

Region 6 Roundtable

Minutes
01-25-2007



Attendees:

- David Bond – EPA region 6
- David James - TCEQ
- Justin Murrill – Nurtured World
- Susan Roothaan – Nurtured World
- Dianne Wilkins - ODEQ
- Annette Smith - EPA
- Chris Campbell – WERC
- Michelle Vattano - NMED
- Thomas Vinson-Peng – Zero Waste Network (minute taker)

NEP Conference

The NEP Conference is May 7-11. The roundtable plans to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. Chris Campbell said Michelle was working with New Orleans chapter of Habitat for Humanity. We discussed arriving Saturday or Sunday. P2.org has Friday set aside for volunteer activity (11th)

Chris also noted that this was also the week of the New Orleans Jazz and heritage festival. The week before is liable to be crowded. Dianne recommended getting a flight and reservations now.

Region 6 Roundtable Meeting

The group considered several dates for the next roundtable. Some ideas included.

- August 14th is Pretreatment in August. They agreed not to the meeting there, but will participate.
- SBDC in Minneapolis
- TMAC annual Meeting - December
- Region 9-10 joint conference. This conference will be in October. Some thought travel would be hard.

Upcoming Dallas workshop will include discussion on:

- Measurement
- Grants

- Introduction to management and partners

Action Item:

- Thomas to put hotel info. On regional list server.
- ALL - get flight and reservations now for New Orleans
- All- E-mail a blurb to Michelle about times you would be willing to work. When and how much you could work. Committed to making a decision by next conference call
- Susan send Bill Bozo contact info. To Michelle
- Members to suggest locations and dates for Region 6 Roundtable

Updates on Regional Plan Activities

Thomas to work individually with states to get measurement data on-line
Status: (12/06) Measurement data received for WERC, TMAC, Zero Waste, ADEQ, NMED.
Need Nurtured World, ODEQ, TCEQ (3-4 datasets).

* David J - Develop missions and strategies and prepare for next roundtable
Status: (12/06) Under development

* Susan - Send a summary of operating principles via email.
Roundtable to discuss and finalize on next teleconference
Status: (12/06) Motion to approve was passed.

* Include energy assessment in site visits (David James, Dianne Wilkins, Susan Roothaan) Status: (12/06)

David and Thomas had a teleconference. Justin is also working with restaurants and said he might have some information to share.

* Resource Exchange Programs (Audree Miller, Chris Campbell, Scottie Mcknight)
Status: (12/06) Agreed to a January teleconference. Also, Thomas reported TCEQ and RCC funding Zero Waste to expand the on-line tool and work with states. Chris

* P2 Policy and Regulatory Integration (Thomas Vinson-Peng)
Status: (01/07)

New Orleans Workgroups to be determined. Will participate or seek assistance from others.

EPA MACT standards have been proposed "once in always in".

ECOS Resolution 04-04 was approved by ECOS to discuss global warming.
Mia Sealy.

State Updates

New Mexico

They are beginning work on first quarter of PPG. Working on P2 integration.

They did a waste assessment on a local high school. Found a closet full of chemicals that were stockpiled. They recommended inventory for disposal costs. The disposal costs were too high, so Michelle identified a company that would cover the cost as a SEP. In addition do a household hazardous waste collection for the county.

Michelle is working to use Green Zia to promote P2 in small businesses. Pollution Prevention Partnership Program (P4) makes it easier. The small company does a waste assessment, identifies costs and the company commits to results. Michelle will help them set up some kind of recording system as appropriate for the company. Collect the information for a year. They get a letter from Secretary, a sticker and listed as a green business on the website. Has some similarities to OK Star.

EPA

David is working on QA issues with P2 grants. It is being discussed again. Requirements will be same or less. David thinks there will be no change because of the emphasis on measurement.

Still in negotiation on PPIN grant. P2 Grant RFP is due out April 2, 2006. This year they making it mandatory to send through grants.gov.

ISaral, Joyce Stubblefield and David B. with Laura Iffick of the City of Dallas and TCEQ to put on an EMS experts to have a reunion/workshop meeting for the 17 county area around Dallas. Scheduled for June. Pulling people to share ideas on municipal EMS's and help municipalities implement EMS.

Oklahoma

Dianne Wilkins is in a new Division and Section. She has recycling, sustainability programs with her. Has some school recycling grants she is reviewing. She had the children in the house chamber.

WERC

New snail mail and phone number. Chris has moved again. (ACTION)

(ACTION) David Bond...generally gets two messages. Check

QAPP for agricultural sustainability project. Work with pesticides production for pecan fields.

NMED and WERC exhibited at state environmental day during the state legislation. Two booths on P2 and outreach. Also having booth at a statewide health fair at state fair grounds in Albuquerque promoting H2E.

Scheduling some H2E workshop in New Mexico for February and March. Will try to avoid overlap.

Nurtured World

Two workshops at Fort Hood. March 6 and 21st under a greening the government grant. Each home that attends will get fluorescent bulbs and installing programmable thermostats. Fort Hood is giving away \$6000 worth of upgrades on housing.

Texas

David spoke about the pretreatment 101, 201 project.
We will have Thomas, Dianne, David B. and David J. teaching at the conference.

Got an award for TE4 for EPA's clean energy and partnering with SECO

Working with Toyota to reduce supply chain

Working on EPP tool

Houston EMS for local governments. They are using stormwater compliance to generate interest.

Pierre is working with contractor at UT Brownsville to have three more P2 workshops.