

Data Use and Network Content Workgroup (DUNC)
12/13/06, 9:00-10:00 am

Next Meeting: Wednesday January 31, 2007

3:00-4:00 pm

Room 827A (across the street from PSOB, 827 NE Oregon, Suite 250)

Participants: Rodney Garland, Gregg Lande, Jeff Lang (phone), Michael Heumann, Nita Heimann, Joyce Grant-Worley, Michael Emerson, Richard Leman, Anna Halpin, Mandy Green, Elizabeth Everman

Meeting Overview

- Review/Discuss OTAG Charter (Especially Appendix A-2 on the DUNC Team)
 - Rodney gave some background of the Technical Advisory Groups (Oregon's OTAG), at the national and local level. The group then reviewed the charter, specifically Appendix A-2 which describes the purpose and procedures of DUNC. The following changes were suggested.
 - Spell out acronyms on headers.
 - Provide list of acronyms.
 - Clarify the language indicating the DUNC group will routinely share information with the SLAM group.

- Review/Discuss Summary of National Workgroups
 - Rodney shared information on the <http://ephtn.sharepointsite.com/default.aspx> site where the national workgroups can discuss their work, share documents, and post their schedules. The documents that are located at the site are draft documents. Rodney will follow up with those interested with the password to access the site.
 - Michael asked about data access, and software that currently exists in Oregon. He mentioned the drinking water program and a data sharing website. Rodney will follow up to get more information.
 - Rodney explained that we are going to have to think about using existing systems to access data, instead of having to recreate the wheel. Finding out what systems of these types are already being used and how we can share or use of those systems will be one of the focuses of this group.
 - Jeff asked whether or not DUNC would be involved in any of the national workgroups. Rodney answered that those groups are going to be focused on what CDC wants us to do, and this group will be more focused on what we can do in Oregon. EPHT members will then feed into national groups and systems information about concerns, constraints, and ideas from the DUNC and SLAM teams. The hope is that once this system has been established then all of the states could use it, it wouldn't be specific to just

one. If we have any products or interesting ideas, we may share them with PMO so that Oregon success stories make it to a national audience.

- Richard stated that to work most efficiently it is probably a good idea to share the DUNC's work with the SLAM group. Everyone agreed, and Rodney said that this would be done at our EPHT weekly meeting, between him and the SLAM chair, Curtis Cude. (Juanita, Rodney, Curtis, and SLAM designee will try to have a short phone conference if possible once a month to share information and maintain focus).
- Topics for the Next Meeting
 - Database inventory, Michael asked if Gregg would be a DEQ liaison with all issues, not just air quality. Gregg stated he could and would do in coordination with Curtis Cude of DEQ.
 - Rodney stated that we can always ask special guests to the meeting if necessary to cover data or topics that are unfamiliar to group members.
 - Richard asked if there had been a nationally developed list of questions (i.e.: are we interested in looking at ambient levels of pm and what effect does that have on asthma hospitalizations) if so, we can use what is already in existence that we can work with. Are their indicators that have been created for EPHT? Rodney stated that there is work on environmental indicators through the State Environmental Health Indicators Collaborative (SEHIC) and by the EPHT Content Workgroup. Most of this work is still preliminary. Rodney will try to consolidate what work has been done with Environmental Indicators and provide for the next meeting.
 - Topics for next meeting:
 - Define questions and look at environmental indicators.
 - Review the database inventory summaries done in the planning phase of the EPHT grant.
- Nomination of Co-Chair
 - Rodney stated that the co-chair would not be obligated to any more than one additional short meeting a month. Primary focus would be to double-check agendas, notes, products, etc.
 - Joyce nominated Nita, and the group named Nita as co-chair.
 - Nita will attend one call with Rodney and Curtis Cude per month to coordinate work of the two workgroups.
- Determination of Standard Meeting Date and Time for all Future Meetings
 - Meetings of the DUNC group will be the fourth Wednesday of every month, from 3-4:00 pm.
 - We will try to set up a joint workgroups demonstration of VistaPH done by Nita.
 - Rodney will provide the group a list of all members and their expertise and affiliations.