

Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH)
Pennsylvania Cancer Coalition (PCC)
Environmental Health Workgroup (EHWG) Meeting
Notes Date: November 18, 2025

Participants:

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| 1. Brenda Anastasio | 6. Andre Green |
| 2. Dani Wilson | 7. Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis |
| 3. Ned Ketyer | 8. Kearston Ingraham |
| 4. Jennifer King | 9. Stacy Sowers |
| 5. Susan Marie Perrine | 10. John W. |

Meetings are usually held on the third Tuesdays of the month from 1:00pm-2:00pm. Any new and interested members referred to this workgroup must initially use the online form found on the [PCC website](#). They must also specifically request to join the [Environmental Health Workgroup](#). Click for the [PA Cancer Coalition website](#) and click for the [PA Cancer Control Plan](#).

[Past meeting notes can be found here.](#)

The EHWG Action Plan Document is on the [PCC Environmental Health Workgroup page](#).

Member Updates

Multiple workgroup members discussed emerging literature regarding the increase in skin cancers rates. Penn State researchers identified 15 Pennsylvania counties in which melanoma rates are increasing. They warned that residents may be exposed to drifting herbicide chemicals from local cropland. That article can be found [here](#).

The PCC shared a notice for an upcoming event scheduled for November 19th, From Risk Assessment to Action: A Provider Panel on Improving Prostate Cancer Screening in Pennsylvania. This event is part of the *Change the Odds* initiative, a collaboration between the American Cancer Society and Pfizer, in partnership with the

Pennsylvania Cancer Coalition and Men's Health Workgroup.

Education Subcommittee

This Subcommittee has officially launched the November 2025 - April 2026 webinar series: "A Targeted Approach to Reducing Environmental Cancer Risks in Pennsylvania." Register for the series here [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#):

December 9th, 1:00 - 1:45 PM:

Healthy Homes for Healthy Kids

Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis, Executive Director of Women for a Healthy Environment, will explore how children are uniquely vulnerable to environmental toxins and share strategies for creating healthy home action plans with safer alternatives to common household products.

The Education Subcommittee also collectively mapped out logistics for the upcoming sessions. Final webinar decisions include:

- Keeping the January session, Building a Safer Workplace: Reducing Occupational Cancer Risk, broad when addressing the range of environmental and occupational exposures. Potential speakers have been identified and engaged.
- Maintaining an open-ended scope for the February session, Empowering the Public with Data & Tools, to allow for a more nuanced conversation in March.

Policy Subcommittee

The Policy Subcommittee did not meet in November.

The next EHWG meeting is scheduled for 12/16/25, 1:00 - 2:00 pm.