

**NATIONAL CONVERSATION ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND CHEMICAL EXPOSURES
SERVING COMMUNITIES WORK GROUP**

**Meeting No. 10 Summary
Teleconference
October 18, 2010**

Call Objectives:

- Finalize the *National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures* Serving Communities Work Group (Serving Communities Work Group) report

I. Action Items

Serving Communities Work Group Subgroup Update	By Whom	By When
1. Develop final definition of “physician”	Suzi Ruhl, Mark Mitchell, Scott Levy	ASAP
2. Develop final definition of “community-based organizations”	Peggy Shepard, Hilda Sheppard, Mercedes Hernandez-Pelletier	ASAP
3. Send citation for statement in “Public Engagement” subsection of the “Current Context” section	Mark Mitchell	ASAP
4. Send written sign-off on report to Kathy Grant, Ms. Shepard, Kim DeFeo, and Carolyn Harper	All work group members	November 5, 2010

II. Call Summary

Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review

Peggy Shepard, who is chair of the Serving Communities Work Group, welcomed everyone to the call and said that everyone should be proud of the work that has been accomplished so far, noting that the *National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures* Leadership Council (Leadership Council) thought the group had done a great job. Ms. Shepard reviewed the agenda for the call and noted that the proposed edits for review on the call were in response to comments the group had received from the public and from Leadership Council members.

Kathy Grant, RESOLVE facilitator, congratulated everyone on their progress to date. She shared that members of the Leadership Council were very impressed with the quality of the work group reports. Ms. Grant noted that the group had about 20 comments and edits to review on the call. She noted that the goal of the call was to finalize the report and have people sign off on the final language. She assured the group that she would check in with work group members who were not able to make the final call.

Review of the Serving Communities Work Group Report

The group reviewed all of the comments and edits that were proposed by the Work Group's Leadership Team in response to comments received from the public and from Leadership Council members and came to agreement on how to handle each. These edits were made directly in the report during the call and are not detailed in these notes.

A work group member proposed including the words "risk communication" in addition to the words "cultural communication" in each place that "cultural communication" appeared and the group agreed.

In addition to these edits, the group decided to add a definition for "community-based organizations" and make additional edits to the definition of "physician." (A member noted that the current definition was a paraphrased version of the definition in the Social Security Act.) A few work group members agreed to finalize these edits over e-mail after the call. One member agreed to send in a citation missing from the "current context" section of the report.

Next Steps

Suzi Ruhl, Mark Mitchell, and Scott Levy agreed to finalize their edits to the definition of "physician" in the next week. Peggy Shepard, Hilda Sheppard, and Mercedes Hernandez-Pelletier agreed to develop a definition for "community-based organizations." Work group members agreed they did not need to approve these additional changes. Mark Mitchell agreed to send in the missing citation. Kim DeFeo agreed to accept all the changes agreed to on the call and to insert "risk communication" where appropriate to finalize the report. Ms. Grant agreed to send out the report to the entire work group by the end of October and ask for final, written sign-offs by November 5, 2010.

III. Participation

Members Present:

- Lisa Conti, Florida Department of Health
- Jeannie Economos, Farmworker Association of Florida
- Lori Geckle, U.S. Army Public Health Command
- Derek Guest, formerly of Eastman Kodak Company, currently of Environmental and Sustainability Solutions
- Rita Harris, Sierra Club Environmental Justice Program
- Mercedes Hernandez-Pelletier, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health
- Scott Levy, The Permanente Medical Group
- Egide Louis, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4
- Mark Mitchell, Connecticut Coalition for Environmental Justice
- Suzi Ruhl, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Hilda Sheppard, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

Regrets:

- Steve Crawford, Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point
- Karla Fortunato, Health and Environmental Funders Network
- Michael Kent, Contra Costa Health Services

- Mildred McClain, Harambee House Inc./Citizens For Environmental Justice
- Pamela Miller, Alaska Community Action on Toxics
- Liam O'Fallon, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
- Barbara Sattler, University of Maryland School of Nursing
- Arturo Uribe, Mesquite Community Action Committee

Facilitation and Staff Team Members Present:

- Peggy Shepard, WE ACT for Environmental Justice; Serving Communities Work Group chair
- Carolyn Harper, NCEH/ATSDR senior liaison
- Kathy Grant, RESOLVE facilitator
- Kim DeFeo, NCEH/ATSDR staff