

**Providence Health & Services - Washington / Montana Region
Environmental Stewardship Council
2009 Charter**

Role:

The Environmental Stewardship Council's primary role is to coordinate environmental improvement efforts and share best practices across the Washington / Montana Region. Secondary roles include developing tools to measure and monitor progress, working with Regional Supply Chain Management to evaluate environmental impact in purchasing practices, coordinating educational opportunities in this area and representing the Region in national / global efforts to improve environmental stewardship.

Guiding Principles:

We recognize the vulnerability of the Earth and the relationship between the health of those seeking care from us and the well being of the planet.

Underlying our core values is an understanding of the interdependence and sacredness of all living things.

We strive to act as responsible and just stewards by making choices that honor our relationship with the Earth.

The defining actions of this commitment are to:

- Reduce landfill waste
- Reduce waste and process toxicity
- Reduce utility (energy and water) use of our operations
- Use sustainable facility design
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Support ecologically sound food systems
- Collaborate with others and to learn and to expand sustainability efforts

We will proactively and consistently consider:

How to optimize patient and employee safety while minimizing environmental impacts;

How the use and disposal of goods and services impacts our environment and our health; *and*

How to protect the planet while working to heal those who seek our care.

Specific Functions:

Participate with Regional Supply Chain Management and Novation to improve upon the Region's Environmentally Preferred Purchasing Program

Evaluate and recommend level of PH&S involvement with the Global Health & Safety Initiative

Participate in education opportunities (i.e.: Cleanmed 09) and share information with Council members

Support efforts among members in applying for appropriate awards

Collaborate with appropriate clinical departments, councils, and/or user stakeholders in developing initiatives for improved environmental stewardship

Each member to contribute annual updates of local “Green Team” work (rotated monthly) to the Council

Assure timely, accurate communications to Washington / Montana Management Council as to the process and effectiveness of this Council

Assure communications with System Sustainability Office as to results of the work of this Council

Composition:

Providence Everett Medical Center | Primary: Janet Straus; Alternate: Toby Purvis
St. Patrick Hospital | Primary: Beth Schenk; Alternate: Reisa Kahn
Providence St. Peter Hospital | Primary: Geoff Glass; Alternate: Ed Micas
Providence Centralia Hospital | Primary: Ken Boucher; Alternate: Marie Bollier
Sacred Heart Medical Center | Primary: Philip Kercher; Alternate: Rob Jackson
St. Joseph Hospital - Polson | Primary: Jennifer Forbis; Alternate: Lynne Fisher
St. Mary Medical Center | Primary: Tom Tebeck; Alternate: Stan Bagely
Providence Regional & Senior, Community Services | Primary: Ken Wolcott; Alternate: TBD
Regional Supply Chain Management | Primary: Tim Hagler; Alternate: Tanya Rice (Doug Rees in July 2009)
Holy Family Hospital | Primary: Norm McLarin; Alternate: Mike Charles
Mt. Carmel Hospital | Primary: Dave Quick; Alternate: Gail Anderson
St. Joseph Hospital - Chewelah| Primary: Cheryl Harper; Alternate: Phyllis Belzer
System Office of Energy & Sustainability | Primary: Richard Beam; Alternate: TBD

Sponsoring Group/Organization:

Washington / Montana Management Council

Executive Sponsor: Sr. Susanne Hartung

Owner: Jim Leonard, Chief Executive – Providence St. Peter Hospital

Objectives and Measurements:

2009 Objectives	Measurement	Support Needed
Insure member participation for the “common good” in keeping with PH&S heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Aggregate % Environmental Stewardship Council member participation in Council activitiesCommunication opportunities clearly defined. Telephone, email, website list	Senior leadership support for members to be actively engaged

	created in Q1, 2009	
Refine GGHC measurement metric	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common benchmark among Region facilities to measure progress in use • Primary operational goals targeted for improvement identified in the ministries 	Technical support from Practice Greenhealth, GGHC, System office as needed
Document best practices compendium across Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Input from each facility toward a document of best practices • Annual report for WA/MT region for 2009 created in Q1, 2010 	
Amongst 11 ministries, apply for 6 awards in 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified by Q2 • Implemented by Q4 	Practice Greenhealth EPA

Decision Making Linkage:

Consensus, communicated at meetings and by email.

Operational / Support Service Alignment:

Coordinate efforts and communicate with Washington / Montana Planning Council.

Meeting Frequency:

Monthly conference calls – 2nd Wednesday of each month (9:30am – 10:30am); annual meeting

Typical meeting agenda:

1. Review WWW grid (5 minutes)
2. Web presentation by each ministry on “state of Green Team activities” (11 total per year – 30 minutes)
3. Web presentation on environmental stewardship topic (20 minutes)
4. New business (5 minutes)

Sunset:

Annual re-charter; 2010 charter due November 1, 2009