

# Environmental Justice and Health Disparities

## *An Exploratory Conversation in King County*

AGENDA  
October 5, 2006

**Overarching Purpose:** Convene approximately 25-30 agency, community-based, tribal and non-profit leaders in the Seattle area to share their current initiatives addressing environmental injustice and health disparities. The fundamental goal of this conversation is to better understand what each of us is doing, assess existing gaps, and explore how participants might better support each other's efforts and potentially collaborate more strategically and effectively. We anticipate that this discussion will result in some clear action steps toward creating a healthier Seattle and King County.

**8:30 a.m.** Registration and Coffee

**9:00 a.m.** Welcome and overview of meeting agenda

**9:15 a.m.** Simultaneous group discussions:

The group will divide into two for facilitated discussions: 1) one group for community-based organizations, tribes and non-governmental organizations; and 2) the other for government agencies. Below are some questions to reflect on for this conversation:

- What are you doing organizationally or individually within your organization/agency on environmental justice and/or health disparities (if an agency, is this a formal policy or program)?
- Who is at risk (i.e., who is not getting the support they need that your group is trying to help)?
- Who currently benefits from your work?
- Who decides on actions and priorities and how are decisions made within your organization?
- Where does your group or institution get its funding (private foundations, individuals, government, etc.)?
- What informal efforts do you know about in addition to your current work?
- What else would you need to make your program/efforts more successful?

**11:00 a.m.** Report back from the two groups

**Noon** Lunch break

**12:30 p.m.** Plenary discussion will address some of the following questions and any others that emerge from the reports heard earlier from the two groups:

- What are the commonalities that emerged from the two groups?
- What are the differences?
- What /who is missing?

- How can we improve our respective and collective work?
- Are there collaborative opportunities?
- What are specific next steps for us?

**2:30 p.m.**      Adjourn

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**Some initial proposed outcomes:**

- Synopsis of group discussions to be circulated to participants
  - Defined next steps (e.g., new collaborations? future sessions that would include an expanded list of invitees? etc.)
  - CD of recommended resources
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