

Vector and Code Enforcement Advisory Committee
SE Health Center, July 18, 2006 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Facilitator: Lynn George, Multnomah County Environmental Health

Voting Members Present: Bill Ballinger, Charlotte Matthews, Marianne Perrin, Elaine Stewart, Leon Tiger, Sue Ruonala, Ruth Jones, Sue Peterson

Absent: Katharine Diack

Others Present: Lila Wickham, Program Manager, Multnomah Co. Environmental Health; Chris Wirth, Program Manager, Multnomah County Vector and Nuisance Control, Christy Nguyen Staff Support

Katharine Diack's Resignation

Katharine's resignation letter was read. Kari and Advisory Committee will begin the process of finding a replacement committee member. They will look for someone who will represent one of the following two populations to further round out the committee's background and expertise: 1) vulnerable and/or homeless population; 2) academia.

Ongoing Business Update

The Committee approved the May 16, 2006 minutes. No changes were made.

Re-election of Chair and Vice Chair positions:

Current Chair Bill Ballinger and Vice Chair Sue Peterson term positions have expired. Sue Peterson and Marianne Perrin were nominated for both Chair and Vice Chair positions. Sue Peterson was elected as Chair and Marianne Perrin was elected as Vice Chair.

IGA Development:

"Contracting for Vector Control Service" Document

Lila presented the "Contracting for Vector Control Services" IGA support document and pointed out that a "Health Outcome" section was added to the previous version of the document which the committee received earlier.

Elaine provided feedback that she felt the document made poor use of scientific data and requested that future documents, which reflect the work of the committee, contain better scientific data.

Lila gave some background on:

- 1) Why the document was developed: to provide background information about program, to provide a fiscal breakdown of the Vector and Nuisance Control program and services, and provide examples of the types of services they provide. Lila reported that this is not a research-based academic study.

- 2) What the document would be used for in the IGA process: an informational document that explains what kinds of services Vector and Nuisance Control offers, the cost of those services, and the health benefits of such services. The document will be provided to the negotiating team and governmental agencies to assist in the cost recovery process.
- 3) How sites were selected for the document: MCVNC selected sites in which they had long-term surveillance (longevity) data representing examples of the criteria proposed for use in prioritizing agreement negotiations.
- 4) Time it took to create the document: 80 hours of multiple staff people's time

IGA Criteria

Lila explained the process that the criteria subcommittee used to identify IGA criteria. Members of the criteria subcommittee explained and defined to the whole committee the four final criteria they selected which included: 1) responsible party; 2) critical public health function, 3) amount spent, 4) biological and social impact. The group understood the two out of the four criteria but had questions about "biological and social impact" and "critical public health function." The subcommittee members provided additional clarification as follows

Biological and social impact: Lila explained that this is the "cost of doing nothing" and gave some examples such as: lack of proactive surveillance that could lead to lack of information about emerging vector borne disease issues; increase in mosquito population resulting in risk for West Nile Virus, rats with flea carrying plague knowing where chickens are licensed in decreasing awareness of potential sites for Avian Influenza propagation in Multnomah County.

Critical Public Health Function: Public Health function is defined by three principles:: 1) Assessment of public health needs; 2) Assurance – that a system is present to address public health needs and identified issues 3) Policy development to make sure the laws, regulations, codes and practice models support public health and identified needs and issues.

No other criteria were added to the list by the full committee and the 4 criteria established by the subcommittee were officially approved.

Timeline of IGA process:

The IGAs need to be developed by the next budget cycle which is in December, 2006 so that the Health Department will know how much general fund support will be required to supplement MCVNC budget. Chris and Lila met with Carol Ford, acting County Fiscal Officer and Wendy Lear, Health Department Fiscal Manager, and Dave Houghton, Director of Community Health Services manager last week and mapped out additional tasks in order to meet this deadline. Lila will keep the committee updated throughout the IGA development process.

IPM Subcommittee:

Elaine Steward reported on the IPM Subcommittee meeting. Minutes of the meeting were provided to the group. Topics discussed at the meeting were:

- Review of materials distributed since previous meetings: West Nile Virus-related adulticide decision-making (policy/procedure #11228(1); Adulticide use in the absence of WNV (policy/procedure #1115(1).
- Nuisance Control of Mosquitoes: tree hole mosquitoes, adulticide application at trailer park on Sauvie Island
- Mosquito Control at Storm water Facilities
- Next Steps

Elaine asked committee members if they were interested in joining the subcommittee and asked them to email or contact her if they are.

Code Enforcement:

Lila reported on a meeting she had with Elaine, the Health Department attorney and the Metro attorney in an attempt to resolve issues identified by Metro related to the Code Enforcement Ordinance. Specifically a request to include language that would eliminate specific government entities from enforcement. Lila presented how the Code Enforcement Ordinance and the IGA Development process were on parallel tracks with the IGA Development process being introduced after the Ordinance was being considered. Due to the belief by potentially impacted jurisdictions that the ordinance is another mechanism to collect funds for services Lila recommended that pursuing the ordinance adoption be put on hold until after the IGA Development Process is complete in December. The committee elected to vote on the ordinance as drafted. Discussion included Sue Ruonola expressing concern to include eliminating government entities from enforcement action. Motion to approve the ordinance as drafted was moved by Leon Tiger and seconded by Sue Ruonola; the motion carried with seven votes approving the motion and Elaine Stewart voting against.

The group understood the proposal to table presenting the ordinance until January 07, after the IGA process is complete.

Next Agenda Items:

Evaluation of past year – Kari

IGA update

IPM Subcommittee update

Prioritizing education and outreach activities:

- Prior to next meeting the committee asked that Kari provide them with: 1) materials that give them a snapshot of what education and outreach activities have been done; and 2) assessment of educational needs

Discuss meeting dates that work for committee members

Next meeting: September 19, 2006 1:00pm – 3:00pm South East Health Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm