

Health Caucus Workplan 2006

1. Review of workplan for the year

It was agreed in a SC conf call that the workplan for 2005-2006 would be to carry on the activities related to the WUF and the Policy Working Group.

Projects from 2005-2006 workplan that will have to be carried over for 2006-2007:

- Policy Working Group
- WUF (Healthy Cities)

There is an approved budget for 2005-2006. Financial statement reviewed and approved.

2. Third World Urban Forum

All action items that the Health Caucus would have to do if we do get funding and which activities we would still do, and to what degree, for each of those action items if we do not get funding were detailed in a WUF Health Caucus Action Plan.

4. Workplan for next fiscal year

Political

- Driving Force on Health, especially with Health Canada, EC and Agriculture Canada
- Advocating against agriculture subsidizes
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Focus Public/Political Dialogue on health issues (with public media)
- Reduction of chemical exposure
- Advocating for Energy and water conservation (EC)

Educational

- Promotion of well being and preventative health care
- Health and Economic/income disparity
- Determinants of health approved by Health Canada (Physical Environment)¹

Policy

- Health Care
- Five principles of Canadian Health Act

¹ The Determinants of Health: Income and social status, Social support networks, Education, Employment and working conditions, Social environments, Physical Environment, Personal Health Practices and coping skills, Healthy Child development, Biology and genetic endowment, Health services, Gender and Culture

4. Action Plan

WUF:

- Funding proposal action plan as described in item #3 above.

Policy Working Group:

- Reformat the letter sent to Health Canada Minister be more specific (look at HC website, have a new approach in the letter to seem more constructive and helpful): Sheila and Lobie volunteered.
- Have a link with the Agriculture Caucus: Dave P. and Lobie volunteered.
- Have a link with Toxic Caucus: Sheila
- Water Caucus; lobie
- A&E Caucus: Bruno and John
- Annie to write a paper on promotion of well-being and preventative health care.

Fundraising

- Look at private funding for WUF and look at EC and HC for funding for WUF.

Other idea for the 2006-2007 action plan if time and energy permit:

- Media Strategy: Sheila suggested to have a public education / press release
- Promote Health Care and 5 principles of Canadian Health Act when meeting with Health Canada.
- Have a paper on HC policy involvement. This would serve to present to Health Canada to help them incorporate the Health Caucus in the policy related activities.