

Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) of North America



Session 03-01 of the Expert Advisory Board on Children's Health and the Environment in North America

**February 6-7, 2003
Holiday Inn Old Town Select
480 King Street,
Old Town Alexandria, Virginia, USA**

Agenda

February 6, 2003

9:00 Opening Session

Dr. Irena Buka, Chair, Expert Advisory Board on Children's Health and the Environment in North America

Welcoming remarks; Review of meeting objectives and provisional agenda

Doug Wright, Director of Programs, Commission for Environmental Cooperation
CEC Context for Education and Training of Healthcare Providers

9:15 Organizations that Promote Healthcare Provider Education

Dr. Alan Abelsohn, International Joint Commission Health Professionals Task Force
Environmental Health in Family Medicine

Dr. Maria Alice Roschke and Dr. Samuel Henao, Pan American Health Organization
Children's Environmental Health in the Americas and PAHO/WHO Commitments

Paula Wilborne-Davis, Coordinator, Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units, Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics
Current and Future Roles for PEHSUs in Health Professional Education

Susan West, Director, Environmental Health Program, Physicians for Social Responsibility
PSR Education Program: How to Gain Buy-In by the Health Professionals

Nilda Peregallo, President, National Association of Hispanic Nurses
Cross-Cultural Issues and Environmental Justice

Daniel Swartz, Executive Director, Children's Environmental Health Network
Lessons Learned in Healthcare Provider Training

10:45 Discussion

11:15 Break

11:30 Overview of Healthcare Provider Training and Education in North America

Martha Shimkin, Principal, MShimkin Consulting

Background Document: *Education and Training on Children's Health and the Environment for Healthcare Professionals: Status and Opportunities*

11:45 Governmental updates

Members of the CEC's Trilateral Children's Environmental Health (CEH) Team

12:00 Open Discussion: Existing Programs and Projects, Information Sharing

Expert Advisory Board members, Other participants

12:30 Lunch (provided by the CEC)

13:30 Opportunities for Health Care Provider Education/Training in Children's Health and the Environment

Information and Educational Resources

Dr. Barbara Sattler, University of Maryland School of Nursing

Informational and Educational Resources in the Nursing Community

Research

Dr. Bruce Lanphear, Associate Director for Research, Division of General and Community Pediatrics, Children's Hospital Medical Center

Critical Role of Research and Research Training Programs in Children's Environmental Health

Medical Training and Sub-Specialty Development

Dr. Alan Abelsohn, IJC Health Professionals Task Force

Medical training in Canada: Organization, structure, and opportunities for incorporating a children's health and environment focus

Dra. Irma Aurora Rosas Pérez, Coordinadora del Programa Universitario de Medio Ambiente (PUMA)

Medical training in Mexico: Organization, structure, and opportunities for incorporating a children's health and environment focus

Core Competencies and AAP Activities to Increase Pediatricians' Capabilities in Children's Health and Environment [speaker to be confirmed]

14:30 Questions and discussion; Open discussion on gaps and opportunities

15:00 Defining Expert Advisory Board Role in Efforts to Promote Education/Training of Healthcare Professionals on Children's Health and the Environment

- Goals
- Scope
- Options
- Opportunities for collaboration
- Priorities

15:45 Break

16:00 Discussion/Planning for Proposed High Level Meeting

- Purpose
- Format
- Potential partners
- Expected outcomes
- Key participants

16:45 Wrap up and next steps

Dr. Irena Buka

17:00 Close

19:30 Dinner at local restaurant

February 7, 2003

9:00 Review of previous day; Clarifying next steps on education and training for healthcare professionals

Dr. Irena Buka; Board members

10:00 Update on implementation of *Cooperative Agenda*

Erica Phipps, CEC Secretariat/Joanne O'Reilly, Consultant to the CEC

- Linkages with the Sound Management of Chemicals (SMOC)
- Upcoming release of *Taking Stock* special feature report on toxics and children's health
- Progress in the development of indicators of children's health and the environment in North America

Discussion

11:00 Break

11:15 Update on implementation of *Cooperative Agenda* — *continued*

- Risk assessment and children's environmental health workshop, 19-21 February, Oaxaca
- Report series on the economic valuation of environment-related illnesses in children
- Outcomes of recent meetings on longitudinal cohort studies/U.S. National Children's Study
- Progress report on assessing impacts of diesel exhaust at congested border crossing; Recent meeting on exposure assessment methods
- Lead (Pb) activities: Market study of leaded/lead-free pottery in Mexico; Proposed trilateral workshop on lead in consumer products

Discussion

12:15 Waterborne diseases – Possible areas of focus for CEC action

Board Members

12:30 Lunch (provided by CEC)

Note: *The afternoon is a closed session of the Expert Advisory Board.*

13:30 Preparation of Advice to Council

Potential topics to be addressed:

- Actions to promote education and training of healthcare professionals on children's health and the environment
- Other elements of the Cooperative Agenda
- Other issues

15:50 Wrap-Up and Conclusions

Dr. Irena Buka

16:00 Close of Session