



Minutes for Board Meeting of July 16, 2008

PARC Board Coordinator: Kathleen Harvey

Board Members Present

Chris Kirby, PARC Board Administrator
Gail R. Shibley, PARC Co-Chair
Molecular Tox.
Chris Kuenzi, OSFM
Garnet Cooke, OR-OSHA
Richard Kepler, ODF&W
Dale Mitchell, PARC Co-Chair

Consultants Present

Justin Waltz, OPHD
Dr. Dan Sudakin, OSU/Env. &

Consultants Absent

Fred Berman, DVM, PhD CROET

Jeff Jenkins OSU/Env. & Molecular Tox.
Will Lackey, ODOT

Board Members Absent

Greg Pettit, DEQ
Sandy Giffin, OHSU/Poison Control
Brad Knotts, ODF

Guests Present

Brett Sherry, OPHD

Introductions:

1. Called to order: 9:10 a.m.
 - a. There were no added agenda items for the meeting.
2. Review and approval of the May 2008 minutes was unanimous.

Agency Updates

OPHD: Justin Waltz announced that he will be taking parental leave for 8 weeks starting August 1 and will return to work at 60% time on October 22. The interim staff person assigned to work with PARC Coordinator Kathleen Harvey is Brett Sherry. OPHD evaluated the PARC programmatic component this year will increase staff support for the remainder of 2008 and into 2009.

Justin started the point-of-sale education pilot project in late May and early June. He has signed up five Wilco stores and one other store. Justin will return to the stores in November to get feedback on the efficacy and response of clients to the four flyers that were available in the stores. Justin felt that the store managers were interested in the stewardship of pesticides and the safety of customers. A couple of managers were less enthusiastic, feeling that most customers were not interested.

ODA: Chris Kirby stated that all of the proposed Program Option Packages from the Pesticides Division are still being brought forward. The 2007 Pesticide Use Report is scheduled out on July 30 with posting to a special website.

ODFW: There was not much happening in pesticides.

OSFM: Nothing to report.

OROSHA: Nothing to report.

OPHD: Gail Shibley stated that all of the Environmental Public Health Program Option Packages are still under consideration. The Public Health Division is working on resources to conduct data and risk assessment work on chemicals in general. Pesticides will be a component of this project.

OSU: Dr. Sudakin stated that the National Pesticide Information Center has hired a full time Spanish speaking specialist and has developed a Spanish website. One of the most time-consuming issues that has come up in a long time was the Scotts stop sale order and recall. He was concerned because the information coming out of U.S.EPA was not complete enough to answer the many questions that consumers had regarding this recall.

Classification of Cases

1. New Incidents/cases
New incidents were reviewed with the Board. There are few of note with agencies all conducting investigations as requested.
2. Legislative report for 2005-2006
Kathleen stated that now that all of the cases have been classified for the report, she can finish developing the draft for review by the Board.
3. 2006 case classifications
Kathleen is not sure how many case classifications can be started while she is working on the legislative report. If any 2006 cases are proposed for classification between now and September 12, 2008, she will bring them to the Board for review and approval.

New Business

1. New Incidents/cases
The Board reviewed all new incidents. There is none of note at this time. All of the agencies are becoming adept at investigations and reaction times are extremely good.
2. Frequent callers
The Board discussed the time expenditure on frequent callers whose assertions continue to be found without merit. The Board determined that these should be tracked for further review but that there is little that can be done to diminish these calls.
3. Consideration of where the meeting should be held
Gail brought up the consideration of possibly holding meetings in different areas of the state to accommodate members who do not work in Salem as well as members of the public who might want to attend but who cannot get to Salem.
The Board decided to try video conferencing as a solution and instructed Kathleen to find out how it might be accomplished.

Old Business

1. Communication with persons contacting PARC.
Kathleen has developed a letter and information to callers about PARC, what it will do and which agencies are brought into their concerns.

Additional Agenda Items

1. Special Topics for next meeting

No agency brought information up that they would particularly like to know or have on the agenda for next month.

Next meeting proposed for September 17, 2008