

Minutes from January 26, 2006 roundtable conference call

Participants:

Javier Ballí (EPA R6)
Annette Smith (EPA R6)
Chuck Killebrew (LDEQ)
Chuck Handrich (LDEQ)
Michelle Vattano (NMED)
Chris Campbell (NMSU/WERC)
Thomas Vinson-Peng (SNZW)
Susan Roothaan (A Nurtured World)
Elizabeth Frisch (Culture Technologies)
Bob Gifford (TCEQ)
David Greer (TCEQ)
Grace Hsieh (TCEQ)
Pierre Lichaa (TCEQ)

The group agreed that the Fall roundtable would start at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7, and conclude at noon on Thursday, August 8. We would meet for dinner that Wednesday evening. Location possibilities are Heifer International, the Clinton Library, etc., that would include a recognition activity. Javier would also like to spend at least a half day with Audree before or after the roundtable, to learn more about her program, meet her co-workers, etc. Susan asked if the meeting would be open or closed, as well as joint or not. The decision was that it should be considered to be open and joint.

Susan mentioned that LDEQ declined the mock audit. Chuck Killebrew explained why. All understood the reasons. Group would pursue the audit training with a roundtable meeting. The group decided on a combined audit and roundtable in the Santa Teresa or Southern New Mexico area. This way the roundtable would take place in New Mexico and audit participants could be sought in New MX and the El Paso area. The possible dates are by first to third choice the weeks of April 17, April 24 and April 10. Bob will work with Pam Aguirre on possible sites to be audited. Susan and Elizabeth also contact potential sites such as Fort Bliss and a hospital. Susan reminded all of the consumer connection of the original grant. The group also had a concern for the compliance side or EMS in getting sites to volunteer. Chuck H would still like to be included in training and meeting developments, even though LDEQ members will not be able to travel to events.

Topics to discuss at the next roundtable would be:

1. Strategic planning, visioning, why are we here.
2. Enhanced discussion from updates to improving program.

Javier will investigate and ask Joy Campbell whether there is a strategic plan that the roundtable previously worked on.

Environmental Summit: Audree, Michelle, Chris, Javier and Susan are planning on attending the summit. TCEQ staff will not be able to due to travel restrictions as well as their Trade Fair that same week.

Updates:

Arkansas: Audree stated that through their EMS group, ADEQ is working on an RFP for a recycling program for their offices. Arkansas has a law that agencies must recycle. ADEQ sells the paper and puts the money back into the recycling program. Their management services division is updating their EMS. Audree is also in the process of responding to a media call asking for the proper disposal of pharmaceuticals. Their Legislative Task Force on Sustainable Design is work with architectural firms. Even though her H2E seminar in Northwest Arkansas was affected by snow, twenty two participated.

Louisiana: Chuck K mentioned that the annual award ceremony with the Governor to recognize P2 and EMS project was cancelled this year, due to their ongoing circumstances as a result of the hurricanes.

Chuck H mentioned several worthwhile projects. The first involved Syngenta selling their waste to Eco Products. Another involved a five year project with PPG. (Not all details were captured due to phone problems.) Chuck H. also mentioned that Julian Thrower left LDEQ and will not be replaced.

New Mexico: Chris mentioned the H2E workshop to be held in Albuquerque on Feb. 8 and in Santa Fe on Feb. 9. He is working with Susan on a consumer and EMS workshop to be held over two days in late March. The EMS implementation workshop with NMED staff that Thomas assisted with went very well. Their goal was to integrate p2 into what staff activities such as enforcement and compliance visits. Reminded participants of cost savings from pollution. An outcome of the workshop was a focus on small business. Three sectors would be selected. Michelle is also working on their P2 video, their website, as well as preparing for a spray painting workshop in Gallup.

Texas: Pierre stated that two companies in the Rio Grande Valley joined the ???? program. They were Trico and EDS recycling. He is working with UT Pan Am Brownsville professors to do a P2 workshop in Monterrey. Pierre is still working with Mexican companies on previous projects. Bob mentioned he is doing a lot of EMS work. Susan talked about the project with UT students. They are developing a training for resident leaders. She is now in a coaching role.

Region 6: Javier mentioned that Debra Griffin is his new supervisor. She replaced Ruth Gibson. Javier and Annette spoke briefly about upcoming the upcoming solicitation notices and asked anyone who had a report or deliverable due to Region 6 to please get it in and to please make sure they are drawing

down their federal funds in a timely fashion and especially before the close of a grant.

The call ended just before 4:00 p.m.