

Seattle Precautionary Principle (PP) Working Group

Conference Call Notes – May 3, 2006

Call Date and Time: Wednesday, May 3, 2006, 11:00-12:00 PST

On the call – Steve Gilbert, Elise Miller, Kate Davies, Margaret Shield, Pam Tazioli

Introductions – Introductions were brief, with Elise joining the call a bit late due to another important call.

National update

First National Conference on Precaution – June 9th - 11th, 2006, Baltimore, MD

- Brief review of meeting. Kate suggested that the Seattle folks, which will include Elise, Steve, Kate, Pam, and Yalonda Sinde, schedule a time to meet for dinner or drinks.

The Scoop on Precautionary – Briefing on the National Precautionary Principle Workshop

-- June 23 – 2:30-4:00 pm Antioch University

- Proposed Agenda –
 - Create a packet of handouts for people
 - Briefly introduce national people – Carolyn, Ted and Peter (include bios of national folks)
 - Carolyn – provide 10-15 min overview of PP and National meeting
 - Have local people who attended the National meeting – Kate, Steve, Pam, Yalonda, and Elise – give five minute overview of what they thought were highlights.
 - Raise some local action issues and recruit people to Seattle PP working group.
- Publicizing the briefing – Pam distributed to King County Breast and Cervical Health Program. Other possibilities: State of Washington Department of Health, Department of Ecology, Board of Health and Department of Agriculture; King County Board of Health; UW Program on the Environment. Also send invitation to policy makers in Seattle including City Council members: Richard Conlin, Nick Lacata, Rom Sims. Also Maxine Hayes, Toxic Free Legacy Coalition, Breast Cancer Fund volunteers, and of course CHE-WA list.
- Miscellaneous: Seating will be theater style (could accommodate 100 but will hope for 40-50 people and try to get an idea as we get closer). We will not encourage tabling – need space for refreshments, but people who want can bring handouts. At the May 10th meeting, we will ask about how many people plan to attend.

Precautionary Principle Workshop and Precaution Academy in Seattle

June 23-25, 2006 (by Science Environmental Health Network faculty)

- Elise has contacted caterers
- Steve has sent out registration letter, list of hotels, etc. to those who have signed up.

- Elise still hasn't heard from about the grant for scholarships but should in the next couple weeks. Suggestion to offer scholarships in a similar way to the PP national conference. Steve will review and circulate.

Local update

- King County – meeting held with Ngozi Oleru, Dave Galvin and other to discuss PP and approaching the King County Board of Health.
- Sarah Jones, the intern from Evergreen, is working on a paper about how implementing a precautionary approach will facilitate a reduction in local asthma rates
- Seattle City Council – meeting to be requested with Richard Conlin
- Washington State Public Health Association – Steve is working on revisions of proposed PP resolution

Next Call: May 30th – 11:00 am Pacific