
National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
October 5, 2010

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Webinar link: <http://resolv.acrobat.com/natlconvlc/>

PROPOSED AGENDA

Meeting Objectives/Desired Outcomes:

- **Review work group activities, including publication of draft reports, public comment process, and next steps;**
- **Learn about and discuss key themes from community conversations;**
- **Discuss the desired outcomes to highlight in the National Conversation Action Agenda, identifying areas of agreement and remaining issues;**
- **Identify recommendations to consider as priorities for each desired outcome, including where recommendations can be integrated and topics/issues that need more discussion;**
- **Plan next steps in preparing the Action Agenda.**

8:45-9:00 Informal gathering; coffee, tea, etc

9:00-9:15 Welcome, Introductions, Meeting Objectives and Agenda

Advance materials: Proposed agenda

Nsedu Obot Witherspoon, Children's Environmental Health Network, *co-chair, Leadership Council*

Henry (Andy) Anderson, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, *co-chair, Leadership Council*

Gail Bingham, RESOLVE, *independent facilitator*

9:15-10:00 Update on Work Group Reports

Objective: Review work group activities, including publication of draft reports, public comment process, and next steps

Overview Presentation [15 min]

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

Adam Brush, *Public Health Analyst, NCEH/ATSDR*

Questions and Discussion [30 min]

- How can the Leadership Council acknowledge the work groups for their contributions? *[Note: substantive comments and questions can be integrated into today's discussion.]*
- What are you hearing about the National Conversation and what do you need to represent the process with your constituencies?

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- 10:00-10:30 Results of Community Conversations
Objective: Learn about common chemical exposure concerns and suggested actions discussed during community conversations
Advance materials: Draft synthesis of community conversation results
Overview Presentation [15 min]
Benjamin Gerhardstein, *Public Health Analyst, NCEH/ATSDR*
Questions and Discussion [15 min]
- Do the results of community conversations underscore the importance of addressing certain issues under consideration by work groups or the Leadership Council?
 - Do the suggestions from communities highlight any gaps in the key issues or ideas that are important to consider?
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12:00 Action Agenda – The Big Picture
Objective: Set direction for the overall focus and structure of the National Conversation Action Agenda.
Advance materials: Annotated action agenda table of contents
Overview Presentation [15 min]
Gail Bingham, RESOLVE
Questions and Discussion [60 min]
- Drawing on all the inputs to the National Conversation, what messages stand out as important to convey?
 - What impact do you want this effort to have?
 - How would you improve the way the desired outcomes (chapter titles) are framed? How many make sense? What is missing?
 - What are your reactions to the proposed criteria for selecting priority recommendations? to the concept of tiering recommendations within each chapter
- 12:00-12:45 Working Lunch [*provided for purchase in meeting room*]
Share perspectives on issues in small groups
- 12:45-1:00 Public Comment
Objective: Learn about perspectives on the issues and process of the National Conversation from members of the public.
- 1:00-2:30 Discuss Work Group Recommendations and Identify Initial Priorities for Action Agenda
Objective: Identify recommendations to consider as priorities for each desired outcome. The intent will be to generate ideas, identify areas of possible agreement, and clarify issues needing resolution prior to and at the November 30 meeting. The principal focus will be to draw on work group recommendations for the action agenda; however, the points discussed also may provide useful feedback to work groups.
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Advance materials: work group reports and annotated action agenda table of contents

Questions and Discussion [theme by theme]

- Discuss which recommendations meet all the criteria well in accomplishing the desired outcome.
- Identify where recommendations might be integrated.
- What recommendations raise concerns or need more discussion?

Preliminary chapter headings (desired outcomes):

- Prevent harmful exposures from occurring
- Achieve a more complete scientific understanding of chemicals and their health effects
- Improve monitoring of chemical exposures and health outcomes
- Promote health and wellness in environmentally burdened communities

2:30-2:45 Break

2:45-4:00 Discuss Work Group Recommendations and Identify Initial Priorities for Action Agenda [continued]

- Strengthen the capacity of the public health and health provider work force to address the needs of individuals exposed to harmful chemicals
- Strengthen the public's ability to make health protective decisions
- Reduce harm from chemical emergencies through prevention planning and coordination

4:00-4:45 Discuss Process for Drafting the Action Agenda

Objective: Set preliminary direction for the approach to take in synthesizing the recommendations from the draft work group reports and other National Conversation inputs and for drafting the action agenda.

Advance materials: Briefing paper on action agenda

Overview Presentation

Gail Bingham, RESOLVE, independent facilitator

Questions and Discussion

- What are members' views about proposed roles and responsibilities? about organizing small groups to review drafts of thematic chapters? about a drafting committee? about other process options?

4:45-5:00 Wrap Up

Nsedu Obot Witherspoon and Andy Anderson – highlights and next steps