



**WMI PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP SUBGROUP**  
**Monday, February 25, 2008**

**MEETING SUMMARY - *\*\*FINAL\*\****

**Attending:**

Julie Benebente	Sunnyvale	Roberta Dunlap	San Jose
Karin North	Palo Alto	Sandra Freitas	San Jose
Kate Slama	SCVWD	Sharon Newton	San Jose
Melody Tovar	San Jose	Trish Mulvey	CLEAN South Bay
Rob D'Arcy	Santa Clara County HHW	Vishaka Atre	SCVURPPP

**Action Items:**

#	DATE	DESCRIPTION	WHO	DUE DATE	STATUS
1.	2/25/08	Send comments on Charter to Melody	All	3/3/08	Pending. Melody to send out latest draft.
2.	2/25/08	Contact local agencies regarding status on CPSC participation	Roberta, Trish		
3.	2/25/08	Evaluate feasibility of WMI/San Jose application for CARE Grant	Melody, Sharon	3/17/08	
4.	2/25/08	Share info on cost of medical waste hauling	Rob, Karin		
5.	2/25/08	Send out latest CPSC participants list and ordinance/resolution info	Rob		Done. See email
6.	2/25/08	Send out invite to 3/15 CIWMB Pharm meeting	Karin		

**Subgroup Charter**

Suggestion to narrow the content of the charter to the Goals and leave the work plan items to a separate document.

**Goal Updates & Work Plan Ideas**

Group brainstormed work plan ideas for each goal and identified interested members for each (see following page).

Should include information on Subgroup decision making process.

**Pharmaceutical Take-back Program**

SB966 Legislation directed CIWMB to develop model programs for pharmaceutical collection/take-back. Staff person is Jim Cropper who is slated to start in July. Karin shared that additional hurdles have emerged regarding who regulates residential pharmaceutical waste.

According to the Medical Waste Management Act (part of the Health and Safety Code), once household pharms are consolidated (e.g., at a pharmacy taking meds back), the waste must be managed as a medical waste, which is regulated by the Department of Public Health.

This may mean that the waste would need to be hauled by a medical waste hauler, which is more costly. This has not been put in writing by DPH.

The CA Board of Pharmacy is not condoning pharmacy participation in take back events, citing that their codes are permissive and do not explicitly include the return of unwanted pharms.

Additional legislation is being proposed to complement 966 by cleaning up regulations that are presenting barriers to successful and cost-effective pharm take back.

County can issue collection permit for non-controlled substances and will consider waiving the fee for this permit.

Palo Alto is currently implementing a program with the PA Medical Foundation. City provides the container and disposal (for one year) through 2008. The program is being administered with the facilities side of the operation vs the pharmacy.

San Jose is evaluating the prospect of applying for an EPA CARE grant for pharm take back. Based on this meeting, hospitals seem like the most viable partner at this time; SJ staff is aiming to schedule a meeting with Kaiser Santa Teresa reps to discuss potential partnership.

### **CPSC Support**

Group members (Roberta and Trish mostly) will contact South Bay agencies to get an update on or promote support for CPSC.

### **Product Actions**

Deferred to next meeting.

### **Subgroup Structure**

Group agreed that having one group is best with a single work group on Pharm Take-back that would also work on the side, potentially meeting adjacent to the full subgroup meeting. Karin agreed to lead Pharm Work Group (with Sharon as interim while Karin is on leave).

Discussion of Chair role deferred to next meeting.

## Work Plan Ideas & Structure

Pharm Work Group  
Lead – KN(SN)

*RDa JB KN SN*  
**“Pilot” Pharm, Take Back**

Track & Encourage Legislation  
ID & Document Barriers  
Pilot – Engage Business Partners –  
Hospitals  
Expand  
Get \$\$

*TM RDa KS JB JN RD VA*  
**CPSC**

Pledge “Join” support to CPSC  
\$ Strongly Encouraged  
Support Legislation  
Adopt EPR as approach for agency  
operations  
Letter to Legislators to promote support  
of EPR

*TM? KS? JB JN/KN RD VA?*  
**Product Actions**

Bags  
Bottled Water  
Polystyrene

**Promote messages to Res**  
Ed: No drugs down the drain  
Statewide Campaign