Local Hazardous Waste Management Program
Final Approved Management Coordination Committee Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2016
Seattle Municipal Tower, Room 4080
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Attendees:

MCC:
Joan Lee, KCWLRD, MCC Chair
Hank Myers, SCA, MCC Vice-Chair
Tim Croll, SPU
Jeff Gaisford, KCSWD

Staff, Partners & Public:
Lynda Ransley, LHWMP
Ryan Kellogg, LHWMP
Vicky Beaumont, LHWMP
Maureen Weisser, LHWMP

Lauren Cole, KCSWD
Mendy Droke, KCSWD
Linda Van Hooser, PHSKC
Doreen Booth, SCA
Charles Wu, KCWLRD
Ashley Pederson, KCWLRD
Taylor Watson, KCSWD
Linda Knight, SCA, City of Renton
Laurie Foster, KCWLRD
Michael Shannon, KCWLRD

GENERAL BUSINESS

MCC Minutes
MCC reviewed and approved the March 23, 2016 minutes, with no revisions.

Announcements and Public Comments: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

LHWMP 2015 Annual Report
Ryan provided an overview of the 2015 annual report, and highlighted items of note. He informed members that there will also be a 2-page summary available, which can be used to share with others.

DISCUSSION

• Tim asked about the quarterly reports. Lynda said that we use the quarterly reports mostly to track specific projects throughout the year, and to record changes. The annual report, and a more comprehensive system that Ryan will be working on, are designed to reflect Program impacts over longer periods of time.

LHWMP Policy Priorities
Lynda provided context for the Policy Team presentation of priorities. She described the increase of Policy capacity with recent Line of Business changes, and the Team’s first quarter work to develop and apply criteria to an array of possible policy issues to develop a list of current priorities. She wants the MCC to understand the Team’s approach, hear about the issues on the resulting list, and bless the set of current priorities for continued research and development.

Lauren introduced the policy team – Mendy Droke, Ashley Pederson, Laurie Foster, Taylor Watson and Michael Shannon. Laurie provided an overview of their criteria and review process.

[See handouts for more detailed information about the process and topics].
Mendy discussed prohibiting pharmaceuticals in the garbage, and the possibility of King County Solid Waste Division and the City of Seattle working to seek bans now that the County will have a secure medicine return program up and running.

Ashley discussed the topic of lead, with several possible policy opportunities including lead in homes, universal blood lead level testing for children, and lead in drinking water.

Michael discussed crumb rubber associated with synthetic turf and playgrounds, and potential exposures.

**DISCUSSION**

- MCC asked questions about all of the topics presented.
- Several members discussed the potential receptivity, barriers and effectiveness of bans. There was also discussion about the logistics of implementation of a ban on pharmaceuticals related to solid waste haulers and limitations on enforcement, and lessons learned from other types of bans.
- Members asked about current knowledge of lead issues, including current blood lead testing, impacts of lead, and knowledge about lead exposure sources. There was also discussion about how homeowners can test for lead, and the need for more data.
- Members asked questions about crumb rubber including human and environmental exposures, and feasible alternatives. There was also discussion of the need for more data, and public sector ownership of most fields.
- Jeff asked about other policy opportunities that are not on the current list. Lauren explained how some things were placed as a lower priority based on the review process, but could be reconsidered as situations change or opportunities to partner (rather than lead) with a lower level of effort.
- Members expressed continued interest in product stewardship opportunities.
- There were a few questions about other issues, such as gun ranges, marine flares, and formaldehyde-containing hair products.
- Tim commended the Team on their work.

**UPDATES**

**Secure Medicine Return Implementation**

Taylor provided an update, and reminded MCC of the pending program launch in less than two months. With the approval of the second stewardship program, the first-approved program (ReturnMeds) has withdrawn because they do not have enough participants to be sustainable. There are many activities underway to prepare for the June start date, including connecting with many interested stakeholders and preparing an outreach effort.

**DISCUSSION**

- Tim asked about participation by large chain pharmacies. Taylor responded that some chains will be the focus of a longer process to garner participation.

**Director’s Report and MCC Look-Ahead Calendar**

Lynda provided a written report and highlighted items of note.

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**Next Meeting:** May 17, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 6th Floor King/Chinook Conference Rooms, King Street Center, Seattle, WA.