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IFEH 2010 Introduction to Healthy Built Environment (HBE) September 8, 2010

Location: Cypress Room, Westin Bayshore Hotel

Objective

To provide an introduction to the healthy built environment, identify the role that environmental health professionals can play, discuss case studies, and share tools that can be applied to other international settings.

Workshop Description

The first half of the morning session will consist of a workshop to introduce the topic of healthy built environment and its impact on public health; to share initiatives in British Columbia, Canada and other countries; to discuss barriers and next steps. Participants will be asked to share their own experiences in the built environment. Case studies of promising built environment projects, that have involved PH and community planners, will be presented. The afternoon will consist of a boat tour around False Creek to observe first-hand the results of promising community planning initiatives. Participants will be dropped off at Granville Island at the end of the tour or they can return to the Westin Bayshore.

Learning outcome

Participants will become familiar with how built environment impacts health, learn about various built environment initiatives, and will be able to apply some of the lessons learned to their own jurisdictions.

Facilitator Ken Christian

Agenda

8:00 - 8:30 Breakfast

8:30 - 8:45 Welcome

8:45 - 9:30 Overview of HBE and impacts on public health (Larry Frank)

This presentation will introduce HBE and its relationship to obesity, chronic disease, injury prevention, climate change, mental health, etc. The presentation will cover the evolution of public health inspector interests in HBE from traditional water, sewer, and local air pollution to issues such as sprawl containment, adaptation to adverse climates, walkability, sharps injury prevention, social inclusion, and inequity reduction.

9:30 – 10:10 Case Studies I

Practice examples will be presented highlighting the collaboration of public health inspectors, planners, and local decision-makers working together.

- 9:30-9:50 Alice Miro – CLASP National
9:50-10:10 Helena Swinkels – Fraser Health Authority
- 10:10-10:30 Nutrition Break
- 10:30-11:30 Case Studies II
- 10:30-10:50 Claire Gram – Vancouver Coastal Health
10:50-11:10 Jani Urquhart – Vancouver Island Health Authority
11:10-11:30 Erna van Balen – Dutch case examples
- 11:30 - 11:40 Presentation of some of the NCCEH tools about how to get your agency involved in built environment initiatives
- 11:40 – 11:45 Wrap-up
- 12:00 – 12:15 Board the boat
- 12:15 – 13:15 Buffet lunch on the boat
- 13:15 – 14: 45 Boat tour of HBE initiatives around False Creek (narrated by Gordon Price)
- 14:45 – 15:00 Dock at Granville Island (**Note: You are responsible for your own transportation back to the Westin if you decide to disembark**)
- 15:00 – 16:00 Return to Westin (*for those who do not want to disembark at Granville Island*)