

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

**Meeting No. 2 Summary  
Teleconference  
November 9, 2009**

**Meeting Objective:**

- Revise work group charge

**I. Action Items**

<b>Item</b>	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>By When</b>
Revise charge as per comments from work group members	Peggy Shepard & Kim DeFeo	November 17, 2009

**II. Meeting Summary**

**Discussion of Work Group Charge**

Peggy Shepard, the Serving Communities work group chair, shared the thoughts behind the new version of the work group charge. The revised charge focuses on three overarching themes that hopefully serve as an umbrella for the work group's work and are based on the group's discussion of the charge on our first call. The idea behind these themes is that they would cover any priorities identified by the work group and would help organize the group's work without limiting its scope. Peggy described the three proposed themes: Community Advocacy and Research, Government Operations (Internal and External) and Addressing Legacy Pollution.

Work group members liked the idea of overarching themes to organize the charge. The group liked the theme entitled "Community Advocacy and Research" as well as the one named "Government Operations (Internal and External)." It was clarified that the group should address government operations at the local, state and federal levels in the "Government Operations" theme.

Although it was agreed that it is important to address legacy pollution, there was consensus to rename this theme to "Addressing Past and Current Environmental and Chemical Exposures" to emphasize the need not only to address past exposures but current ones as well.

A fourth theme was proposed entitled "Restoring Health and Developing Community Resiliency" that would focus on developing healthier, sustainable communities. Items under this theme could include looking at whether or not agencies interface with our health care system and promoting healthy lifestyles. The group agreed to add this as a fourth theme.

A suggestion was made to revise the italicized part of the charge to include a focus on improving health and well-being within communities. The group agreed to this revision. The group did not suggest any revisions to the background paragraph in the charge document.

Peggy and Kim will revise the charge as per the group discussion, and the work group will finalize the draft charge at the beginning of the in-person meeting on November 17.

### **III. Participation**

#### **Members Present**

Barbara Sattler, University of Maryland School of Nursing  
Steve Crawford, Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point  
Jeannie Economos, Farmworkers Association of Florida  
Derek Guest, formerly of Eastman Kodak, currently of Derek Guest Environmental & Sustainability Solutions  
Elizabeth "Buzzy" Guillette, formerly of University of Florida  
Mercedes Hernández-Pelletier, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health  
Michael Kent, Contra Costa Health Services  
Scott Levy, The Permanente Medical Group  
Egide Louis, US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4  
Mildred McClain, Harambee House Inc./Citizens for Environmental Justice  
Suzi Ruhl, US Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Justice  
Hilda Shepeard, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry  
Arturo Uribe, Mesquite Community Action Committee

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

Peggy Shepard, Chair, WEACTION for Environmental Justice  
Carolyn Harper, NCEH/ATSDR senior liaison  
Kathy Grant, RESOLVE facilitator  
Kim DeFeo, NCEH/ATSDR staff