



CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & PROTECTION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Virtual meeting via Google Meet: meet.google.com/abo-vzcm-nsp
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November 9, 2020
3:00pm – 4:00pm

Members in attendance:

- Eamon Flynn (staff)
- Christina Drushel-Williams
- Cliff Mitchell
- Kelly Love
- Kristen Rawlett
- Laura Allen
- Megan Latshaw
- Ruth Vriend
- Nse Witherspoon
- Alicia Mezu

Members of the public in attendance:

- Cassie Shirk
- Jenny Shields
- Veronika Carella
- Julian Levy
- Theodora Scarato

Meeting Notes

- Approval of meeting minutes for 10/29/20 meeting.
 - Motion: Laura Allen
 - Second: Alicia Mezu
 - No further discussion.
 - Abstentions/against: None
 - Result: Motion passed and meeting minutes were approved
- Vacancies were discussed, including those for the House of Delegates, an Economist, and a member of the Private Industry. **Paul Ferraro** (Hopkins) was suggested as an Economist.
- The Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities was described briefly in anticipation of the joint CEJSC/CEHPAC meeting December 3rd. Agenda items were requested from members. MD EJ Screen – Which communities are most affected? Have they been mapped? [Park Equity Mapper](#) (UMD) may be helpful. Steven Thomas's students at UMD may also be an option. Discussion about to what extent CEHPAC has and should discuss mental health among children in the context of environmental health and COVID-19.

- An update was provided on the CEHPAC legislative report, which is still being drafted by Cliff and Eamon and will be provided to members for a vote as soon as it is ready.
- Cliff provided an update on COVID-19, including regarding outbreaks/testing in schools and the relative risks of transmission in different contexts compared to schools.
- Cliff followed up with MACHO and local health officers related to the letter sent to them regarding the discretionary use of pesticides. Local health officers received and discussed the letter, but MACHO has not elected to take any further formal action as a group. No individual health officers have indicated they have or intend to take actions in their specific jurisdictions.
- School Integrated Pest Management – Cliff has not discussed this topic with MSDE or MDE. MDA is continuing to do the IPM inspections whether children are in school or not and is continuing to discuss IPM protocols with local IPM personnel, including notifications.
- Cliff and Eamon will review status of Maryland Children and the Environment Report, including current status of each section.
- Cliff discussed a recent report on WiFi radiation from New Hampshire, which was distributed to CEHPAC members, as CEHPAC has also written a report on WiFi radiation (briefly recapped). No response to CEHPAC's letter to the FCC was received. Ideas on how to engage with FCC on this topic and any potential follow up to the original report were considered, including in the context of virtual schooling/teleworking.
- Data gaps and records requests, including those pertaining to pesticide applications, was brought up for discussion, but no comments were made.
- The public was provided an opportunity to comment.
 - Veronika discussed the difficulty receiving pesticide product labels and records requested from state agencies. Veronika encouraged CEHPAC to discuss how to address unresolved issues raised by previous letters or reports.
 - Theodora Scarato discussed the New Hampshire WiFi radiation report and potential statewide actions.
- Environmental Public Health Tracking will be updated soon and will be able to help with consideration of communities affected by environmental justice issues.
- Cliff discussed the Statewide Integrated Health Improvement Strategy as a potential way to work through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to address asthma and environmental triggers in the State. Suggested that asthma and EPHT be put on the December 3rd agenda.
- Forming workgroups was discussed as a way to work on items between CEHPAC meetings.
- Adjournment
 - Motion: Megan Latshaw
 - Second: Nse Witherspoon
 - Abstain/Against: None
 - Result: Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 4:02pm