

Vector and Code Enforcement Advisory Committee Minutes

SE Health Center, May 20th, 1-2:30 PM

03/18/08 MINUTES

MOTION: A motion was made by to approve 03/18/08 minutes.

SECOND: The motion was seconded.

MOTION PASSED: The 03/18/08 minutes were approved.

Introductions:

Jeff Hansen submitted membership application to join the Vector and Code Enforcement Advisory Committee (VCEAC). Jeff explained his background as a media buyer and interest for exploring recruitment opportunity. He responded to ad soliciting for members in the newspaper. Present committee members discussed their background and interest in becoming committee members.

Old Business Updates:

- Follow-up on US Fish and Wildlife (USFW) Letter Outcome. Chris Wirth updated members on his letter regarding the Draft Mosquito-Borne Disease Management Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997. He explained how USFW collected comments and is currently compiling data. In the Fall of 2008 USFW will have a final policy. Chris reported that Oregon Vector Control Association (OVCA) and AMCA contacted him and asked if he would be available to present in Washington D.C. Unfortunately he was unable to attend. Chris did have a delegate go in his place.
- Membership Recruitment:
 1. Update on response to recruitment. A limited number of applications were received in response to recruitment advertising efforts. Jeff Hansen and Gretchen Barron were those applicants. A motion was made by to approve Jeff Hansen's recruitment to become a committee member. The motion was seconded and passed. Ms. Barron was also approved to become a committee member. Lynn George will notify Ms. Baron of her acceptance into the committee. Lila Wickham expressed that if someone has the desire to participate then they should automatically become members.
 2. Identify process for application evaluation. VCEAC is always recruiting for new members. Desire to have a balanced committee made up of interested parties some of which are a voice for vulnerable populations and individuals who can stay involved. Lila explained that VCEAC as well as the Food Service Committee are appointed by the Chair's office. VCEAC members. There shall not be any term limits on membership.
- Adjacent County Collaborative: Lila Wickham reported MCVNC will collaborate with Columbia County as it is critical and essential in effectiveness for

prevention of West Nile Virus. Chris and a committee member will attend a meeting with Columbia county to begin this discussion.

New Business Updates:

- Orientation:
 1. New member orientation to MCVNC. Current members agreed that the past practice of introducing new members by having them participate in “field trips” was useful. Chris Wirth would continue this practice which would include video footage, field shadows, key paper and discussion regarding vector borne diseases and health issues. New member participation could include meeting Vector field staff, at Vector Control attending an aerial application for mosquito control and other such vector related introductions into the department such as setting traps and returning to analyze. Because we have a small group we can design and tailor orientation. Chris Wirth will schedule orientation. Members agreed that a social hour may be a nice way to get to know new members. A committee member expressed that it would be good to have a member who lives in East Multnomah County present so they could integrate discussion of the needs/interest of rural county residents. The committee Chair will assist in orientation of new members.
 2. Advisory committee introductions. Current members agreed that they would like to meet the interested party prior to any motion to add as a member in order to learn about their background and interest in committee membership. Lynn George will coordinate orientation with old and new members.

- Name Tags: Lynn George will arrange the procurement of name tags for members at meetings.

- West Nile Virus List Serve:
 1. Chris Wirth and Lynn George will add new members Jeff Hansen and Gretchen Barron to the list serve by June 30th.
 2. Chris Wirth and with the help of a committee member will identify population/groups/agencies that should be added to the list serve.

- Feedback on Trimet bus signage: There were many recommendations to the “Fight the Bite” signage to be used on public transportation and other means of getting our message out. Mark Adams was provided with the members recommendations to a) not have such a busy sign and to focus on mosquito; b) do not use a cartoon mosquito but use a profile of mosquito vs. a dorsal view; make “fightthebite.com” more obvious and d) including a bi-lingual message on the bus sign is an effective way to relay message to more then one population of people.

We will investigate using the library comments area and library Newsletter to promote message. Also, explore using the “fight the bite” logos on library computers. We will explore free advertisement packages using bus stops to

advertise to other language users. For kick-off campaign it was recommended by a committee member that we use radio for an advertising source.

Next Meeting:

July 15th, 2009, 1-3pm at the Southeast Health Center

Suggested Agenda Topics:

1. No Feed Ordinance Presentation, Bob Salinger and Chris Wirth;
2. State of Oregon West Nile Virus update (Video of National update to date);
3. Slide show of rodent surveillance practices with incorporated new procedures;
4. Update on Animals Services Group; and
5. Update on Title 13 Specified Animal Permitting changes.