etc.
- Overview Presentation [15 min]*
Gail Bingham, RESOLVE
- Questions and Discussion [60 min]*
- Who is/are the audience(s) for the action agenda, and how specific should we be in suggesting actors?
 - How should we define “chemical?” (e.g. excluding radiation, but including mycotoxins and chemicals produced by mold?)
 - What substantive actions or statements can be made in the name of the National Conversation or a work group, other than work group reports and the action agenda?
 - Do you have any other questions about roles and responsibilities, decision making or other aspects of the procedures?
- 12:30-1:15 Working Lunch [*provided*]
Get acquainted and share perspectives on issues in small groups
- 1:15-1:45 Public Comment
Objective: Learn about perspectives on the issues and process of the National Conversation from members of the public.
- 1:45-3:00 Work Group Charges
Objective: Learn about progress to date in the work groups. Discuss, clarify or revise as necessary, and approve work group charges.
- Education and Communication, Kathy Rest, chair
- Serving Communities, Peggy Shepard, chair
- Policies and Practices, Dick Jackson, chair
- 3:00-3:10 Break
- 3:10-4:25 Work Group Charges [continued]
- Scientific Understanding, Kevin Teichman, chair
- Monitoring, John Balbus, chair
- Chemical Emergencies, Andrea Kidd Taylor, chair
- 4:25-4:30 Wrap Up
- Nsedu Obot Witherspoon and Howard Frumkin – highlights
All – next steps
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