

Oregon Asthma Network
 Air Quality & Asthma Workgroup
 August 21, 2003 2:00-3:30
 Oregon State Office Building, Room 710

Attending: Lindarose Allaway, Oregon State University Extension Services; Marjean Austin, Benton County Health Department; Don Austin, Tobacco-Free Coalition of Oregon/OHSU; Lori Barck, DHS Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology; Marcia Danab, Department of Environmental Quality; Sarah Doll, Oregon Environmental Council; John Dougherty, Multnomah County Health Department; Kevin Downing, Department of Environmental Quality; Alex Pickett, American Lung Association of Oregon; Margaret McConnell, American Lung Association of Oregon; Craig Mosbaek, DHS Tobacco Prevention and Education Program, Catherine Thomsen, DHS Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology, Justin Waltz, DHS 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. 			
Discussion of air quality activities occurring in Oregon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Doll, Marcia Danab, and Kevin Downing updated the group on their EPA application to funding an anti-idling education campaign in several school districts, which is aimed at parents and delivery vehicle drivers. • Kevin also talked about long-term plans regarding funding to retrofit diesel school bus engines. He believes that funding to do this will become available soon. • Lori and Catherine talked about the Environmental Public Health Tracking Network – a new CDC grant that allows EOE to explore the linkages between human disease and environmental concerns in Oregon. EOE has also applied for funding to explore the linkages between air quality and asthma. 			

<p>Discussion of air quality activities occurring in Oregon (con't)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justin informed the group of the Asthma-Tobacco Integration Project, which will address tobacco use for people with asthma and those around them. ATIP is led by David Rebanal who can be reached at 503-872-6841. • Sarah Doll talked about the Green and Healthy Schools Project, which OEC is doing in partnership with DHS and Oregon Department of Education. They are looking for pilot sites, particularly schools outside of Portland. • Lindarose Allaway discussed Tools for Schools. She will be teaching a course on environmental asthma triggers in La Pine. Please contact her if you wish to find out more about Tools for Schools. • Margaret McConnell told the group that she is looking to expand the Master Home Environmental program. 			
<p>Progress on Asthma Resource Bank</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 500 tools or patient education materials have been gathered for the Oregon Asthma Network Resource Bank. Materials will be selected in October. We are still in need of outdoor air quality materials. If you have leads on where they can be found, please contact Justin. • If you would like to participate on a material selection panel, please contact Justin. 			

<p>Format Change for Air Quality and Asthma Workgroup</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future meetings of this group will be centered on one topic that is decided ahead of time. Group members can attend the subcommittee meetings that interest them. The subcommittees will function in an advisory capacity for these projects. • The next AQ and Asthma meeting will be on the Asthma-Tobacco Integration Project (ATIP). Please contact David Rebanal if you have additional questions. • Future meetings and topics will be announced soon, but please contact Justin Waltz if you have a project for which you would like input. 			
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Pending Issues		Person Responsible
	<p>Next meeting of the Air Quality and Asthma Workgroup will be on the Asthma-Tobacco Integration Project (ATIP) and take place on October 21, 2003 in Room 705C from 2:00-3:30PM in PSOB. If you would like to call in to the meeting on a toll-free number, please contact David Rebanal.</p>	<p>David Rebanal</p>