

Friday, February 1, 2002
Paso Del Norte Children's Environmental Health Forum
Border Talk: Collaboration In Action

Sponsored by the El Paso County Medical Society and
The Children's Environmental Health Institute

Agenda

EVENT: **Border Talk: Collaboration In Action - Meeting By Invitation**

LOCATION: **Hilton Camino Real – Board Room**
101 S. El Paso St.
El Paso, Texas 79901
915-534-3000

TIME: 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM **followed by lunch**

MEETING OBJECTIVES:

The primary objective of the meeting is to provide a structured opportunity for open and non-adversarial communication among representatives within the Paso Del Norte region, from medicine, academia and government, to discuss children's environmental health by addressing the following initiatives:

- Recognize And Support NIEHS Goal To Conduct Research Responsive To Community Needs.
- Demonstrate Bi-national Environmental Health Collaboration Between Health Care Researchers, Health Care Providers, And Community Organizations Of Paso Del Norte.
- Develop A Cumulative Risk Assessment Program For Children Exposed To Multiple Toxicants, Both Acutely And/Or Chronic Low Level Exposure.
- Evaluate The Impact Of Nutrition. Air/Water/Wastewater Treatment Quality And Health Care Gap Of Children Within Paso Del Norte.
- Strengthen Environmentally Related Childhood Chronic Disease Tracking.
- Translate Completed Research To Solutions For Communities With The Greatest Environmental Health Risks.
- Establish A Set Of Shared Goals And Strategies For Border Environmental Health Improvement.
- Improve The Working Partnership Of Scientists, Health Care Researchers And Health Care Providers.
- Develop A Collaborative Environmental Health Management System To Set Priorities Based On Health And Environmental Risk And Activate Cost-Effective Solutions.

8:00 Welcome and Introductions
Children's Environmental Health Institute: Janie D. Fields, MPA, Executive Director

8:15 Brief Overview Of Collaboration Paradigm: Elaine M. Barron, MD, Moderator

- 8:25 Welcome: El Paso Mayor Raymond Caballero
(Mayors of Juarez and Sunland Park, New Mexico also to be invited)
- 8:45 Overview of Paso Del Norte Air Quality Task Force; progression to Bi-national Joint Advisory Committee Paso Del Norte Air Quality, to replication of model in the Bi-national Water Task Force and the Environmental Health Coalition: Carlos Rincon, PhD
- 9:10 Open Discussion
- 9:40 Public Health, Medicine, and Environmental Health Collaboration:
Luis Escobedo, MD, Epidemiologist, Dona Ana County Health Department
- 10:00 Paso Del Norte Environmental Health Coalition:
Enrique Suarez, MD, Co-Chair Juarez
John Haynes, MD, Co-Chair, El Paso
- 10:20 Demonstration Of Air Modeling With Health Data Tracking Information:
Bob Gray, PhD, UTEP Professor, Information Systems
- 10:40 Open Discussion
- 11:00 Border Environmental Health Perspectives:
Jorge Magana, MD, City-County Health Department
Herbert Ortega, MD, Professor, University of New Mexico
Maria Amaya, PhD, Health Care Researcher
- 11:25 United States/Mexico Border Health Commission Perspectives:
Russell Bennett, PhD, United States Chair
Dr. Fernando Sepulveda, Mexico Chair
- 11:45 Open Discussion
- 12:10 Remarks from NIEHS
- 12:25 Closing Remarks: Fernando Guerra, MD, MPH, Chair, Children's Environmental Health Institute
- 12:30 Adjourn for Lunch in the Board Room