

NEWS RELEASE

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TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN

RE: Environmental Health Manager to attend conference in Atlanta, Georgia

Mason County Public Health's Environmental Health Manager, Debbie Riley, has received a National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) scholarship to attend the National Environmental Public Health Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. The conference runs from October 26-28, 2009.

The goal of this year's conference, ***Healthy People in a Healthy Environment***, is improving the nation's environmental health capacity by enhancing the expertise of public health, healthcare, and environmental professionals; academic researchers; and representatives from communities, organizations, and advocacy and business groups with a primary interest in environmental public health.

At the conclusion of the conference the Environmental Public Health Tracking Workgroup (EPHT), which Ms. Riley chairs, will have a 4-hour retreat. The workgroup agenda includes a conference debrief, an update from the Centers for Disease Control, a demonstration from an EPHT grantee site, a report of the Tracking mentorship project and determination of next steps for Tracking Activities.

For more information contact Debbie Riley, Environmental Health Manager by email at dlr@co.mason.wa.us or by phone at (360) 427-9670 EXT 358 or from Belfair (360) 275-4467 Ext. 358.

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