



CHEJ Unequal Response Unequal Protection Meeting Notes- January 14, 2021

Participants

- Thomas Dydek
- Yanna Lambrinidou
- Diana Rohlman
- Dr. Sacoby Wilson
- Johnnye Lewis
- Erin Haynes
- Frank Anastasi
- Frank Bove
- Marilyn Howarth
- Keri Powell
- Lou Zeller
- Sharon Petronella-Croisant
- Jill Johnston
- Phyllis Glazer
- Wilma Subra
- (Various CHEJ Staff)

Q&A from Stephen's Introductory Presentation*

- Yanna Lambrinidou – where would you ultimately like to see this end up?
 - Stephen - A new tool/method/model for how health investigations are done; ideally, a new policy would be written to be brought to ATSDR etc
- Erin Haynes – who pays for this? Right now the burden would be on the taxpayers and that's not fair
- Thomas Dydek – “I wonder if recent advances in genetic testing could provide a source of data for health impacts or to identify susceptible sub-populations.”
- Marilyn Howarth – different exposures have different remedies and evaluation processes and we need to think of those scenarios separately

Q&A From Mihir's Summary of Community Meetings

- Positive feedback on overarching principles
- Johnnye Lewis – one easier arm of this project is the precautionary principle – have we thought about moving this forward in parallel so we can make fast progress on this while working on the stuff that's longer term

- Thomas Dydek – “I can see a need for expertise in mapping areas of contamination (air, soil, water) to areas where people live and/or work to identify areas in which to concentrate limited resources of the group.”
- Sacoby Wilson – “good list, Some of these things I believe Steve and I shared with NCEH/ATSDR 10 years ago while on the Board of Scientific Counselors”
- Thomas Dydek – “If industry will be paying for such studies, they need to know that will somehow benefit them (increase in public relations, corporate image, etc.). Do we have someone with marketing/industrial psychology expertise?”
- Sacoby Wilson – “I suggest sending a memo to the new EPA administrator with these principles and recommendations; I just attended a NEJAC meeting and we discussed sending a memo; I also suggest that you request a meeting with the Administrator in the first 100 days; you could also try to work with NEJAC”
- Phyllis Glazer – thinks we need to get a legislator involved; suggested Ed Markey because he contacted her to work together during the Bush years
 - Sacoby Wilson – Biden transition team is having these conversations now
 - Seemed to be general agreement on this

(Stephen asked participants whether they’d be willing to help/participate? He also stated how he’s looking to meet again in about two weeks)

- Diana Rohlman – had to leave early but wants to stay involved
- Lots of nonverbal support- seems like everyone except Frank Anastasi raised their hands when Stephen asked who was willing to participate
- Johnnye Lewis – “please keep me in the communications and happy to see where this goes...would like to see the communities you are working with, and the breakdown of the diversity they represent”
 - Won’t have time until after 2/15

*Comments in quotes are pulled directly from the Zoom chat