

Minutes
Contra Costa County IPM Advisory Committee
Subcommittee on IPM Outreach
April 25, 2017

Members Present: Jim Cartan, Susan Heckly, Michael Kent (Chair), Andrew Sutherland

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Tanya Drlik, IPM Coordinator; Nhang Luong, Contra Costa Area Agency on Aging; Leslie Davis, Adult Protective Services; Jackie Winfield, Senior Nutrition Program; Debi Marsee, Community Services, Bureau (Head Start)

Members of the public: None

1. Introductions

2. Public comment on items not on the agenda

There was none.

3. Approve minutes from February 14, 2017

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written. (SH/AS)

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discuss the committee's ideas about outreach and training with invited guests from County Departments

The committee asked their guests to describe their programs and how the committee might provide information and training to their staff.

Nhang Luong, Area Agency on Aging

- This is an umbrella agency.
- The agency has community resources.
- Bed bugs and clutter are two of the things their staff need help with—education and resources.
- They have a data base with resources for the public.
- They have monthly in-service training for their staff where the committee could put on trainings.
- Their agency may be able to locate funds to help with pest management in private homes.
- Nhang suggested trainings for care givers in In Home Supportive Services (a public authority).
- Private home care agencies have trainings for their employees.
- Nhang can help the committee do the outreach to people in the aging care sector who would benefit from training.
- A training should be from ½ to 1 hour long.
- In home visitors do not need CEUs (but nurses probably do)

Jackie Winfield, Senior Nutrition Program

- This is a County program.
- Their program includes Meals on Wheels and food services for 7 senior centers.
- They have outreach workers that go into homes and she would like training for those staff in their 3 locations.
- Training should include the kind of conducive conditions to look for in homes.
 - How to spot pest conducive conditions in homes
 - Connections between sanitation and pest invasions so they could pass that information on to their clients

- Referrals to resources
- Literature that they could carry to the homes
- Availability of the weatherization program
- They can also put information on the back of their menus—people do read that section.
- There could be an opportunity to talk to Meals on Wheels volunteers.

Leslie Davis, Adult Protective Services

- They mainly receive referrals from others about neglect and abuse.
- They are mandated to investigate, but people are not mandated to let them in.
- They don't have the authority to remove people from their homes.
- They often work with code enforcement
- They are always looking for resources
- By the time APS gets the referral, the problem is often really bad—self neglect and hoarding.
- Her staff is mostly pretty open to information that would help their clients.
- The committee could do a training for many people at once at their office.
- Handouts are good, but should be in large print.
- Finances are often an issue for their clients.

Debi Marsee, Head Start

- Head Start provides comprehensive services and looks at the whole family.
- Head Start also partners with family child care homes.
- The Head Start teachers do home visits twice a year, but the teachers are probably not the right audience.
- Materials and training on pest prevention for their intake staff (around 25 staff members) would be very helpful. In the monthly parent meeting, which parents are obligated to attend, staff can review pest prevention.
- Head Start trainings for staff are mandatory and would probably be the best training venue for pest prevention. These could be a train-the-trainer format. Debi would like to include their partner sites in any trainings.
- The literacy level for handouts should be 5th grade.

WIC (Women, Infants and Children)

- Michael Kent and the IPM Coordinator spoke with staff at WIC about bed bugs. They are interested in bed bug awareness training for their staff.

Andrew Sutherland suggested that the committee could create in-service trainings with resources such as referral lists and educational materials for both clients and staff. The committee can publicize the County's weatherization program and may be able to provide links to funds for pest control services. The IPM Checklist that is part of the IPM Toolkit for Family and Child Care Homes may be of use in some situations. University of California research shows that public health nurses using the IPM Checklist and talking to families in their homes can have an impact on pest levels in homes.

The committee agreed to create a 10-15 slide presentation and to try to get more IPM Committee members to do presentations. The committee will start with a presentation to the Area Agency on Aging in September. The IPM Coordinator will discuss with Debi Marsee when to train their 25 staff members—possibly October.

5. Review any educational materials gathered by the committee

This item was not considered because of lack of time.

6. Plan next meeting agenda

- Develop an outline for the presentation

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 30 from 1:30 to 3:00.