

End of meeting items from February 1, 2010:

Ground Rules

1. Everyone participates
2. Open and honest dialogue
3. Respect opinions
4. Consensus decision making

Parking Lot Items

1. Director/ Gov. Office communication to USEPA
2. Other task forces (their reports)
3. Other cities: Boston, San Francisco, NYC and Toronto
4. Email presentations

Next Agenda:

1. How is issue perceived and why?
2. How will we measure our progress/ success? Tracking data?
3. Cost for treatment—need to capture this.
4. What does funding mean?

End Product – Expectations:

1. Best Practices
2. State-wide Awareness & Network (information sharing)
3. Roles/ Responsibilities of State Agencies- standardization
4. Strategies/ tactics / I.D. – what tools?
5. Identify funding streams
6. Research (agenda) identified
7. Need to know why not a disease vector- not enough to say it is not
8. Declare Public Health issue, or not

Ohio Bed Bug Workgroup Meeting

Monday, February 1, 2010

SWOT Analysis

Strengths	Weaknesses
<p><i>Team 1</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of issues • Familiarity of history of the problem: knowledge exists to solve the problem • Ability to bring common message • Ability to reach stakeholders 	<p><i>Team 1</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No funding available • No effective products • Limited coordination among agencies • Inconsistent local ordinances (Home Rule) – need standard
<p><i>Team 2</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of some tools – must figure out how to obtain necessary tools? • Great information for public • Expertise - good variety of field professionals • View • Access to research • BRFS questions • Agreement that there is a problem to fix • Propoxur used since 1963, no resistance to date • Public is screaming for help • Media attention • DVD 	<p><i>Team 2</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No funding available • Don't have all the necessary tools • Disease vector need information on bed bug transmission of disease or public health won't pay attention • Landlord fear factor • Landlord lacks knowledge of bed bug problem • Landlords paying a lot of money • Landlord/tenant/ issues • Landlord unable to control whether building gets infested by tenants/visitors • Tenant scared they will have to pay, or will be evicted • Cost estimates are not reliable without control • Cost – unable to afford • Lack of use of EPA Summit recommendations • <u>Global</u> presence of bed bugs • Sharing of furniture • Public doesn't think BBs are a problem until personally affected • Income level • Neatness index: tidiness, elimination of junk makes house more treatable • EPA doesn't have the guts to pull the trigger and bring back effective pesticides
<p><i>Team 3</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experts are out there • Information is available • Consolidated agreement (correction is needed) • Different state/national association 	<p><i>Team 3</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 88 Counties in Ohio • Funding • Enforced by whom • Manpower issues • Stigma of public relations (business/ individuals contaminated) • Private industry expense(s) • Missing/inconclusive data • EPA too slow
Strengths	Weaknesses
<p><i>Team 4</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledgement of problem by Governor and Ohio Department of Health (ODH) • Previous success • State resources communicated nationally – specifically Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) • Previous plans for review and utilization 	<p><i>Team 4</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No funding available • Lack of collaboration and partnership • Nature of pest – resistant strain • True classification of vector • Product efficacy • Cost of treatment and duration
Opportunities	Threats
<p><i>Team 1</i></p>	<p><i>Team 1</i></p>

Nominations for top issues: (items in red from meeting)

Strengths: Have knowledge of the problem
Public pressure
Collective action

Weaknesses: Lack of funding for 88 counties
Concern for fees on industry
Local ordinances inconsistent – need for standardization
Find a way to come together and agree that it's a health issue

Opportunities: Director of Health's involvement – move agenda forward
Education

Threats: Fear factor
Complacency
Chemical misuse (pesticides and other over the counter products)