



**CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH &
PROTECTION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council

**Wednesday, November 16th, 2022
2:00 – 3:00pm**

Members in attendance:

Cliff Mitchell
Eamon Flynn (staff)
Alicia Mezu
Laura Allen
Christina Drushel-Williams
Devon Dodson
Kelly Love
Jack Daniels
Ben Gitterman

Guests in attendance:

Bonnie Raindrop
Cassie Shirk
Chris McGrath
Irma Bensinger
Paulette Hammond
Mary Bearden
Veronika Carella
Ruth Berlin
Jody Sheely
Kylan Simpson

Notes

- A quorum was not present
- The draft MDA JCR Report was received and distributed to members of CEHPAC for their review. The report will be made public once it is submitted by MDA.
- The chair opened for discussion the JCR IPM Report, including the following:
 - o The degree to which MDA interprets the requirement to consult with CEHPAC, and the degree to which CEHPAC's input is incorporated
 - o The report appears to be complete and answers the necessary questions
 - o Whether the information contained in the report can be made publicly available, either on the MDA website or on school district websites
 - o Opportunities for training and education around IPM, green cleaning, and children's environmental health
- A potential response would include:
 - o CEHPAC recommends MDA post the IPM plans and regularly update those plans, and to encourage school districts to post their specific plans on school websites.
 - o CEHPAC recommends that MDA provide additional training and training resources to school IPM personnel on IPM and children's environmental health, and CEHPAC is happy to participate in this activity with MDA. CEHPAC recognizes that MDA will likely require additional resources in order to conduct this additional enhanced training.

- A quorum was established.
- Devon Dodson moves to draft a letter to MDA with the response discussed. Seconded by Laura Allen.
 - o Motion carries with 7 in the affirmative and 1 abstention.
- Comment about the importance of keeping this issue a priority through the change in administration.

Public Comment

- Ruth Berlin: Notes that the manuals on MDA website are out of alignment with the law and need to be updated. The manuals have been reviewed by legal experts with incorrect information noted. Asked if the JCR IPM Report is consistent with the Schools Workgroup status report from April, and whether the concerns of that Workgroup is being addressed in the report.
- Bonnie Raindrop: Board of Education policies lay out the enforcement provisions of IPM Plans, and were not addressed in the MDA JCR IPM Report. Many Board of Education
- Veronika Carella:
 - o Notes the Schools Workgroup was not allowed to see the JCR Report, and says Nse was not provided with a copy of the report. Please share IPM Report with public and Schools Workgroup members
 - o Asks if MDA maintains that all schools are in compliance, and if MDA has provided evidence to that effect.
 - o Asks that CEHPAC contribute to the report in a more substantial way than providing a letter as discussed during the meeting. CEHPAC has been engaging on this issue for years.

Motion to adjourn by Devon Dodson and Ben Gitterman. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2:54pm.