

Oregon Asthma Network
 Air Quality & Asthma Workgroup
 February 5, 2002 2:00-4:00
 Oregon Public Health– Room 705C

Attending: Lindarose Allaway, Oregon State University Extension Services; John Dougherty, Multnomah County Health Department; Kathleen Morgan, American Lung Association of Oregon; Gerry Odisio, Tobacco Prevention and Control Program; Karen Southwick, Oregon Asthma Program, Barbara Tombleson, AirAdvice, Inc.; Elizabeth Vowels, Department of Environmental Quality; Justin Waltz, Oregon Asthma Program.

Item	Conclusions	Action Items	Person Responsible	Date
Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justin Waltz welcomed the group and introductions were made. 			
Recap of the January 10 th Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justin Waltz gave a summary of the January 10th meeting. • At that meeting, the workgroup decided to work on gathering material on outdoor and indoor triggers of asthma for the Oregon Asthma Network’s “clearinghouse” of asthma educational materials. • The group also decided to, at some point, work on a marketing plan to get EPA’s Tools for Schools into Portland-area schools. 			

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<i>Lancet</i> article/asthma statistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justin passed out copies of a <i>Lancet</i> article entitled "Asthma in exercising children exposed to ozone: a cohort study." This was brought to his attention by Sarah Doll from the Oregon Environmental Council. An electronic version is not available, but a paper copy can be requested by calling Justin (503-731-3354). Justin also passed out a copy of the Oregon Asthma Program basic statistics for asthma in this state. This document is attached to the e-mail containing these meeting minutes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workgroup members will read article and the article can be discussed at future meetings if members wish. 		
Oregon Environmental Council's "2002 Healthy Environment Forum Series"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justin reminded workgroup members of the upcoming series of speakers who will be discussing the link between environmental pollution and children's health. Forum starts March 6, 2002. For more information about this lecture series go to: www.orcouncil.org/Partnerships/Health/forum.htm 			
Discussion of "Clearinghouse"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justin began the discussion by informing the group that the Michigan Asthma Program is about to put up an interactive website, which will contain a "clearinghouse" that has some of the items that the group is interested in having for the Oregon Asthma Network. 	The group agreed that working with the Michigan Asthma Program to borrow parts of their website would save a lot of time and energy.		

<p>Discussion of "Clearinghouse" (continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group turned its attention to first steps. It was decided that the group should use the strength of its membership to understand what Oregonians with asthma and their caregivers need. • Group members will conduct short, informal "key informant" interviews with community contacts they have who conduct asthma education with members of the public or individual patients. • The group felt it was important to keep such information gathering from being burdensome. In keeping with that wish, group members came up with six questions that should be asked: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the top three questions about asthma triggers or asthma in general that you are asked by patients or other members of the public? 2. IF APPLICABLE - What materials on asthma triggers do you (or the medical providers with whom you work) need? 3. Where do you look for educational resources on asthma triggers? 4. What is your preferred method of communicating (written pamphlets, verbal, websites, etc.) when you are educating people about asthma triggers? 5. What sources do you use to update your knowledge of asthma triggers? 6. On a scale of 1-10, with 1 being very low and 10 being very high, how would you rate your own knowledge of asthma triggers? 	<p>Group members agreed to compile their answers and e-mail them to Justin by March 15, 2002</p>	<p>Group members and Justin</p>	<p>March 15, 2002</p>
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