

Management Coordination Committee (MCC) Meeting Minutes October 19, 2021

ATTENDANCE		
MCC Members:		
 □ Darrell Rodgers, PH SKC, MC □ Susan Fife-Ferris, SPU, MCC □ Jeff Gaisford, KC SWD □ Joan Lee, KC WLRD □ Kevin Schilling, SCA, City of B 	Vice-Chair	
Other Attendees:		
Maythia Airhart, KC WLRD	Cheri Grasso, KC WLRD	Emmanuel Rivera, KC WLRD
Mohamed Ali, KC WLRD	Tracee Mayfield, PH SKC	Linda Van Hooser, PH SKC
Monica Ayers, PH SKC	Kazia Mermel, SCA	Dave Ward, KC WLRD

Monica Ayers, PH SKC

Ali Blum, KC WLRD

Kristin Pace, PH SKC

Alice Chapman, KC WLRD

Kristin Painter, KC WLRD

Steve Whittaker, PH SKC

Sharon Cohen, PH SKC

Ashley Evans, SPU

Kazia Mermel, SCA

Kristin Pace, PH SKC

Kristin Painter, KC WLRD

Taylor Watson, KC WLRD

Steve Whittaker, PH SKC

Matt Wilson, PH SKC

Madelaine Yun, PH SKC

Katie Fellows, KC WLRD Lynda Ransley, SPU

GENERAL BUSINESS

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MCC reviewed and approved the September 21, 2021, meeting minutes without revisions.

Announcements

- Kazia Mermel introduced herself as the new Sound Cities Association policy analyst that will be supporting the SCA member on the MCC.
- New employee Lauren Mansur has been hired as a new member of the Communications team.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Management Plan Update – Approval

Kristin Pace presented the finalized 2021 Haz Waste Management Plan Update. MCC was asked to formally adopt the Plan Update and give approval for transmittal to the King County Board of Health (BOH) in November. After BOH adoption, it will be submitted to Washington State Dept. of Ecology for final acceptance.

DECISION:

MCC voted to formally adopt the final 2021 Haz Waste Management Plan Update and approved its transmittal to BOH. Joan Lee motioned, Jeff Gaisford seconded, all were in favor.

Residential Services Program (RSP) - Highlights

RSP team members presented highlights of work they have been doing to reduce residential toxics exposures through awareness, prevention, and intervention strategies. Specific focus was on safer cleaning and reducing lead exposures.

Lead in Cookware Research – Highlights

Katie Fellows presented highlights of the program's research study to identify lead in several different pieces of cookware by using XRF screening and leachate testing. Most of the aluminum cookware in the study showed high levels of lead, which could lead to lead blood poisoning. Nearly all stainless steel cookware was non-detectable for lead suggesting that it may be a good safer alternative. Potential continued work is sharing the research findings with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and other state and local agencies and stakeholders and potentially seeking policy changes related to availability of high lead cookware.

PERC Project – Summary

Ashley Evans presented a summary of the Haz Waste Program's successful subsidy program to help dry cleaners switch to wet cleaning, which will now sunset. The Program is able to end local incentives due to an increase in state funding now available to dry cleaners. Dry cleaners in Washington will now be able to receive \$40,000 from Washington State Department of Ecology. Previously, both the Haz Waste Program and Ecology offered \$20,000 vouchers to dry cleaners. This change will maintain consistent funding for King County dry cleaners, while simplifying the application process. Previously, cleaners in other counties only received \$20,000 Ecology grants. The Haz Waste PERC Project is a great example of how local investment in public and environmental health can have wider state and national impacts. Not only did Ecology follow the Program's lead to develop a statewide program, this project also received national media recognition.

UPDATES

Director's Report

Lynda Ransley highlighted items from her monthly report and confirmed that the November meeting would be converted to a work session for MCC members, and that the December meeting may be cancelled.

Next Meeting: November 16, 2021, 10 a.m.-noon, work session for MCC members