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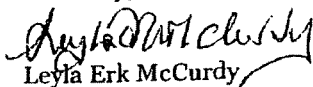
On behalf of the National Environmental Education and Training Foundation (NEETF), I would like to invite you to participate in our National Forum to launch the *National Strategies for Health Care Providers: Pesticides Initiative*. This conference will take place on September 19 and 20, 2002 at the Holiday Inn Select Bethesda, just outside of Washington, D.C. A draft agenda is enclosed. NEETF has reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn at the government rate of \$150 per night. You do not have to pay a registration fee to participate.

Through this Forum, we hope to build support for the Initiative from key stakeholders; create a common national vision for environmental health outreach to health care providers; develop a nationwide network of health care providers committed to incorporating environmental health into primary care education and practice; and convince various stakeholders to support new activities set forth in the enclosed *Implementation Plan*. Forum participants will include approximately 150 representatives of leading health care provider organizations, credentialing bodies and academic institutions, government agencies involved in the education and practice of health care providers, practicing primary care providers, and opinion leaders.

The National Forum is being held in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Department of Labor. Funding for the Forum is provided by the EPA, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. The current list of cosponsoring organizations includes the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Migrant Clinicians Network. Supporting organizations include the American Association of Medical Colleges and the American Medical Association.

Because participation in this conference is by invitation, we need to know whether you can attend by no later than July 17, 2002. Participants are expected to attend the entire forum. A reply form is attached for your convenience. I look forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,



Leyla Erk McCurdy  
Senior Director, Health & Environment Programs

Enclosures:  
National Forum Draft Agenda  
Registration Form/Conference,  
Lodging & Transportation Details  
National Forum Planning Committee  
National Forum Flyer  
Implementation Plan  
Health Care and Pesticides Booklet

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**NATIONAL FORUM DRAFT AGENDA**  
**NATIONAL STRATEGIES FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS: PESTICIDE INITIATIVE**  
**SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2002 • HOLIDAY INN SELECT BETHESDA**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2002**

8:00 am – 8:30 am

**Registration & Continental Breakfast**

8:30 am – 10:00 am

**Plenary Session**

***Welcome***

*Marcia Mulkey*, Director, Office of Pesticides Programs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (invited)

*Kevin Coyle*, President, National Environmental Education and Training Foundation (NEETF)

***Initiative Overview***

*Kevin Keaney*, Chief, Certification & Worker Protection Branch, Office of Pesticides Programs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

***Goals and Objectives***

*Leyla Erk McCurdy*, Senior Director, National Environmental Education and Training Foundation

***Making the Case***

**Pesticides Usage, Health Effects, and Populations at Risk**

*Lynn Goldman, MD, MPH*, The Johns Hopkins University (invited)

**Pesticides and Children**

*Philip Landrigan, MD, MSc*, Mount Sinai School of Medicine (invited)

10:00 am – 10:20 am

**Break**

10:20 am – 12:30 pm

**Project Overviews**

***National Guidelines for Competencies and Practice Skills***

*Andrea Lindell, DNSc*, Dean, University of Cincinnati, College of Nursing

***Audience Assessment Pilot Project***

*David Goldsmith, MSPH, PhD*, The George Washington University Medical Center

***Inventory of Pesticide Resources and Tools and Information Gateway***

*Mark Robson, PhD, MPH*, University of New Jersey, School of Public Health

*Brian West*, ClickImpact

***Action Agenda for Incorporating Environmental Health into  
Pediatric Medical and Nursing Education Standards***

*Jerome Paulson, MD, George Washington University Medical Center  
and Children's Environmental Health Network*

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

**Lunch & Key Note Address**

*Kenneth Olden PhD, Director, National Institute of Environmental  
Health Sciences*

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

**Concurrent Workshops**

*Education Settings*

*Practice Settings*

*Resources and Tools*

In order to keep group size small enough to facilitate productive discussion, concurrent workshops will be offered on the same topic. Successful models will be presented briefly by guest speakers, but the majority of the time will be devoted to developing strategies to move the Initiative forward. Each break out session will be facilitated by a Federal Interagency Planning Committee member and will be assisted by a note taker. The session notes will be used to report on the group discussions the next day and for the conference report.

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm

**Refreshment Break**

3:45 pm – 5:30 pm

**Concurrent Workshops Continued**

5:30 pm

**Adjourn**

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**Reception**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2002**

8:00 am – 8:30 am

**Continental Breakfast**

8:30 am – 11:00 am

**Plenary Session**

*Richard Jackson, MD, MPH, Director, National Center for  
Environmental Health (invited)*

Workshop Reports and Discussion

11:00 am – 11:15 am

**Break**

11:15 am– 12:30 pm

**Closing Session**

Where Do We Go From Here?

12: 30 pm

**Adjourn**

# National Strategies for Health Care Providers: Pesticides Initiative

## NATIONAL FORUM

### Summary:

The *National Strategies for Health Care Providers: Pesticides Initiative* will be launched at a National Forum, scheduled for September 18 – 20, 2002, in Washington, DC. The Forum will have an audience of 150-200 health care providers and stakeholders, including key decision-makers from various agencies and organizations. The Forum will highlight a strategic plan of action, showcasing pesticides as a model for other environmental health issues. Progress on the priority projects initiated thus far -- the National Guidelines for Competencies and Practice Skills, Audience Assessment, Inventory of Resources and Information Gateway -- will be featured at the Forum.

The Forum will provide an opportunity to secure support from key stakeholders; pave the way for the strategic next steps needed to move forward a common national vision for environmental health outreach to health care providers; build a nationwide network of health care providers committed to incorporating environmental health into primary care education and practice; and call for collaboration from various stakeholders to support new activities set forth in the *Implementation Plan* of the initiative.

### Primary Goals:

The National Forum will be planned as a call to action for executing the strategies and recommendations of the *Implementation Plan*, and will provide interactive sessions to develop an action plan to begin the process. Specifically, the Forum will:

- Build national consensus on the issue and gain support to implement and evaluate the Initiative.
- Secure specific commitments from each participant to influence their professional associations, decision-making bodies, academic institutions, and practice settings for the integration of pesticide-related content into health care provider education curriculum and practice.
- Create a national partnership of organizations and professionals committed to developing an action agenda to institutionalize the integration of environmental health into primary care education and practice.
- Build support for replicating the pesticide model for other environmental issues, such as asthma, and chemical/ biological terrorism.

### Secondary Goals:

- Raise awareness among a large group of health care providers, professional associations, decision-making bodies, academic institutions, practice settings and other stakeholders about incorporating environmental health into health care and to gain support for the implementation of the Initiative. This will be achieved by announcing the planning and the outcome of the Forum to a broad target audience, beyond the Forum participants, as part of a comprehensive outreach campaign.
- Lead to an increase of partnerships between educational settings, practice settings, and communities; and between health care providers, Cooperative Extension Services and pesticide-safety educators.
- Lead to an increase in use of the available resources/tools by health care providers.

### Audience:

The audience will consist of 150-200 active participants and will include representatives of leading health care provider organizations, credentialing bodies and academic institutions; representatives from government agencies involved in the education and practice of health care providers; an array of practicing primary care providers—physicians, nurses, physician assistants, nurse midwives, community health workers, and other opinion leaders.

### Follow Up:

The National Forum will create the momentum for carrying out the recommendations and strategies in the *Implementation Plan*. It is anticipated that the full implementation process will be a long-term national effort. The short-term results of the Forum will be evaluated by means of a six-month follow-up survey, which will specifically assess the progress participants have made on their commitments.

*Funding for the National Forum is provided by the US Environmental Protection Agency (Offices of Pesticide Programs and Children's Health Protection), the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health), and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.*



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