

EHWG MEETING

Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico
February 2, 2005



EHWG Meeting Highlights
Ciudad Juarez, Mexico
October 6-8, 2003

Potential Priorities: Indicators

- Create an integrated and systematic US-Mexico disease **surveillance reporting system**
- Identify a **binational baseline indicator suite**

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- Potential Priorities – Training/Education
- Complete an **inventory** of all **training activities**
- **Evaluate** all **training activities**
- Capture **information** on **distance learning certification** and **post graduate degree programs**

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Potential Priorities: Information-Related

- Create an **electronic mechanism** for capturing & communicating **health & environment information**
- Discuss challenges of **sustainable data collection**
- Designate a **centralized information source** to allow data flow at the local level.
- Create a **mechanism to integrate data** from EHWG initiatives & communicate with other workgroups

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Potential Priority Areas: Non Indicators

- Create a publicly-accessible **bilingual air quality center**
- Create a **web site** that cites border **air quality information**
- Designate unofficial **binational common sister-city air basins** for measurement of air pollution

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Consensus Areas:

- Pursue feasibility of establishing inventory of all training activities
- Consider producing white papers on each thematic area:
 - **air (Air Policy Forum Meeting)** - **pesticides** - **water**
 - **information technology**
 - **human capacity: training/education (HRSA project)**
- Establish an Environmental Health Indicators Workgroup (**BITF established**)
- Update Border Yellow Pages (**HRSA E-Group**)

EHWG/BITF Joint Meeting

“Border Indicators: Moving Forward”

El Paso, TX, May 4-5, 2004

- Fund projects to be supported near-term to “jump start” the effort
Action: Recent PAHO Request for Proposals
- Lay out the steps/timetable/assignments required to develop longer term strategy
Action: Draft strategy document has been produced
- Engage the other Border 2012 groups
Action: Participation in binational Air Policy Forum meeting

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Goal: To advance the program of the EHWG by identifying and considering key priorities in developing the 2005 and beyond work plan

- Presentations of Priorities
 - Regional Environmental Health Taskforces
 - USMBHC
- Define limited set of **binational, border-wide priorities**
- **Build off current efforts** to define collaborative action plan

Indicator Strategy Document

- Identifies a **framework** to provide a context for indicators
- Provides a **standardized definition** of “indicator”
 - Environmental Indicators
 - Program Indicators
- Outlines a process and criteria for **indicator development**