



Minutes for Board Meeting of May 20, 2009

PARC Board Coordinator: Kathleen Harvey

Board Members Present

Gail R. Shibley, PARC Co-Chair (by conference call)
Greg Pettit, DEQ
Garnet Cooke, OR-OSHA
Dale Mitchell, PARC Co-Chair
Brad Knotts, ODF
Richard Kepler, ODF&W

Consultants Present

Dr. Dan Sudakin, OSU/Env. & Molecular Tox.
Justin Waltz, OPHD
Will Lackey, ODOT
Jeff Jenkins, OSU/Env. & Molecular Tox.
Fred Berman, DVM, PhD CROET

Board Members Absent

Sandy Giffin, OHSU/Poison Control
Chris Kuenzi, OSFM
Chris Kirby, PARC Board Administrator

Guests Present

Lisa Arkin, Oregon Toxics Alliance
Carolyn Ashlock
Jae Douglas, OPHD

Introductions:

1. Called to order: 9:09 a.m.
 - a. There were no added agenda items for the meeting.
2. Review and approval of the minutes was unanimous as submitted.
3. Members and consultants introduced themselves. Late to the meeting, but introduced were Lisa Arkin, Oregon Toxics Alliance and Carolyn Ashlock, member of the public.

Agency Updates

OPHD: There will be some reductions in the Environmental Health program, but their burden will only be approximately 5%. Justin is finalizing the contract to analyze the OCHEN data. Kari is working on pesticide education. The first draft for 2002-2007 data analysis of pesticide exposure is almost complete.

ODA: ODA is expecting to be cut 15% but the PARC Board is not in that planned cut. Several bills that affect pesticides were tracked this year. The Pesticide Use Reporting program will be "shelved" for this biennium, but proposed legislation extends the sunset date out to 2013. This will give the legislature the ability to re-fund the program and get several years data before reviewing the sunset date again. The Food Safety program that is one of the primary ODA programs will be left untouched. ODA will lose one person from one program.

The IPM program bill is being heard this week, but will not be attached to a regulatory function at this time.

ODF: Although ODF will be taking approximately a 15% cut to its budget, the program that houses Brad Knotts will be sustaining approximately a 30% cut to its budget, putting Brad at risk. He is not sure whether there is a plan in place to replace him with the PARC Board if his position is cut.

OROSHA: The Forestry Poster has been sent to the graphics division of OROSHA for production. The OROSHA/Forestry WPS video contract is out for bids.

DEQ: The pesticide monitoring program has been left intact, however the biomonitoring for watershed health has been cut to meet the 16% general fund cut that must be taken. The Pesticide Stewardship Program will not be cut, however it will continue to be funded with “soft” money and grants will be sought. ODFW: The ODFW has only had to take a 4% general fund program cut, as all of their programs are fee based.

OSU: OSU is waiting to see what cuts will be taken. He is only surmising that the cuts will be approximately 15%.

OHSU: Budget is not dependent on state general fund.

ODOT: There are no ODOT programs that rely on general fund monies.

Classification of Cases

1. The Board members reviewed proposed classifications for nine 2007 PARC cases, approving the proposed classifications after review and discussion. These cases are the first classifications for the '07'08 legislative report. During review and discussion Brad Knotts reminded the Board that one of the jobs of the Board is to identify trends. He was specifically talking about pyrethrins/pyrethroids as more people and pets have reactions to these products.
2. The new incidents and cases were reviewed. There have been few incidents. Five of the incidents were calls about the Bt applications in Eugene for Gypsy Moth.

New Business

1. Garnet Cooke gave a presentation on the OROSHA Pesticide Emphasis Report of 2008. This report can be viewed at the following web location:
<http://www.orosha.org/pdf/pubs/reports/ffv2008pep.pdf>
2. The Gypsy Moth applications in Eugene were discussed. Concern was expressed over the fact that Health Services could not evaluate the inerts in Foray. It was explained that the company would not release the confidential inert information to Environmental Health for review. This led to Environmental Health having to issue the statement that it could not state the safety or health effects of the inerts. This, in turn, led to public fear and increased the concern regarding health effects on the part of the citizens.

Old Business

1. Carolyn Ashlock follow-up: Dale Mitchell stated that agency members of the Board had discussed the concerns that Ms. Ashlock had brought to the Board. He would like for the members to send their responses in writing to Kathleen by June 12, for review. Richard Kepler said that the biologist who had evaluated the property last year in May 2008 went to the property and saw definite signs of something being different with the property. The Board members put several hypotheses forward from similar problems they had seen in different areas. There was consensus that the Board should wait for the FWS Biologist to write the report and get it to the next meeting.
2. The Draft 06'07 Report will be sent to the Board for review after proofing by the ODA support staff. There was a request that the Board members review it and get it back for changes as soon as they could so that it could get to the legislature.

Public Comment:

Lisa Arkin asked what had happened with the issue of persons with disabilities. Garnet explained that she had presented the issue to OROSHA management and that they were deciding what part OROSHA might play in the development of guidance or training with Health Services.

Lisa acknowledged and encouraged the PARC board to look for patterns of pesticide problems and also recommended that the Board consider a letter of support to Health and OROSHA regarding persons with disabilities.

Ms. Arkin stated that she appreciated working with Dan Hilburn of ODA Plant Division on Gypsy Moth. She also stated that she had seen a pattern of symptoms that aren't going to the doctor because they either were not serious enough or the people did not want to spend the money to go. These were a metallic taste in their mouth, scratchy throat and a feeling of malaise.

Topics for next meeting:

Greg Pettit asked that he present the DEQ report on "Toxics Monitoring in the Willamette".

Next meeting proposed for July 15, 2009