

Environment and Health Subcommittee meeting

October 30, 2023

1. Attendee roll call: Wig Zamore, Alan Wright, Alicen Stein, Stephen Fox
Staff present: Aaron Toffler, Cindy Baxter
Guests: Tommy Butler, Massport liaison
Public: Scott Mahoney, Gail Miller
2. Public comment: Gail Miller noted that she wanted to review the Logan Health study, and Aaron Toffler confirmed that would be discussed.
3. Review of subcommittee charge. Aaron noted Alice as subcommittee chair, and launched the session with an overview of the goals and objectives for the subcommittee along with the charge.
 - Wig suggested the subcommittee prioritize the work/projects to be undertaken and suggested the subcommittee track health information provided by the World Health Organization.
 - Stephen noted a priority needed to be building community awareness, including the legislative community and the communities the MCAC represents.
 - Alice suggested establishing a framework against which to consider research, including the Logan Report and WHO research, noting that the subcommittee needs to gather, connect and get the message out.
 - Wig suggested a workshop session, to which other members agreed. Wig noted that work on a multi-city study should be considered, along with alignment with key research labs, noting that UMass Worcester and the University of Michigan should be discussed.
 - Aaron raised concerns about the 4-city study being beyond what the MCAC could do, and it was agreed by all that more in-depth discussion could be done during the workshop that would be scheduled.
4. Cindy overviewed excerpts of a study presented to the HFAC during their October meeting by Neelakshi Hudda, noting that the HFAC was considering funding further research by Neelakshi to expand her current research to include the Hanscom Field area. Aaron and Alice noted that they would try and reach out to Neelakshi to further explore the research she anticipated conducting.
5. The Logan Health study was discussed, but concerns were raised regarding the fact that the data was old, (from 2014). Tommy suggested looking at some of the net zero projects if the MCAC wanted to weigh in on those, since they are all in progress. Tommy noted specifically the SAF project where Massport is trying to get priority for consideration of SAF for Logan.



Having agreed to discuss during a three-hour workshop, the subcommittee adjourned based on a motion from Alan which was seconded by Stephen.