

**UMED – GREEN District Team
September 19, 2008 - Notes
Southcentral Foundation Board Room
8:15 – 9:30 am**

Participants: APU: Kelly Smith; Southcentral Foundation: James Sears; Green Star: Anna Hilbruner and Jeanne Carlson (also working for SWS); Anchorage School District: Stan Syta; Municipality of Anchorage: Randy Virgin; UAA: Margaret (Meg) King

Not able to attend: Providence AK: Forney Ingram; API: Mark Welker; UAA Larry Foster and Tyler Morris; Green Star – Sean Skaling;

Notes from Agenda

- **PLACE IS NOW CONFIRMED** – see below – Signing of U-Med Green Charter /Mission (pg 6)
- Sept 26 Alternative Transportation Workgroup – at APU is confirmed and moving forward see page X
- Other target meeting dates:
 - o October 24 Green Procurement Workgroup (at Providence)
 - o November 14 Energy Workgroup (at UAA or Southcentral)
 - o December 5 Recycling and Reducing Workgroup (at Providence)
- PR Points of Contacts (note Meg will contact these folks)
- U-Med Green District Team: Review, revise and develop role, purpose, goals, participants and recommendations
- Recommendations for a *U-Med Green District Framework*

Formal Signing of Green District Mission and Goals

Those present reconfirmed date and time, identified press contacts and agreed that somewhere at Providence/ground floor would be the place for the signing.

Date and Time: October 1, 2008 at 10:45 am – 11:15. Wednesday

Place: Providence Health Park Atrium “T” Tower off of Piper Street next to Cancer Center in the “U” Tower in Atrium

Coordination: Outreach and Press Coordination Lead – Office of the Mayor

Confirmed for Signing

Mayor’s Office	Mayor Begich
Providence CEO	Mr. Parrish
APU	President North
UAA	Chancellor Ulmer
School District	George Vakalis or Carol Comeau
Green Star	Sean Skaling
Southcentral Foundation	Gottlieb
API	Ron Adler or Mark Welker

U-Med Green District – Green Team

At the first meeting of the U-Med -Green District Team, participants identified developing a framework or structure as its first critical step and immediately identified energy as a primary issue in common.

During this meeting additional discussion resulted and Meg was tasked with developing a draft structure and timeline for the group to consider/review and revise at its next meeting.

U-Med Green Team Role:

Serve in an advisory and coordinating function to our individual institutions.

Purpose of the U-Med Green Team:

To consider and recommend structures or frameworks to explore U-Med-wide opportunities to save time and money through the reduction of resource use, thereby furthering individual institution's sustainability goals.

Green District Team Action:

- Develop a Framework / Structure to:
 - o Find the common ground among the U-Med institutions and leverage that to their benefit
 - o Promote community learning among U-Med institutions about specific topics
 - ♣ Identify workgroups, potential participants and a schedule
 - ♣ Baseline or current status of each institution is the first step
 - ♣ Brief each other on current, recent, or planned near-term actions by each institution to learn what each is doing
 - ♣ Identify longer-term needs to begin thinking about how the individual institutions can benefit and leverage themselves through the U-Med Green District
 - o Explore joint projects, including implementation in order to take advantage of volume, geographic location and other characteristics
 - o Recommend committees, participant, and a timeline based on areas of interest

Areas of Interest/Workgroups Identified

Several areas have been identified by the U-Med Green Team (UMGT):

- Energy
- Recycling/Composting
- Green Purchasing
- Transportation

The UMGT identified Energy as the most pressing, and determined that it should be the first Workgroup to meet in late September/early October 2008, revised schedule was created and is on page 1 of these notes.

Recommendations for a U-Med Green District Framework

Proposed Date/Time/Place	Topic, Description, Draft Agenda	Target Participants
<p>October 24, 8:15 – 10 am Providence</p>	<p align="center">Green Purchasing</p> <p>Green Star will present information on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green cleaning products/local vendors - Recycled paper/local vendors - Websites to identify Energy Star products - Green purchasing policy models <p>Possible agenda items</p> <p>U-Med Institutions and others will participate in discussions about how to access these products and what has/is being done in U-Med institutions to develop/adopt and implement green purchasing policies</p> <p>Is there a value for procurement leads to meet on an ongoing basis to continue to learn from each other? If so, how frequently (quarterly, semi-annually, monthly). If not, value in email to connect and find out information from each other?</p>	<p>API:</p> <p>UAA: Director of Procurement (Bob Kizer) (and staff?) Trig Trigiao, Michael Halko (Health & Safety)</p> <p>APU:</p> <p>Providence:</p> <p>Southcentral:</p> <p>ANMC/ANTHC:</p> <p>ASD:</p> <p>MOA:</p> <p>Green Star: Sean Skaling, Anna Hilbruner, Jeanne Carlson</p> <p>UMGT Members?</p> <p>Others?</p>

Proposed Date/Time/Place	<u>Topic, Description, Draft Agenda</u>	Target Participants
November 14, 2008 UAA or South-central Foundation	<p align="center"><u>Energy Consumption Reduction</u></p> <p>Possible Agenda Items</p> <p>Brief presentations from each U Med Institution that wants to present and others (e.g. ML&P) on :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Current Activities (or in last year) -New/ Planned over next year or two -Longer term strategies/technologies <p>-Discussion on actions or projects U-Med Institutions could work on together that make sense. What each institution might gain and what actions towards that gain could be taken.</p>	<p>API: M. Welker and New Building Manager</p> <p>UAA: Vice Chancellor Bill Spindle, Director of Facilities (Chris Turletes) Energy manager: Mike Smith Kristin Reynolds, Patricia Baum</p> <p>APU:</p> <p>Providence:</p> <p>Southcentral:</p> <p>ANMC:</p> <p>ANTHC:</p> <p>ASD: Stan Syta</p> <p>MOA:</p> <p>ML&P:</p> <p>UMGT Members?</p> <p>Others?</p>

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<p>September 26, 2008 8:30 – 9:30 am</p> <p><i>APU Student Center on the 2nd floor of Atwood Center –</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Alternative Transportation</p> <p>Similar type of agenda – U-Med organizations present on what’s working (and others e.g. People Mover, to ensure institutions know what services are available) Then discuss possible links</p> <p>Useful to meet on a quarterly/semi annual basis?</p> <p>Possible agenda items U-Med Institutions and others (e.g. People Mover) will participate in discussions about what each is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • doing to reduce commuter traffic • near-term and longer term needs/challenges • policy issues that others/Muni should be aware of that hamper reducing commuter traffic (e.g. parking requirements) • If there’s value for parking/transportation leads to meet on an ongoing basis to continue to learn from each other. If so, how frequently (quarterly, semi-annually, monthly). If not, value in email to connect and find out information from each other? 	<p>API:</p> <p>UAA: Director of Parking, Dir of Shuttle Transportation, Bike Club members, other bike enthusiasts, UAA People Mover advisory Members</p> <p>APU: Kelly Smith and others</p> <p>Providence: George Laurin</p> <p>Southcentral:</p> <p>ANMC/ANTHC: Dawn Groth</p> <p>ASD: Steve Kalmes</p> <p>MOA: Lori Schenke, Bob Kniefel,</p> <p>People Mover: Jody Karcz, Randy Bergt</p>

Proposed Date/Time/Place	Topic, Description, Draft Agenda	Target Participants
December 5, 2008 8:15 – 10 am Providence	<p style="text-align: center;">Recycling/Reduce/Reuse/Zero Waste</p> Similar type of agenda – U-Med organizations present on what’s working (and likely others to ensure institutions learn what others are doing. Then discuss possible links Useful to meet on a quarterly/semi annual basis?	API: UAA: Bob McDonnell, Recycling Manager and staff, others APU: Providence: Southcentral: ANMC: ANTHC: ASD: MOA: SWS: Waste Mgt:

U-Med Green Team Participants (note others may participate too!):

Providence	Forney Ingram, Dietary Manager
Southcentral Foundation	James Sears, Special Assistance Resource and Development
APU	Kelly Smith, Dean of Students
API	Mark Welker, Hospital Administrator
ANMC	Dawn Groth – Sustainability Coordinator
UAA	Larry Foster, Faculty/Chair Sustainability Council
UAA	Margaret (Meg) King- Sustainability Staff
UAA	Tyler Morris – Recycling Coordinator
Anchorage School District	Stan Syta, Facilities Director
ANTHC	?
Municipality of Anchorage	Randy Virgin, Renewable Resources Director
MOA	Michael Barber, Intern
MOA and Green Star	Jeanne Carlson, SWS – Recycling (also works for Green Star)
Green Star	Sean Skaling
Green Star	Tara Callear
Green Star	Anna Hilbruner

U-Med Green District Mission and Goals

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The U-Med Green District of Anchorage, a learning community, will optimize the District's environmental sustainability practices by fostering partnerships among its institutions, the Municipality of Anchorage and other partners such as Green Star to coordinate, complement and supplement one another's planning, research and implementation of environmentally sound and sustainable practices. X will act as chair.

Goals (Year One)

1. Each participating institution in the District will authorize a Green Council member to represent its institution on the District Council.
2. The District Council will convene to develop a framework and benchmarks for members to individually and/or collectively practice and improve waste reduction, energy conservation and pollution prevention efforts.
3. The Council will:
 - a. Identify those priorities and activities that are common to the U-Med organizations and are practical to implement.
 - b. Identify the potential benefits to the organizations and the Municipality.
 - c. Identify when it is appropriate to jointly pursue these priorities and activities.
 - d. Identify the Municipality's and other Partners' roles to advance these priorities and activities.
 - e. Report the Green District Council's findings back to the Council's organizations, Municipality and the Anchorage community, with the intent to then advance the U-Med Green District's findings.
4. The Municipality of Anchorage will participate as an active member in the U-Med Green District Council to support the District's efforts and to then utilize lessons learned throughout Anchorage.

NOTE – NEEDS SIGNATURE LINES and Organizations and Likely Titles

Background: What Does a “Green” Designation for U-Med Mean?

The designation of a U-Med Green District is to, in a more formalized manner, have the prominent organizations in the District jointly explore how to advance sustainability practices by identifying potential, priority activities and necessary coordination, and how to leverage each other when appropriate.

Having this designation will – we believe – inspire our employees and the community. This should go beyond our employees’ work lives to their home and community lives.

The hoped for commitment is for the major organizations in the U-Med District to meet on a regular basis to identify activities and priorities and provide periodic reports to our respective organizations as well as to the MOA, and eventually to the community at large.

Examples/Potential Applications

Speculation: MOA will likely need to know what level of material it can count on to determine what size composting facility is feasible.

- MOA (or a contractor) will need to inventory compostable garbage
- *What role could U-Med organizations play?*
- We could help to facilitate access for them to document the level of compostable materials from our facilities, as we know what approvals are needed.

Part of what UAA envisions – **and we’re not there yet** – is to develop projects that students can work on – such as documenting how much compostable material is available from the major institutions in the District. If structured/thought through, this could be a class project for a term and there could be 20+ students working on these assessments. This would be an applied learning experience – focused on some aspect of sustainability.

A Real Example: One of APU’s students literally went through APU’s garbage and created a feasibility assessment of how much of APU’s garbage could go to recycling and what that would mean in terms of reducing tipping costs for landfill services.

UAA Sustainability Structure

- By the end of the year we will formally have an Office of Sustainability with a director and administrative assistant, along with a “board” called the Sustainability Council.
- Currently the structure is Dr. Larry Foster (professor – Mathematics) chairs the interim Sustainability Council, Margaret (Meg) King serves as support along with others in UAA’s Office of Community Partnerships; Chancellor Ulmer and Vice Chancellor Spindle are actively supportive and have made commitments such as creating an Office of Sustainability.
- Students conduct recycling, promote biking through the bike club, and conduct awareness building events.
- We all try to keep tabs on each other and be supportive/helpful.