

PA CEAP Meeting
Sunday, January 11, 2009
Stanford Medical Center

Walt: Thank you to everyone for coming.

Public Comment & Announcements

Carroll Harrington. Proposal to do a CEAP display at City Hall for Earth Day. Carroll will be happy to design, with a section for each segment to show off what they have done. Will tie in with next Bay Area Green in April. Have interview with Dreckmier and others. Will have a meeting to brainstorm.

Bryan Long: There will be a Composting Teach this Sat at Lucie Stern 2-4:30 PM

Marianna Grossman Keller: CIPL working group has events on Wed on Solar Financing and Ethical Banking. Two different talks. Congregation Kol Emet, 4175 Manuela Avenue, Wed 14th 7-9pm

Clergy luncheon event 11:45 – 1:30 on Feb 12th. Congregational Church of Palo Alto, Louis Rd @ Embarcadero. Reg monthly meeting on Feb 23rd. For more information contact Marianna Grossman Keller at Marianna@kellers.org

Lisa Alteri: Obama is calling for National Weekend of Service. Asking all of us to volunteer service time on that weekend. Find out about local events at usaservice.org.

Host today is Krisanne Hanson, General Services Product Manager, SUMC

Greening Healthcare. Hanson has volunteered to investigate what greening efforts are going on in the med center. Repair, reuse, recycle. Has been much going on for many years, although there is more to do.

9000 employees, physicians and volunteers. Includes Medical School and two hospitals. Heavy regulation, open 24/7, aging facilities, tech advances create consumption of energy, space, and waste. Space challenges in older facilities.

Resources available to Healthcare:

- Practice Greenhealth
- Healthcare without Harm
- Green guide for Healthcare (Alternative to LEEDS)
- Physicians for social resp
- EPA Energy Star for Healthcare
- CleanMed

Have been following Practice Greenhealth guidelines. SUMC was one of first hospitals to receive mercury free healthcare certification. Mercury was/is widely used in many instruments, controls, and lab supplies. Incl. florescent lamp recycling, battery recycling

(8 tons/yr). Went to all digital x-rays which eliminated many toxic environmental impacts.

Solid waste reduction, reuse, and recycling: close partnership with one supplier to provide just in time delivery of most supplies with minimal disposable packaging. Very unique for hospitals and healthcare. Use re-usable sharps disposal containers vs. one-use disposable sharps containers. Similar use reusable contaminated fluids containers. SUMC also has diverted in past year over 96 tons of materials from landfill to donation to charitable organizations. This includes beds, cribs, and other materials. Furniture reuse program, reuse of food shipping containers, reuse of 100% of toner cartridges, shipping pallets. Reuse of shipping supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc). 20 year history of recycling cardboard, mixed paper, and bev containers. Steel can and plastic sterile water bottle recycling started in last couple of years. Linen “ragout” recycling. Since 2000, 100% of electronic waste is returned, recycled, or donated. Foodservice oil is recycled, landscape composting and xeri-scaping. Shrink-wrap is collected and recycled.

Current landfill diversion rate is nearly 30%.

Other areas: Hazardous waste reduction. Ethylene oxide eliminated (PA ordinance). Eliminated other toxic disinfectants. Switched to Green Seal certified cleaning products. High-tech floor coating to reduce strip-and-refinish of floors. Environmental preferable purchasing; recycled content products reached 20%. Weekly farmers market.

Facilities operations. Use low-VOC materials, replaced lights with efficient T-8s, replaced all incandescents with CFLs. Computers on wheels replaces paper. Paper report workflow analysis led to elimination and online dissemination of reports, saving lots of paper. Have reduced paper consumption by 50%.

Opportunities Ahead:

Sustainability in Hospital Renewal Project

Enrolling in EPA Energy Star Partner healthcare program

Implementing desk-side recycling

Implementing Green Teams

Enhancing Construction & Demolition recycling process

Piloting composting programs at cafeteria

Mitchell Slomiak & Adina Levin, co-chair Menlo Park’s Green Ribbon Citizens Committee: regional cooperation on Drive-less Contest

Green Ribbon Citizens Committee put together a Climate Action Report and Recommendation in 2007. Recommendation to develop a CAP and set goal of Climate Neutrality by 2030. Draft CAP due in a couple of weeks.

Adina is with the Transportation segment of the task force. Our habits are very entrenched in car use. Even where it is possible and feasible not to drive alone, we still do it. This is the single biggest impact to GHG emissions.

Drive Less Challenge:

Contest where people go online over a few weeks and log their transportation miles and win prizes for small changes. Enable people to be competing with their peers to change habits.

Hoping there is a way to cooperate with Palo Alto in doing this.

Wendy: Sounds similar to Let's Go Palo Alto.

Walt: Will contact in connection with Earth Day.

Socialtext: In the business of creating and managing groups of people. Carticipate App. Way of regular or one-off ride-matching within known network of people. Ridesharing on Facebook, Craigslist. Make available and publicize these tools.

Lauren Swezey: Progress Report on Nonprofit Conference

Got non-profits list and found appropriate person who has interest in greening the organization. Called to about 15% of list, eg CAR, Amer Red Cross, etc. Every single person was very excited about an event for networking and resources. So we are hiring an event planner, using money from sustainability team, to make this happen. Conference will be in mid-march.

Lisa Alteri: New Neighborhood Segment Flyer is posted on the Wiki. A product of collaboration. Main projects are the Red&Green Collaboration Group to do a literature drop at all houses in Palo Alto. Try to get 200 volunteers together to canvass households to drop flyers and Acterra Green and Home flyer. Are now working to establish neighborhood green teams through neighborhood associations. Have piloted with Barron Park.

Wendy H: Earth Day Planning: Planning meeting on Wed 14th at Lucie Stern, 1PM, to flesh out our ideas

Lauren Swezey: Report on Media Center Project Green Takes Action...

We filmed second segment last night. 30 min show, run on Channel 30, and when being broadcast it is also on media center website.

Walt: We are supposed to present to the city on what each segment has done by Earth Day. For March 5th meeting, each segment liaison should please submit a written report in electronic form. Also will be used in display for City Hall.

